

UK FAIRS AND SALES OPPORTUNITIES

This year, we have had plenty of selling opportunities. This creates opportunities for the participants to meet the public and show off their skills. We sold the products made in our UK craft sessions, alongside the products made by disabled artisans in Peru, at talks about our work and at local fairs.

We had the fantastic opportunity of having a stand at the "Knitting & Stitching Show" in Harrogate this year. Welcoming over 20,000 visitors over 4 days, it's one of the biggest craft exhibitions in Europe, so we were thrilled to be given a stand at the show. This was arranged by one of our weekly craft session participants, who's family are closely linked with the exhibition. She did a fantastic job making this possible for us.



Our differently-able participants helped on the stand and really enjoyed meeting the public and proudly showing off their work. Some of our participants volunteered at the stall every day. Darren, 30, said:



"THIS WAS THE FIRST TIME I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO A WHOLE DAY'S WORK. I'D ALWAYS WONDERED IF I COULD DO IT, AND I DID! I DID FOUR WHOLE DAYS, WHICH WAS AMAZING!"

The participants did a brilliant job selling the products, talking to the public about their work and about what Craft Aid means to them.

We provide volunteering opportunities for our participants whenever possible, giving them the pride and satisfaction of working, an opportunity which they are rarely, if ever, given.

