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Who is GOSSIP?

GOSSIP (Graduate Opportunities Supporting Sustained Independent Practice) Collective is a voluntary run, nonprofit, constituted group of artists and creatives, formed in August 2017, assisted in part by Stirling Council within the Cowane Centre Art Studios and other venues.

Mutual support is the key aim towards developing a professional arts practice, by encouraging the sharing of skills via workshops, exhibitions and events that benefit participants within our local communities.

Who is GOSSIP for?

GOSSIP membership is open to all, and free! As an evolving group of practising contemporary artists, both graduate and undergraduate of Forth Valley College and Stirling University amongst other arts practitioners, we connect creatives with professional agencies, businesses and charities, working together on collaborative projects and events in the Forth Valley area and beyond.

What does GOSSIP do?

Via email and social media, we invite members to get involved, to discuss ideas and facilitate creative opportunities within the wider community. We send out regular Members Newsletters that outline current activities and potential projects for members to shape and develop. To assist with the delivery of this, GOSSIP have successfully applied for funding for projects on behalf of our members to purchase materials and facilitate activities.

Where does it happen?

Mostly, we participate and create events and hold exhibitions locally with many venues throughout the Stirling area, such as at The Tolbooth, Macrobert Arts Centre and The Engine Shed. GOSSIP also collaborates with the arts community across Central Scotland, for example with Embassy Gallery, Edinburgh and Transmission and CASS Art, Glasgow.

A variety of weekly workshops sessions are held at our Base, Studio 1A within the Cowane Arts Centre, Stirling. The Base is used for meetings and events, it is also accessible to support members on a practical level helping develop skills and gain experience via engagement with the public.

Members are welcome to request use of GOSSIP BaseSpace, available weekdays. N.B. There is no storage space available and GOSSIP/ Stirling Council must make members aware that we are NOT liable for loss or damage to any artwork or supplies.

How to get involved:

Anyone is welcome to get involved! Simply get in touch or come along to an event and have a chat...

If you would like to become a member and receive email notifications of the group's activities, please visit <https://gossipcollective.weebly.com/> or message gossipstirling@gmail.com.