

RURAL SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS* PUBLIC PROGRAMME 11 - 15 JULY

Weaving throughout the Summer Camp is a series of workshops and events open to all. This includes the launch of the Lumbungsden Summer Programme, a series of workshops to introduce working with wool including regular sessions in washing, carding and dyeing fleeces and getting them ready for making over the winter months.

The Lumbungsden Summer Programme Launch Tuesday 11 July 6pm - 7:30pm, Community Making Space

To celebrate the launch of the new summer programme we invite you to join Myvillages and SSW to hear about the programme of learning and making sessions coming up over the summer as well as the Kids Holiday Club and events taking place as part of the Rural School of Economics Summer Camp.

Rather than cutting a ribbon to announce the opening we will take time to lay a path of wool fleece to connect us together with the material and to each other. If you received some fleece in advance, please bring this along with you.

The launch will coincide with the arrival of guests to the Rural School of Economics Summer Camp and will be a good opportunity to meet with the artists staying at SSW for the week.

Draw and Sculpt Lumsden Wednesday 12 July 3:30pm - 5pm, Community Making Space

Join artists from the Rural School of Economics Summer Camp to draw or sculpt (using clay) a special place to you in Lumsden. This will be a chance to share with others the places you enjoy in the village and to sit together undertaking collective drawing and making. The sketches created will be displayed in the Community Making Space throughout the summer.

Community Dinner and Karaoke Wednesday 12 July 6.30pm onwards, Lumsden Village Hall

Come along to the Lumsden Village Hall to enjoy a free community dinner followed by a chance to sing your heart out in this lively and fun community evening. The gathering is a chance for villagers and folks from the surrounding areas to hang out and make friends as well as enjoy delicious food together with members of the Rural School of Economics Summer Camp.

Sheep Shearing Demonstration and Fleece Processing Workshop Thursday 13 July 2pm - 5.30pm, SSW Yard and Community Making Space

Come long to the SSW courtyard to meet Jimmy and Kate from the Croft of Blairwick, who will be shearing some of their flock. Kate and Jimmy will talk about their croft and what they do there. They will also introduce the different sheep they have and the ways in which they manage them.

Following the shearing we will work with Marguerite from Westfield Croft to learn how raw fleece is processed. This is a hands-on workshop that will delve into all aspects of processing wool and will provide the basic skills we need to work with the fleece over the coming months.

Alongside the workshop and demonstration there will be a workshop specifically for children to design their own 'sheep' haircuts. These stylish 'sheep' will be displayed throughout the village following the session. This workshop will be led by artist Tyler Lewis.

Community Wool Processing Day & Makers Gathering Saturday 15 July 1pm - 5pm, SSW Yard

Building on and testing out the wool processing skills learnt on Thursday this afternoon is a chance to work together to wash, pick and card wool for use over the coming months. Processing wool takes community effort and we look forward to welcoming people of all skill levels to join this collective endeavor.

Alongside these practical, hands-on sessions will be a range of local makers and producers sharing information about what they do and sharing some of their wares.

Following the Summer Camp Programme we will continue to work with the wool that was processed through a series of Open Sessions and Making Sessions as well as our regular Fly Cups where there will be an opportunity to meet together and feed into the development and direction of the community programme. We're also running the Kids Holiday Club where young people will get to design and make a new artwork for the village.

KIDS' HOLIDAY CLUB

25 - 28 July 10am - 1pm, Community Making Space

Kids can come along to the Community Making Space to spend the morning designing, drawing and making a new collective artwork for the village. Working as a team and supported by artist Tyler Lewis young people will work with shape, pattern and colour to design a new summer artwork.

Sessions are free.
Kids Holiday Club is designed for children aged 7 upwards.
Children under 7 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

FLY CUPS

Sunday 23 July 11am - 1pm, Community Making Space

This Fly Cup is a chance to discuss and give feedback on the Rural School of Economics Summer Camp Public Programme as well as talk through ideas and thoughts for the upcoming sessions. The Fly Cups give a space to come together as a community to reflect and discuss what happens in the Community Making Space over a cup of tea/coffee and a fancy piece.

Sunday 17 September 11am - 1pm, Community Making Space

In this Fly Cup we'll come together as a community to reflect and discuss the Summer Programme and plan what comes next over a cup of tea and a fancy piece.

OPEN SESSIONS

25 - 28 July 11 & 12 August 2pm - 4pm, Community Making Space

In this series of open sessions, we will continue to work with the skirting, washing, carding, and getting the fleece ready for the next stages. Participants will have time to develop and hone their skills in working with fleece at their own pace whilst socialising with a cup of tea in the Community Making Space.

MAKING SESSIONS

Sunday 13 August 11am - 2pm, Community Making Space

Introduction to Natural Dyeing: Part 1

A workshop in two parts, led by Zoe Robson from Fleece 4 Ewe, where we will work together to create beautiful colours using natural, environmentally sustainable materials and dyeing our washed, carded wool. Working through the process step by step with Zoe we will build a foundation of learning in the art of natural dyeing.

Sunday 27 August 11am - 2pm, Community Making Space

Introduction to Natural Dyeing: Part 2

In this second session led by Zoe Robson from Fleece 4 Ewe, we will continue to work together to create beautiful colours using natural, environmentally sustainable materials and dyeing our washed, carded wool. Working through the process step by step with Zoe we will build a foundation of learning in the art of natural dyeing.

Sunday 3 September 11am - 2pm, Community Making Space

Community Arts Organiser Mara will be providing a space to continue to practice the natural dyeing of wool.