



Roots to Craft Festival

Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, in partnership with GROW South Antrim Limited, is organising a Roots to Craft Festival and workshop with partners in Latvia and Finland during 2019-2020 and we invite you to apply for this exciting opportunity.

Each partner will host a 3 day festival to include participation in a local craft market where participants will have the opportunity to sell their craft products. Travel to and from the festival will take place the day before and the day after the festival, giving a total trip duration of 5 days.

Applications to take part in the partner craft festivals are open to crafters who reside or operate a craft business within Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area. Crafters must be over the age of 18 at the time of travel. Preference will be given to crafters who live, or have a significant interest in a rural area or small town* of Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area.

**Rural areas includes the villages of Ballynure, Ballyrobert, Doagh, Burnside/Cogry, Templepatrick, Parkgate, Toomebridge and smaller rural settlements and open countryside. Small towns include Ballyclare, Crumlin and Randalstown. Further details and maps can be provided by the GROW office.*

Festival Details

Country	Region	Dates (inclusive of travel)*
Latvia	Tukums & Ropazi	Still to be confirmed. Will be 16 th – 20 th October 2019 or 13 th -17 th November 2019
Finland	Pori Region, City of Ulvila	5 th – 9 th March 2020

** Please note, dates are provisional and may change*

Each festival will bring together crafters from Latvia, Finland, and Northern Ireland, with an additional partner, Mexico, planning to attend at least 1 of the festivals. The festivals will include business based workshops, the opportunity to network with crafters from other areas, and participation in a local craft market,





where you are able to sell your own produce. It will also include getting a video produced of you carrying out your craft for the Programme and your own promotional purposes and a page on a dedicated website.

Each visit will cost **£150** per person, including all travel, accommodation, food and workshops during the 3 day Festival. Food on travel dates is not included, and will be at your own expense. Participants must organise and pay for their own travel insurance for the trip, and must have a valid passport suitable for travel at the time of the festival. Current government advice on passports can be found online via <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-rules-for-travel-to-europe-after-brexit#history>

A local craft festival will be held in Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council area from 12th – 14th September 2019, including a craft market at Mossley Mill on Saturday 14th September. Selected participants will be invited to take part in the entire festival to network with crafters from Latvia and Finland. Any crafter can apply to take a stand at the market on 14th September – forms are available by emailing Brian.McMahon@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk

If you are interested in the opportunity to take part in the Festival Exchange in Latvia and/or Finland, please complete the attached form and return it to grow@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk or by post to GROW South Antrim, c/o Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council, Mossley Mill, Newtownabbey, BT36 5QA by 12noon on **Monday 19th August 2019**.

Applicants that are shortlisted will be invited to attend an interview in late August.





Application Form – Roots to Craft Festival

THIS FORM SHOULD BE FULLY COMPLETED IN HANDWRITING OR TYPESCRIPT AND MUST REACH: grow@antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk or GROW offices by 12noon on Monday 19th August 2019

First Name:	Surname:
Address:	Postcode:
Telephone:	Mobile:
Are you/will you be aged over 18 at the time of the Festival exchange?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
E-mail address:	Website:
Which festival would you like to participate in: If Either/both, please state preference	
Latvia <input type="checkbox"/> Finland <input type="checkbox"/> Both/Either <input type="checkbox"/> _____	

<p>1. Do you live or operate a craft business in Antrim and Newtownabbey Borough Council?</p> <p>YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>If your business operates from a different address than stated above, please provide this address.</p>
<p>2. Please describe your craft: (give details of the products you make and the skills you have learned or developed)</p>



3. What best describes your current business activity for your craft:

	Please Tick	
Existing full-time craft business		How long have you been trading?
Existing part-time craft business		How long have you been trading?
Currently hobby – intending to set up a business		
Currently hobby – no plans to set up business		
Other		Please state:

4. If you are selling your craft, where are you currently selling it?



5. Please explain what you would like to gain from the Festival in your chosen location (or either if you chose this option):

6. Give an explanation of what skills and attributes you would bring to the Festival in your chosen location (or either if you chose this option):

7. Would you be willing to provide a demonstration of your craft as part of the Festival?

Yes

No

8. Do you have any medical conditions that may affect your ability to travel to or within the festival exchange?

Yes

No

If Yes, please provide details:



- I confirm that the details provided on this application form are accurate.
- If selected, I agree to pay £150 contribution for the trip.
- If selected, I confirm that I have/will have a valid passport and travel insurance in place.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Print name: _____

If you would like your details added to another Council directory to find out more about GROW or Council initiatives, please let us know by ticking the box:

- GROW Rural Development Programme
- Business Directory & Economic Development Programmes
- Council Arts & Culture department, including craft events

The Privacy Notice for this application form is available on the Council website:
<https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/gdpr/gdpr/>

