



Supporters' Newsletter

Spring 2026



A word from our CEO, Liz Cluderay

We recognise that the recent update around our work in Ecuador may feel like a significant change, and we understand it might be difficult to take in. However, we want to reassure you that we are fully committed to our mission and we are excited about the opportunities ahead as we evolve how we deliver our objectives in Ecuador. We've been touched by the many warm and encouraging messages from the artisans, and we remain closely engaged with them as we continue supporting their journey toward independence and being valued members of their communities. We are also in ongoing discussions with the Trustees in Ecuador, as well as local, in-country charities, to ensure that our next steps are both impactful and sustainable. We'll be sure to keep you updated as plans develop.

Importantly, our shop in Harrogate remains at the heart of everything we do. We will continue trading, offering our existing stock, and the signature candles and bodycare range. More recently, the beautiful artwork created by our talented local artists is available to buy too.

Finally, we warmly invite you to visit our shop and café. It's a wonderful opportunity to see first-hand the transformational impact being experienced by our beneficiaries every day. For those of you who are not local, explore and stay connected through our new [website and online shop](#), [Artizan FB Café FB](#) & [Shop Instagram](#)



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Spring 2026 at Artizan International



Spring 2026 Highlights



Dates for your diary

Sept (tbc)

Quiz & Fizz

Stay tuned for ticket sales in our next newsletter - be quick, they sell out fast!

17th May

The team will be completing the **Nidderdale Walk** again - get in touch if you would like to take part or support us through our enthuse page [here](#).

3rd Dec (tbc)

The ever popular **Carol Service** with St Peter's Church, Harrogate



In Harrogate: Check out our first ever [Podcast: Ripple Effect](#), where Steve Russell, a support worker in the café, volunteered his time to set up, create, host & produce this heartwarming first episode, with special guests Liz & Kate.

The Quiz & Fizz night in January was a great success and raised over £1,000 for core costs. Our beneficiary-led social nights have really taken off, see the photos from the Chinese cooking evening, Ivory disco and Fish & Chip night!

In Peru: Thanks to the Crowdfunder we ran in December and alongside a generous contribution from Generation Trust, we are now able to provide our staff in Peru with essential hearing aids. This will make a real difference to their day to day lives and work. THANK YOU to everyone who made this possible!

In Ecuador: We said goodbye to our project leaders, Carlos & Jessica, as they emigrated to mainland Spain, and we would like to publicly thank them for all they have contributed to Artizan. We are also celebrating Adrianna, one of our artisans, who is visually impaired and has just completed a Psychology Degree - an incredible achievement! She also plays Goalball at national league level; find her on [YouTube](#) from [2024 Women's final - 118 seconds in.](#)

Celebrating Our Team



Artizan are finalists in three categories at this year's Stray Ferret Business Awards 2026!!

Sara Troup - Employee of the year

Sara leads the Artizan Organics enterprise for Artizan, which continues to go from strength to strength.

Liz Cluderay - Dynamic Leader

Liz joined Artizan in 2018 bringing with her an exciting background in hospitality & retail including founding her own successful retail business. With a passion for crafting & community, she has been instrumental in shaping Artizan's strong hospitality & enterprise led approach. Amongst Liz's many achievements, she has established a thriving operation providing work place skills training in the café & shop. She won the Your Harrogate Employer of the year in 2024 and continues to grow and develop the charity through initiatives such as the Artizan Collective and Mosaics for Schools. Liz is a phenomenal leader, with a natural ability to engage and empower her teams to deliver the vision and mission of Artizan.

Artizan International - Finally, we are proud to be finalists in the **Inclusion** Category for our work in Harrogate- Fingers crossed! 🙏

Thank you for Joining the Journey with us

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