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Dear Artists. 21st May 2021

We hope you are safe and well.

This newsletter celebrates new artworks, thoughts and poems from last week, all of which are amazing, beautiful and help us feel connected. We also have details of 'Reviews', a new Zoom workshop and the Richmond Fellowships Working Together Forum. We begin with a new work from Nigel.



Nigel's latest work. An automatic drawing/painting.

We are hoping to announce a new Peer Tutor Monday workshop soon... look out for details. Thanks Nigel. Great work.

Reviews.

In-line with the current Covid-19 restrictions this terms reviews will be by phone. David will contact everyone individually in the coming weeks. The review conversations will last 10 to 15 minutes. Thank you.



*A big hug. Wishing you all a lovely weekend !
The ever smiling sunflower!
The many brothers and sisters that flower alongside!
All different colours and fragrance!
Each compliment one another!
Why than do we have racism?
Can't we all be a bouquet in life?
Complimentary to each other!
More meaningful and more benevolent!
Have a wonderful weekend my lovely friends at Art Matters!*

In August, Richmond Fellowships CEO Derek Caren wrote to all staff about the:

'commitment to being an anti-racist organisation, and the initial actions we proposed to help us do that. We know we must continue the conversation. We will need to directly co-produce solutions and actions with staff and people we support, and consider the best forum to enable proper dialogue and input. The board have also asked us to do more to talk to the people we support - regarding their experiences, what we need to be doing ahead and how they should be involved. This must and will be covered in our project plan'

Thank you Raj for your best wishes and continuing the conversation.

The United Nations are actively combating racism. Their website is at:

<https://www.un.org/en/letsfightracism/>

'Making a Small Booklet' – a Zine! Workshop by Berth Hopkins.



We are now taking bookings for Beth's new workshop. Join us at 2pm on Monday 7th June for an online workshop celebrating those who inspire us – our family, keyworkers, heroes. Beth explains:
We will be making 'zines' by folding, drawing and collaging. We'll also explore what a zine is, and how they can tell stories and ideas.

Please bring along pens, coloured pencils and A4 paper (coloured is great but plain is also fine). You'll also need old magazines or newspapers, pritt stick and scissors.

The workshop will be on Zoom. Please book your place by e-mail, phone or catching up with us in the studio.



After the rain!

Amazing rainbow pictures from Lucy.



Beautiful new relief print by Tony.



One of a series of three stunning mosaics by Petra and made for a local school.

All of the images and other works can be found on the Art Matters Instagram account.



Thanks Barry. We all love seeing your art works!

Surrey Artists Open Studios.

Art Matters are part of Surrey Artists Open Studios in June – please pick up a brochure from the studio.



Deanna's cool new work on her denim jacket!

Do you have a message for an Art Matters friend? Send it to us and we'll put it in the newsletter. Likewise, a thought for the day, a poem, an idea or a picture you'd like to share.



Peacocks, Pineapples and Parakeets. A new embroidery from Molly

Thank you everyone for sending in your work. It's an amazing collection. Art Matters feels very proud.

Richmond Fellowship: Working Together Forum.

'Revive, Reload, Refresh'

There is just one week to go before the National Working Together Forum on Thursday 20 May via Zoom from 10am – 4pm.

What's on?

- Exciting, co-produced workshops including Attitude of Gratitude, Mindfulness and Wellbeing, Exploring My Talents
- 'Tomorrow's World' – A interactive workshop between the people we support and staff on the future of care post-lockdown
- Recovery Stories
- An update from the Working Together Committee and the Working Together Leads
- [Click here to book your place today!](#)

How can you help promote the Working Together Forum?

- Forward the booking link and what's on section to the people you support

- Bring up the Working Together Forum in your team meetings
- Add the event to your calendar
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- Feedback on how we can help the people you support to access the Working Together Forum.
- Display the attached poster in your service

If you have any questions or feedback please contact

pqiservicedesk@richmondfellowship.org.uk or call Pamela Waterhouse on 07741 835592

Please continue to listen to Government advice and stay safe and stay in touch. Look after yourselves and each other.

Contacting Art Matters: artmatters@richmondfellowship.org.uk - all staff access these e-mails. You can also call the studio number on 01737 766212 and if we are unable to pick up leave a message and one of us will get back to you as soon as we can.

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We'll see you soon.

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