Papermaking from Natural Materials

Saturday 4 September at 10.30 am – 12 noon

Papermaking is an engaging and physical process. In this workshop, you will learn the basic elements of this art form as artist Lin Chau leads you through the process of mould and deckle making, preparing plant pulp fibre, pulling a sheet, couching the sheet, then pressing the paper.

To help you to make a start, we will send you a starter pack (UK delivery only). All you need to do is gather a few things from your house and get online on the day, we are all ready to go on an exciting creative journey of making your own unique paper. The paper you write on will never be the same again!

All age groups are welcome, and no prior experience is required.

Registration: £15 including starter pack

This starter pack will provide you with a simple meshed frame, 4 different kinds of plant fibre (Cotton linter, abaca, wild grass and common rush), a packet of Orkney native wild flower seeds, some pressed flowers and 4 pieces of J-cloths.

Material required

- Water
- Plastic tub or vat, 28cm x 28cm x 20cm height (approx)
- Plastic cup or jug
- Old kitchen blender (desirable)
- 2 wood boards
- Towels or other absorbent material
- Sponge

Example of station set-up

Please note that for anyone participating in this online workshop, you do so at your own risk. Orkney International Science Festival will not be held responsible should an injury occur while participating in this online workshop at your own premises.