

# COCKPIT CRAFT A LASTING LEGACY



Alma Sophia in her studio at Cockpit Bloomsbury.  
Photographed by Carmen Gray.

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# LET YOUR LOVE OF CRAFT LIVE ON

Craft is at the heart of everything we do at Cockpit. As the only business incubator for makers, we support hundreds of independent businesses to succeed, providing:

- funded specialist workspace
- business support
- one-to-one coaching
- workshops and training

We support makers in the fragile, start-up stages of their careers to go on to become international leaders in their fields. We also empower the new generation of makers with education and careers programmes, encouraging careers in craft.



*‘I’ve seen the impact Cockpit has and really value their work. After I die, I want to continue to support their efforts, ensuring an enduring impact for craft.’*

**Sarah Samuel,  
Cockpit Trustee &  
Legacy Donor**

## WHY COCKPIT?

As an award-winning social enterprise, Cockpit raises essential funds through charitable donations from individuals, trusts and foundations and corporate partners. Contributions from Legacies are essential to enabling us to achieve our mission.

By leaving us a gift in your will, you can help us continue cultivating a thriving, equitable craft sector in which talented individuals from any background can discover their talent and build a creatively and commercially successful business.

2023 marked a pivotal moment in Cockpit's story. We completed a £3.24 million capital development at our Deptford site, which has delivered additional studios, a for-purpose woodworking hub, a new public entrance, London's first public Craft Garden and a new Learning Centre.

These new spaces will enable us to expand our work, support more makers and, for the first time ever, open to the public year round to offer a rich community and youth education programme.

**Help us cultivate a thriving craft sector in which talented individuals from any background can develop their skill & build a thriving, commercially successful business.**



Daarren Appiagyei holding his work. Photographed by Gareth Hacker.

# LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL

Your legacy can help us pursue our mission to cultivate a thriving, equitable craft sector, enabling our core work of supporting maker businesses to start up, grow and thrive.

You can also support our youth, careers, community and education activities and

our new public events programme, all of which open up craft to everyone.

Making a will and keeping it up to date ensures that what you leave behind has an impact you can be proud of.

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## HOW TO GET STARTED

When you consider leaving a gift in your will, we suggest you follow a few easy steps:

- a. Seek professional advice from a solicitor and financial advisor. They will explain the different kinds of gift you can leave – pecuniary (a specified sum of money), specific (an item or asset) or residuary (the remainder of your estate, or a percentage of it, once family and friends have been provided for).
- b. Provide your solicitor with our charity name, address and registered charity number. You may find the following wording useful:  
  
'I leave the sum of £\_\_\_ to Cockpit Arts, Cockpit Yard, Northington Street, London, WC1N 2NP (registered charity number 1029643) for its general purposes. I further direct that the receipt of the Chief Executive or the Chair of Trustees of the said charity shall be a valid and appropriate form of discharge to my executors.'
- c. Tell your loved ones that we are named in your will to avoid surprises.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

If you are able to leave us a gift in your will and choose to do so once you have looked after your family and loved ones, we promise that:

- We will answer any question you may have honestly and quickly
- We will respect any decision you make, when you make it and whether you tell us or not or change your mind
- We will spend your kind gift wisely, sensitively and effectively to inspire the next generation of makers
- We will acknowledge your gift in our Annual Report and in our buildings

## CONTACT US

If you would like to discuss leaving a gift in your will, please contact Sandie Mattioli, Head of Development:

**020 7430 2942**  
[sandie@cockpitstudios.org](mailto:sandie@cockpitstudios.org)

If you are a solicitor or an executor managing a legacy gift left for Cockpit, please contact Sandie, who will be happy to help.



Kemi Ajose in her studio at Cockpit Deptford.  
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Fadhel Mourali in his studio at Cockpit Depford.  
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## THANK YOU

Leaving a gift in your will is a personal and important decision. We are hugely grateful to you as you consider leaving us a gift in your will.

Any gift, large or small, makes a real difference to our work. Your generosity and kindness is appreciated by future generations of makers and those who help them thrive.

Further information on legacies and other ways of supporting Cockpit can be found at:

[cockpitstudios.org/support](https://cockpitstudios.org/support)

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