

SOCIETY OF DESIGNER CRAFTSMEN

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Society of Designer Craftsmen announces incoming Executive Director

Jenny Starr has been announced as Executive Director of the Society of Designer Craftsmen.

The role of Executive Director is a newly created position, with Jenny being the very first to take up this important new role.

A charity and membership organisation, the Society promotes and supports the work of creative thinkers, designers and makers who innovate through their exploration of materials and skills. The organisation celebrates its 136th birthday this year.

Commenting on her recent appointment Jenny Starr said:

"I am honoured to be taking on this dynamic new role. As Executive Director, I'm looking forward to honing a new and exciting programme to serve our community of members, as well as welcoming in new craftspeople, partners, and supporters.

This is a pivotal time to be raising the profile of such a unique society. Whilst we reflect on the Society of Designer Craftsmen's longevity and its role in promoting and supporting craft practice over 130 years, the organisation is well placed to look to the future of craft as sustainable work, and offer a space for positive activism, care and creativity."

Jenny Starr – incoming new Executive Director, Society of Designer Craftsmen

Kate Mason, Chair – Society of Designer Craftsmen commenting on the new appointment:

"It is with great delight that I welcome Jenny Starr to the Society of Designer Craftsmen. Jenny will be starting her new role as Executive Director at the Society in early December 2023. This role is brand new, with no predecessors. I can't think of a more passionate and talented 'all-rounder' to take on this exciting new position.

Jenny brings energy and an infectious enthusiasm to the role, alongside her significant experience in

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fundraising, project and partnership development, programming, and planning.

I very much look forward to working with her alongside Council and know she will be a huge asset to the organisation bringing fresh new insights, ideas, and opportunities. “

Kate Mason FRSA– Trustee and Chair, Society of Designer Craftsmen

The Members of the Society

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NOTES TO EDITORS

About the Society of Designer Craftsmen:

The Society promotes and supports the work of creative thinkers, designers and makers who continue to innovate in the crafts through their exploration of materials and skills.

The Society is run by a dedicated council of current Society members. Our national membership is made up of professional designer makers across various craft disciplines. We support our members through major exhibitions, professional and creative networks, workshops, mentoring and many other events and initiatives.

As the oldest multi-disciplinary Society in the UK, we are proud to have as members some of the finest, most exciting, and respected designer makers of today and since our founding in 1887.

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