

Enabling, empowering and supporting disabled people.
Positively transforming attitudes around disability

May 2025









## UK

It's been a busy month introducing more sessions to our timetable of services. "The Collective" is a fully funded timetable of engaging and fulfilling activities for people with disabilities in our community to live active, independent and engaged lives.

We now have weekly Saturday arts and crafts sessions along with monthly social nights for our older members, a monthly "night out" group that has so far enjoyed theatre& cinema evenings and a monthly Creative evening combining art & music.

The addition of supported opportunities in the community meant that we could take 5 members to become models for the day at Harrogate BID's Fashion Celebration where they did us proud! Our Mosaics for Schools team started working with children at St Peters this month to create beautiful mosaics for their assembly hall and learn about equality and inclusion.

The Monthly SEN disco in conjunction with DSNY at The Ivory continues to grow and this month saw almost 90 people in attendance which is wonderful!

## **FUNDRAISING**



A huge shout out to everyone who took part and supported the team doing the Nidderdale Walk

We raised over £1,250 and this is without gift aid

**Jumping for Joy -** Sarah is hoping to do her parachute jump on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June. Please pray for good weather.

https://artizaninternational.enthuse.com/cf/jumping-for-joy
Thank you to the Cone Exchange for donating craft supplies
Sign up to be a regular giver and receive 10% discount in our shop and café.

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## **Ecuador**









The start of May has been very productive. Using my past contacts whilst working at another charity, I arranged a media agency to review our websites. They were able to do an audit of their accessibility and content. These findings will be a great opportunity to enhance our online user experiences and really bring alive our Ecuadorian designs and our charity's vision.

The team in Ecuador have been busy renewing their photo permissions forms. We used this opportunity to explain how their photos, words and videos will be used as we find new ways to keep our supporters updated on their progress.

Last week I had the pleasure of attending the BAFTS conference (The British Association of Fair Trade Shops). I was able to be introduced to other fairtrade shops and learn about the different ways that they work and connect with other countries around the world.

## **PERU**









May has seen the development of our new Cafe Manager, Gabriela, grow in her role. She has introduced some amazing cakes and is almost finished changing the whole menu in the cafe. Using her expertise, she has been busy introducing new ways of working that will make Artizan Peru more efficient. In amongst this flurry of activity in the kitchen, we hosted a party for over 30 people in order to celebrate Mothers day. The day was a huge success in bringing new visitors to the centre.

Recently we also welcomed a group of 'Miss and Mister Brazil', who were in Arequipa to participate in the World Beauty Festival! We held a small event to promote Artizan, crowning Ruby as Miss Artizan 2025 volunteer, Megan as our Artizan Princess, and Pablo our Artizan Ambassador. This moment was very special for all of our team.

Thank you for all your support and for joining the journey with us.