



**Pieter van der Werf - Arts Practitioner**

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## Professional Profile

I am an innovative, socially engaged arts practitioner. I'm a practice-led researcher, project coordinator and workshop leader with over 30 years of experience in the creative and social sectors.

Comfortable working cross-generational and connecting people from diverse backgrounds.

## Core Skills

Craftsman

Project Management

Innovative Designer

Visual Artist

Marketing

Researcher

Workshop Leader

Divergent Thinker

## Studio Orains

I founded Studio Orains (2012) and am the lead creative - producing art and interior design items with sustainably sourced materials (wool, botanicals, natural dyes); workshop leader - in-person and remote; exhibition designer; colour consultant

- Practice-led natural dye research project "The Colours of Orains" (2020-2022), in part funded by Creative Scotland through The National Lottery; Research into Harris Tweed waste and offcuts (current) part funded by Creative Scotland / The National Lottery
- Design, creation and delivery of interior design products to interior designers
- Conception and execution of workshops - in-person and online
- Consultancy: development of new RBS £50 banknote, focusing on the use of natural dyes

### As Youth Arts Worker:

- Delivery of a series of workshops for young people (age 5 - 18) Youth Arts Worker
- Responsible for the part-delivery of Argyll Youth Arts project in 2017/2018
- Cooperating with Rothesay Pavilion and Cove Park to deliver visual arts projects
- Mentor of two youth arts Ambassadors
- Creation and delivery of workshops and programmes at the Dunoon Burgh Hall:
  - workshops at Sandbank Primary School and subsequent exhibition "The American Years" (focusing on the American naval presence at Holy Loch, Sandbank)
  - developed an interdisciplinary educational programme and led "Soup!" workshops in cooperation with Dunoon Grammar School (accredited), focusing on Andy Warhol's business model as part of Artists Rooms exhibition, Tate Modern
- listed in the directories of the Crafts Council and Craft Scotland;
- member of Craft Scotland's Green Craft Initiative; partner in The Campaign for Wool
- member of the Artists' Union England

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