



## Makers Guild Wales

### Background

The Makers Guild in Wales is the National Craft Organisation for Wales ; a membership body that engages and inspires through the promotion of excellence in craft. As an independent charitable organisation we exists to further our aims as laid out in our Articles of Association:

*"The Objects are to advance education for the public benefit in the Visual Arts and Crafts in particular but not exclusively by exhibitions of high quality hand made crafts and the provision of workshop programmes"*

### Eligibility

To be eligible for MGW membership you must be a professional craft person living and working in Wales who are personally involved with the design and creation of contemporary craft and who produce work that demonstrates unity of design, craftsmanship and innovation. MGW membership is not able to include Painting or Photography.

### Membership Benefits

- Be represented through the gallery space for retail sales and/or in selected exhibitions as appropriate
- A dedicated page with images on the Makers Guild in Wales website
- Permission to use the MGW logo on your own website and/or promotional material
- Networking opportunities and meeting other craft makers and potential clients through the organisation
- Paid tutoring opportunities through our annual programme of educational workshops aimed at adults, schools, colleges and when outreach projects are available
- Submit proposals for exhibitions and/or curate shows
- Receive regular newsletters regarding arts opportunities, commissions within the Guild and UK
- Press releases and promotions from time to time, promotional material displayed within the venue, social media
- Give or attend artist talks through our 'Meet the Maker' events
- 10% discount off any purchase over £20 in gallery and specialist craft workshop run by the Guild

### Fee and Membership Responsibilities

Annual subscription fee is £180+vat per year, plus a one-off payment of £50 display fee when accepted as new member.

- **Code of Conduct** As member you agree to the Guild's Policies, Bye Laws, Code of Conduct and Trustee/Management decisions along with the Guild's co-operative ethos, this will mean you are agreeing to promote the organisation, to help ensure the organisation works, thrives and remains sustainable
- **Subscriptions** - Once accepted, your membership will continue for as long as you meet the Membership Criteria



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- **Stewarding** - This is a commitment to spend time helping in the gallery. It is done on a sliding scale depending on your distance from the gallery. I.e. Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan – 8 days | Newport – 7 days | Monmouthshire – 5 or 6 days | South Glamorgan – 6 or 7 days | Swansea area – 4 or 5 days | West Wales – 3 or 4 days | Mid Wales – 3 or 4 days | North Wales – 2 or 3 days.
- **Stock** – You are expected to provide work for sale on a sale or return basis

All members are encouraged to play an active role within the organisation and attend the Annual General Meeting at which they can vote to elect the Board of Trustees.

### **CRITERIA FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Selection for Guild membership is open to all professional craft people living and/or working in Wales who are personally involved with the design and creation of fine contemporary craft and who produce work that demonstrates unity of design, craftsmanship and innovation.

#### Artistic Criteria

1. A strong measure of Artistic Integrity and Individuality in the maker's approach to the work
2. A technical mastery of the medium
3. A sense of design and a sense of aesthetic values
4. Functional value, if applicable

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

Selection of members is by a panel of professionals made up of MGW maker members, MGW Membership Manager, MGW Artistic Curator and MGW Selection Co-ordinator. There are two stages to the process 1) applicants to submit an application form and provide images of recent work via online application, 2) from stage 1 submissions, the Selection Panel will determine which applicants will be invited to submit actual work to Craft in the Bay at a specific date.

- Application deadline is **1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**
- Application fee of £25 must reach MGW by application deadline for a successful submission
- All applicants are assessed on the Artistic Criteria mentioned above
- Notification of successful/unsuccessful applications will be given shortly after by email

A non-refundable application fee is to cover administration costs and is payable by applicants who will receive notification of their progress throughout the selection process.



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### HOW TO APPLY

Send your application by email to reach Makers Guild in Wales by **1<sup>st</sup> MARCH**. Applications are reviewed in April/May. Applications can be submitted during the year but will not be reviewed outside of these dates.

Before sending in your application, it might be worthwhile to visit the Gallery and/or website to understand the level of work is required for MGW. Please also make sure you are eligible for membership (see Eligibility above)

Please include the following in your application:

- **Completed application form**  
Available to download from website or email membership manager for a copy to be emailed to you. Only applications via email are accepted.
- **Recent CV**  
Your CV should include the following (where applicable):  
Personal details, Education/Qualifications, Exhibitions, Awards, Commissions/Public Collections, Stockists, Publications/Articles/Press, Employment.
- **Artist statement**  
Provide a description of your work, inspirations and motivations. (No more than 200 words)
- **Images**  
The images submitted should be of high quality (ideally 300dpi) in JPEG format. Images may be emailed as attachments or on a disc clearly marked with your name posted to the Makers Guild in Wales, MGW Selection, The Flourish, Lloyd George Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 4QH. Please ensure your images are clearly labelled with your name/initials and that each image corresponds with the number on your application form.
- **Technical notes**  
Provide a brief description of the process and techniques used.
- **Administration fee**  
An administration fee of £25 is payable with each application and is non-refundable. Please make your payment via the PayPal button on the Become a Maker Member page on website, over the phone by debit or credit card on 029 2048 4611 during gallery opening hours (10:30am – 5:30pm) or send a cheque by post to the Makers Guild in Wales, MGW Selection, The Flourish, Lloyd George Avenue, Cardiff, CF10 4QH. Please make cheques payable to Makers Guild in Wales. Payment must reach us before the application deadline otherwise your application will not be accepted.

### Send all completed applications to:

Cindy Lambert, Membership Manager: [cindy@makersguildinwales.org.uk](mailto:cindy@makersguildinwales.org.uk)