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**CRAFTS COUNCIL LAUNCHES NEW EVENT SERIES 'CRAFT AFTER DARK' -  
AN AFTER-HOURS GATHERING CELEBRATING MAKING, COMMUNITY AND MORE.**

The Crafts Council, the UK's national charity for craft, is pleased to announce a new: bi-annual event: *Craft After Dark*; featuring specially curated activities. These will include workshops, talks, networking, digital editorial and opportunities to get up close and personal with objects from the Crafts Council Collection.

Focused on community, strengthening connections between makers and with wider audiences, *Craft After Dark* will be offered as a free benefit to Crafts Council members, with tickets also available to purchase at £10 for non-members. The series will take place at Crafts Council gallery in London with future commitments to host events with partner venues across the UK.

Our first Craft after Dark explores the theme of 'Belonging', a word that speaks not only to the objects we hold dear, but also to the ways we find connection, identity and community through craft. The evening will also celebrate this subject with the launch of Crafts Council's new Membership. The refreshed scheme will have a renewed emphasis on maker support, quality editorial and inspiring programming; providing a network for makers, learners, collectors and champions to come together to shape the future of craft in the UK.

The first event will coincide with London Design Festival, taking place inside Crafts Council's Islington-based gallery on Thursday 18th September 2025 from 6-9pm. Craft After Dark attendees will be able to drop-in to a series of activities through-out the evening, including a paper-collage workshop led by maker facilitator Eloisa Henderson-Figueroa, visits to the onsite Collection Store and the opportunity to learn about the new Membership offering and meet our team, including our Associate Editor, Membership Managers and representatives from Crafts Council.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS**

About Crafts Council

Crafts Council is the national charity for craft. We believe craft skills and knowledge enrich and uplift us as individuals and can change our world for the better. Through our activities, we inspire making, empower learning and nurture craft businesses. We do this by championing craft and its positive impact on



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society, increasing levels of craft education and participation, growing the market for craft, and building a sustainable and inclusive craft sector.

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