

Demonstrations, Talks and Workshops for Groups:

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Welcome

The Hat Stand is a unique collaboration between three Sheffield-based milliners working together to achieve far more than they could in splendid isolation. They have held annual pop up shops since 2014 and also offer workshops for private group events. Our team of three is made up of Sophie Cooke, Amanda Moon and Siobhan Nicholson. So if you book us in for a workshop, you will get to meet all three of us!

Imogen's Imagination- Sophie Cooke

Sophie took training at Leeds College of Art. She offers a wide range of hats, fascinators and hair accessories to suit all occasions and budgets. In addition to offering ready-to-wear designs, Sophie frequently works on bespoke commissions and also offers a re-trimming and restoration service for her clients. Alongside her making, she has offered workshops for a number of years and offers one to one teaching on request.

Amanda Moon Headwear- Amanda Moon

Like Sophie, Amanda also took some training at Leeds College of Art. Her interest is in capturing the personality and style of clients in her pieces so they feel completely at ease and truly represented by what they wear. The shapes and forms appeal to those who love to indulge in accessorising but equally to the lady who is a little hat shy and is looking for something that offers an alternative to the traditional brimmed hat or fascinator. Amanda also offers a range of workshops for private party events.

Siobhan Nicholson Millinery- Siobhan Nicholson

Siobhan studied at the London College of Fashion, specialising in Millinery, in the 1980s and went on to work as an apprentice with Royal Milliner Phillip Somerville. Her work uses traditional millinery skills and materials with a fresh and sometimes amusing twist. Siobhan likes to explore different, often unconventional ways, of producing the shapes and finishes she's looking for in her pieces.



Browse through our workshop options and don't hesitate to make an enquiry through any of the given contact points.

Millinery Techniques Demonstration

Duration: 1 Hour

Cost: £100 per group

What to expect:

You will be introduced to some of the traditional materials seen in the craft of hat making, such as felt, straw and sinamay. You will be talked through how these materials can be manipulated using traditional and modern techniques, some of which can be achieved with simple items used in your own home!

We will then move onto how hats can be trimmed with feathers, sinamay and silk flowers. They will be familiar trims that you often see in magazines and in your high street stores, giving you an insight to how the hats you see all around you are created.

At the end of the demonstration there will also be an opportunity for questions and a possible try on.

To those simply curious about the process of hat making this session will take much of the mystery out of it and for those who are secret aspiring milliners, then we hope this taster will inspire you to take your aspiration further.



Journeys Into Millinery

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: £75 per group

What to expect:

In this session, the three milliners will share their stories of how they came to making hats and headwear, and how they have evolved as milliners.

All have come from very different working backgrounds with different ways into learning their skills. In their time with you they will share the events that lead them into becoming milliners, what has inspired their work and how they came to be The Hat Stand; a key point for all three who were going under significant life transitions and needed to make some decisions.

Overall, they will each bring stories about their lives and development of their millinery businesses in a fun and open evening of conversation. For those looking to be inspired, or wanting ideas to explore their creativity, this is an opportunity to explore that. There may even be some ideas as to how you might go about rediscovering your creativity or pursuing the creativity you have for fun and pleasure.



Make a Fascinator

Duration: 1 ½ hours

Cost: £10.00 per person

Please note, we are only able to offer this reduced price workshop for group of 18 or more. For smaller groups, please contact our milliners direct to check out their existing workshops.

What to expect:

Take home your very own fascinator and have lots of fun in the process of making it!

In this workshop you will work with a prepared sinamay base to create your own fascinator.

You will trim your base using a range of feathers and your three milliners will demonstrate how to manipulate them to create different effects. The options are vast, yet all very do-able, and will enable you to create a piece that best fits your style.

Siobhan, Sophie and Amanda will all be on hand throughout to offer guidance, ideas and encouragement, helping each person to leave with something they can enjoy but also use the skills in future projects.

We provide all the materials but would request that people bring a pair of small scissors to the session.



What should I wear?

Duration: 1 hour

Cost: £75

What to expect:

What should I wear is one of the most commonly asked questions we encounter, preceded by, 'I don't suit hats'.

And, it is possibly one of our favourite questions as we help to debunk some myths about headwear and show women that there are a range of options out there, some obvious and some unexpected. It is also about helping to people to recognise who they are and looking into headwear as an extension of their personality.

This workshop, will start with a talk, giving an introduction to some of the 'rules' in headwear and helps women to see that sometimes there are no rules! Ultimately, we want to encourage women to be open to the possibilities and think about what to consider when choosing their headwear. We will also discuss hair types, styles and how different attachments can be used to keep your headwear securely and comfortably in place. Members of the audience will then be invited up to demonstrate how different designs work in terms of how to suit your style and how they make you feel.

We will leave time at the end to stay for a short while, should any of you have any questions or want to try pieces on.

