



With sadness, we have decided to cancel this year's Medway Open Studios & Arts Festival (MOSAF) in July due to the ongoing uncertainties around Covid-19.

Although there will not be a printed brochure this year as a guide to visiting studios, we are still hoping to use the festival dates 4th – 12th July 2020 to promote Medway artists and their work on our website and through social media channels, and will be working with artists to find alternative ways to engage with the public.

If social distancing and isolation rules are more relaxed in July, some activities and events might be able to run in person, but it is likely that many artists and visitors will still not be comfortable with or able to risk close contact at that time, so a full programme of studio visits will not be possible.

As well as seeing and buying artworks, at MOSAF you can get inspired, have fun, learn how things are made, see how working studios look, and feel the buzz of Medway's creative community. We hope you'll still be able to do some of these things, from a distance. The artists get a great deal out of talking about their work with visitors, as these conversations can spark ideas that are very helpful.

We'll be interested in using any insights from this time of isolation, to help us reach wider audiences. We'd love to hear what you'll miss most about visiting MOSAF, so we can have a good think about how we might offer these things in different ways.

We really look forward to when Medway's creative community can celebrate together with you in person, but for now, the very best of wishes.

Heather, Wendy and Xtina

Image: Tools in Holly Chadd's studio at Nucleus Arts, Chatham