

## Calling all Artisans!

Following on from the successful Northern Periphery Programme projects entitled “Économusée Craft Reach” and “Économusée International”, which saw the development and launch of seven<sup>1</sup> Économusée workshops in the Causeway Coast & Glens and Mid & East Antrim Borough Council areas; Causeway Coast & Glens Heritage Trust (CCGHT) wants to hear from artisans located within Northern Ireland who are keen to join the Économusée Network. Subject to funding, we aim to develop new Économusée workshops within the region, which will in turn help create socio-economic opportunities in rural communities and create new and enhanced tourism, visitor, employment and business development opportunities.<sup>2</sup>

This next phase will help quality craft businesses grow and prosper in rural areas by improving their business models, launching them as focal points in the local community and as inspiration for upcoming generations.

The Économusée concept is a Québec inspired tourism initiative that enables visitors to watch the artisan at work whilst offering them the opportunity to discover the beautiful and indigenous crafts that are all produced onsite, learning about the history of the craft and the cultural heritage behind the skill. The brand is internationally recognised with Économusée artisan workshops found in Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Sweden, Norway, N. Ireland and Ireland.

There are currently six Économusée workshops in N. Ireland; Brighter Gold Rapeseed Oil Limavady; Scullion Hurls Loughgiel; Steensons Jewellers Glenarm; Hillstown Brewery Ahoghill; Ursa Minor Bakehouse and Broughgammon Farm both in Ballycastle. You will find more information about the Économusée concept and the International members on [www.economusee.eu](http://www.economusee.eu)

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<sup>1</sup> One Économusée business ceased trading due to personal reasons.

<sup>2</sup> CCGHT has secured funding in the Causeway Coast & Glens and Mid & East Antrim Borough Council areas but we are keen to identify prospective artisans across Northern Ireland if or when additional funding becomes available. This exercise will enable us to develop a database of interested artisans across the province and will be presented to potential funders.



If you are interested in being a part of this exciting craft tourism initiative, call Carole or Tierna on 028 2075 2100 or email [economuseenorthernireland@gmail.com](mailto:economuseenorthernireland@gmail.com) to discuss the project and receive an application pack. The deadline for application submission is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm.

Please note a shortlisting process will take place followed by a site assessment visit to potential workshops. Successfully shortlisted applicants will then be subject to a Feasibility Study which will hopefully see them progress to be incorporated into the Économusée Network.

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