

## **Gifted Contemporary Christmas Market Sat 8 & Sun 9 Dec 2018**

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We're delighted to announce the return of our landmark festive event, Gifted, which will coincide with The National Centre for Craft & Design's (NCCD) Festival of Glass this year, presented in partnership with National Museums Scotland.

Gifted wouldn't be the special event it is without the incredibly talented designer makers and local producers who join us each year to showcase and sell the very best in contemporary craft, design and homewares and local produce. In return for the investment you make in attending and travelling to be with us, we ensure that you're at the very centre of Gifted. That's why we are constantly looking for new ways to make the weekend a richer experience for both visitor and stall holder alike.

This year we are investing in creating a cosier more intimate atmosphere, reconfiguring the craft marquee to promote a more supportive selling setting, a complimentary care package to ensure you have the most comfortable weekend possible and new lighting, decorations and heating to help create a more festive environment. We are also reviewing the food market to create an environment for visitors to sit, relax, listen to the entertainment and enjoy their food.

As part of our commitment to assist in the development of new and emerging talent we're also pleased to announce a special concessionary rate for designer/makers who have graduated in the past two years and Design-Nation members.

We are also offering designer/makers the opportunity to take advantage of a free portfolio review with one of our Design-Nation experts, to help you identify and realise new opportunities with your practice. A suitable time can be arranged with the Design-Nation team.

Apply for your stall at Gifted now by filling in the form on the next page and if you have any questions or want further information our friendly event team is on hand to help at any time during the application process and in the lead up to the event.

### **ABOUT THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CRAFT & DESIGN**

NCCD sits at the heart of the market town of Sleaford in Lincolnshire in the beautiful riverside setting of Navigation Wharf. The Centre is largest venue in England entirely dedicated to the exhibition, celebration and promotion of international and national craft and design.

Our renowned programme of exhibitions showcases the most innovative, challenging and accomplished artists including new and emerging talent. This year our main gallery presents 'Art of Glass' a showcase of outstanding work from Britain's leading glass artists. Our festival of Glass continues in our roof gallery where we are presenting a showcase of Design-Nation members also working with this material.

Our public engagement programme inspires people of all ages, skills and interest levels in

talks, workshops, conferences, clubs, groups, activities, lectures, seminars, screenings, short-courses, and demonstration days. Our shop sells the very best contemporary craft and design from British makers and our Riverside café is a popular haven for families and business people seeking a creative respite.

Gifted is our biggest event of the year and we are committed to attracting new and existing visitors through an inclusive marketing campaign which ensures a consistently high profile for Gifted and NCCD.



## **APPLICATION INFORMATION**

**NCCD invites you to apply to take part in Gifted and welcomes applications from designer/makers of all disciplines of high quality British contemporary craft and design, and makers and suppliers of high quality specialist local food produce.**

### Craft Market

A dedicated marquee houses up to 40 selected makers. Stand space includes: 6ft x 2ft trestle table, up to 2 chairs and an electricity point. Overhead strip lighting is provided. Exhibitors may use their own lighting with proof of PAT testing. No table cover is provided. Exhibitors may bring their own table however the floor space must not exceed a floor area of 6ft x 2ft. Tables are arranged in bays and each bay has a heater.

### Food Market

Navigation Yard hosts our food market including 15 food stalls. Stand space includes a 10ft x 4ft stall with overhead canopy, counter skirt and counter, up to 2 chairs and an electricity point. Exhibitors may bring their own table or stall. We will accept a small number of stalls that exceed the floor area as stated, these spaces are reserved for stalls that include a van/caravan.

### Selection

Gifted is synonymous with high quality creative talent and all applications are judged by a selection panel with consideration given to price, market, quality of making and standard of product.

The panel consists of NCCD staff, Programme Managers for Design-Nation and invited curators and craft specialists.

We regret we cannot provide feedback on unsuccessful applications.

### Cost for the weekend

Craft exhibitors: £150

Concessionary rate for Design-Nation members and New makers graduating in the last two years: £120

Food exhibitors: £100

***\* A 50% non-refundable deposit payable on invoice is required upon selection. Full payment payable on invoice is required by the end of July 2018.***

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Application Form**

Name	
Business name	
Business address (including postcode)	
Telephone	
Mobile	
Email	
Website	
Facebook	
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Where did you hear about Gifted?
Please details you main markets/fairs/exhibitions in the last two years?
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Please detail you main retail outlets? <i>(Craft market applicants only)</i>
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Provide a brief statement (100 words max) to describe your work and your inspiration and unique selling points. <i>Please note if selected this information will be used for marketing purposes.</i>
If you are applying as a recent graduate please give details of your qualifications, the year you graduated and the institution. (i.e. University of Lincoln, BA Furniture Jul 2015) <i>(Craft market applicants only)</i>

Please include **6 high resolution images of your work** via email or through file sharing website <https://wettransfer.com>. Please make sure that you clearly label all files with your name.

Images should be 300dpi and no larger than 30x40cm. Images should be of your work and must represent the style of work you intend to exhibit and sell at Gifted. If possible please include an image of one of your previous exhibition stands.

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Email your completed application form and supporting information to: [shop@nccd.org.uk](mailto:shop@nccd.org.uk) by **Friday 6 July**. You will be informed of our selection decision by the end of July.

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**Terms and Conditions:**

1. Successful exhibitors must sign an agreement and pay a non-returnable 50% deposit to confirm their stand at Gifted 2018.
2. Full payment will be payable on invoice by the end of July 2018.
3. All exhibitors must hold public liability insurance and must meet all health and safety requirements at the time of the event.
4. If selected at least one of your images may be used to market and promote Gifted 2018.
5. NCCD will supply exhibitor information and marketing packs to help you prepare for Gifted.
6. Exhibitors must meet all event requirements.
7. Please follow the application instructions as above.

**I accept these terms and conditions**

Signature of applicant:

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