

CAA and COVID-19

We have clearly entered a new and alarming phase of the COVID-19 pandemic in this country and, in response, the decision has been taken to temporarily close the Contemporary Applied Arts gallery in Marylebone.

Advice is changing daily and we must minimise human risk as far as possible, so temporary closure is the only option given the scientific advice of 16/17 March 2020. The welfare of our clients, maker members and staff must come first.

We will be closed from Thursday 19 March, through the Easter holidays, until Monday 20 April 2020. We will be reviewing this continuously and will keep you updated regularly.

We will put this information on the CAA website and add it to our social media channels, so it is clear for all to see. This will be updated as appropriate over time. Please follow us on social media and check our website during the coming weeks.

The CAA team will all be working remotely (at home) throughout this period and regularly checking emails. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of us and we will respond as quickly as we are able.

The CAA website will be fully functional and continuously developed during the forthcoming weeks, with the web shop open and our 'Object of the Week' feature continuing as per usual. If you need to purchase a present, please do consider buying online from CAA – this will support our makers and the charity. Gift Vouchers are also available from CAA.

Covid-19 and the closure of the gallery will have a very serious effect on our finances and may threaten our survival. Please support us in any way that you can. The impact of the decision to close the gallery for the coming period is and will be very significant – and will affect our makers and our staff. As a charity, we will work hard to find ways to survive the financial implications that a period of closure will have on CAA – the virtual freeze of daily life, including activity in the public realm, socialising and shopping, will be hard for many individuals and organisations. The website is one way in which we will try to stay in the public eye and keep sales coming in.

Please consider making a donation to CAA via our JustGiving page:
<https://www.justgiving.com/contemporary-appliedarts>

We thank you for your long-standing interest and continuing engagement with CAA.

We all send all our best wishes in this difficult time.

Christine, Clare, Becky, Christiane, Lucie, Jayne, Valentino, Geordie and Catherine