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### Fresh starts in September

The successes continue here in happy Harrogate! Our inspiring Cafe team has been introducing new delicious items to their menu, setting new challenges for their disabled trainees. The end of summer has seen us welcome new disabled trainees & members to their team, working with partner organisations to expand our reach locally.

The creative team has been embracing the season change with lots of beautiful autumnal crafts and an exciting additional session to our timetable.

Workplace skills training has seen new members enjoying their empowering sessions, working on stock control and website design; and the Organics team has been busy designing new products and divine Christmas and winter scents!

Llama Lounge (our youth club for young adults) and Crafty Llamas (our after-school club for SEN teens) have returned from their summer breaks with gorgeous activities and Mosaics for Schools is back with a new school setting!

# **FUNDRAISING**



**October - Ecuador Fundraising Focus -** We are hosting two events in October raising funds for our project in Ecuador

American Night at the Artizan Cafe (Harrogate), for a delicious Peruvian three course supper and entertainment. There will be a Bar and raffle on the might too

Book your table on Eventbrite here £25 per head

Friday 25th October 7:30pm - Vintage Jazz and Swing
Night with the Night Flyers at St Margaret's Church,
Church Lane, Horsforth, Leeds LS18 5LA - Bar/Craft Beer
Book your ticket now £6

KEMPSTON-PARKES

Thank you for all your support

# **ECUADOR**









#### WALKING ALONGSIDE OUR ARTISANS, THROUGH THICK AND THIN

Hello, my name is Andrés. I am 33 and I am the father of three wonderful children. Thanks to your support, I have been able to raise them. I thank each and every one of you who are part of Artizan Ecuador & Artizan International. It's thanks to the charity we have the opportunity to feel useful despite everything that is happening in our country. Due to the electricity blackouts and water shortages, life is not easy but we have faith that we can get ahead with the support of all of you. You do not support just one person, but a family that is Artizan. In advance, I thank you for all your support and I hope that God gives you back double of all your help that you have given to us .

(Andres weaving, above left, and some of his hand-made paper cards, right).

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### **PERU**





#### LAUNCHING SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES FOR THE LOCAL COMMUNITY IN PERU

This is Joel and Ibeth (left), who are both employed in our cafe and crafts workshops at Artizan Peru. They use sign language as their primary means of communication. Very few people in Peru know how to sign, which can make life extremely isolating for deaf and hard-of-hearing people, especially those who are non-verbal like Joel & Ibeth. Many customers' interests have been sparked by the sign language diagrams in our cafe menus, so this coming month Joel - who is an excellent signer - is going to be delivering sign language classes for anyone in the local community who wants to learn, using our beautiful cafe terrace as a teaching space. This helps to break down barriers between deaf and hearing people, creating a fairer society, where everyone can contribute and be recognised for their many talents & abilities, as equal members of a creative whole.