



Chelsea College of Arts and the Women's Institute

Are you passionate about art and design? Are you skilled in weave, print, knit stitch or embroidery? Would you like to team up with some of the UK's most experimental textile designers to create work which brings together the craft, expertise and heritage of the WI with contemporary textile design?

Chelsea College of Arts, in partnership with the NFWI, are looking for skilled and forward-thinking craftswomen of the WI to take part in a project with BA Textile Design students from the Chelsea College of Arts that will encourage skill-sharing, communication and creativity.

The BA Textile Design course at Chelsea focuses on the synthesis between ideas and making, concept and process. It encourages students to take creative risks and test out ideas through an experimental approach. Taking the current WI campaigns as a starting point and working in collaboration with the students, participants in this project will:

- Create design solutions to contemporary issues.
- Participate in online workshops.
- Raise the profile of the WI, Chelsea College of Arts, and raise awareness of the WI campaigns.
- Promote the sharing of traditional craft skills.
- Aid lifelong learning.
- Celebrate and enhance collaborative learning.
- Use online platforms to develop a wider community within art and design.
- Develop digital literacy.

This is the perfect opportunity for WI members to develop their own approach to textiles and gain experience of current art and design practice, as well as to learn more about understanding your audience and using online platforms for learning and communication.

Need more information?

If you're thinking of applying but would like to hear more about the project before submitting your application, then why not attend the **free online briefing...**

9 December 2020 at 1pm, held virtually on Zoom

At this online briefing, the team will share information about the project, including a breakdown of the themes and answer any questions you may have:

- End plastic soup
- Get on board
- Link together to alleviate loneliness
- Make a match
- Make time for mental health
- No more violence against women
- Stop modern slavery

To keep the briefing safe and secure, only those who express an interest or request an application form will receive a link to register for the Zoom session. This is open to WI members only.

If you would like to join a small group of members, open to collaboration and mutually sharing craft skills to inspire some fantastic ideas, then please complete and return an Application of Interest (available via your Federation Secretary or My WI), or register your interest in attending the online briefing, by emailing h.neal@nfwu-unit.org.uk.

Project Timeframe

Online briefing: 9 December 2020

Deadline to submit applications of interest: 6 January 2021

Briefing date: 18 February 2021

Project completion date: 23 March 2021



Chelsea College of Arts is one of London's most prestigious art and design colleges, with a reputation for producing some of today's leading artists and designers. Students are inspired to explore global, cultural, political, and social issues through their practices.