

New Arts Trail launched for Arran - for immediate release

The Arran Art Trail is being launched in April 2017. This will give visitors and local residents the opportunity to visit practising artists and craftspeople in their studios and to gain some insight into how creative people work as well as what inspires them. Artist Angela Elliott-Walker, who came to live on Arran, was one of those inspired by the island. She stated:

"Arran's ever changing coastal and mountain landscape is really conducive with creating wonderful art and crafts. I'm looking forward to welcoming people to Edith (my shepherds hut studio) and hopefully inspiring a few to pick up a paint brush too!"

Arran has a wealth of creative talent, often quite hidden to the public. The Arran Art Trail will create an artistic journey through the island's dramatic landscape directing visitors to undiscovered places with spectacular views. One of those hidden gems is the jewellery created by Ann Hume who said:

"It's going to be great to welcome people into my workshop and to share the process of jewellery making with them. A fantastic opportunity to get in touch with Arran's creative community."

The trail will include 18 venues including potters, painters, jewellers, sculptors, wood turners, photographers, textile workers, glass workers and furniture makers as well as venues and galleries exhibiting local artists work all year round. Visitors will be able to pick up information on artists' work, including a map and details of each studio, on the ferry, in the VisitScotland tourist office and at other venues around the island.

Arran Art Trail has developed from the hugely successful Arran Open Studios weekend. Now in its 7th year, with over 35 artists and crafts people welcoming visitors into their studios, this year's event runs from 11th-14th August. More information will be available soon on both Arran Art Trail and the Arran Open Studios weekend on their website www.arranopenstudios.com.



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