

PRESS RELEASE

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Emerging Artists Takeover Bakers Oven for Public Art Project

During the week of 14th – 18th August, the Bakers Oven on Dumfries High Street will be taken over by Blueprint100, a group of emerging artists, for a week long Public Arts Project as part of the Stove's annual Nithraid event.

During the week long takeover, Blueprint100 will be joined by artist John Kingston to help build the stage for the Nithraid river festival. They will be promoting the use of reclaimed nautical materials in the build, such as shipping palettes, buoys and parts from unused boats. The Baker's Oven will be open all week to anyone that would like to lend a hand with the construction and painting of the stage, or to find out more information about Nithraid.

On the evening of Tuesday 15th August from 5.30pm, an open workshop will also be hosted for under 30s to help the construction of the stage being made from recycled wood and nautical timber. The stage will be used at Nithraid on 9th September for performances throughout the whole day. There is no experience necessary in construction, as the artist, John, will be on hand to provide participants with all the guidance needed.

Blueprint100 is a platform for emerging creatives in Dumfries that works in partnership with The Stove Network. It is a youth led network aimed at enhancing opportunities for young people (under 30 years) living in Dumfries & Galloway. They do this using both creative art practice and also open discussions of ethical philosophy, rural politics, climate change and mental health as well as a variety of skill upgrading workshops. Through these methods they try to promote both the individual and the community in growing stronger together.

For more information and how to take part in the workshop, please email bp100@thestove.org or visit The Stove's website www.thestove.org.

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The Stove Network is an artist-led organisation based in Dumfries and creating new activity and opportunities in the town centre based around The Stove, 100 High Street.

Blueprint100 is supported by The Stove Network and made up of emerging artists and those interested in the arts between the ages of 16 and 30 years old. Blueprint100 looks to create new opportunities for young people to develop a professional creative practice in the arts.

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