

# Twilight Talk about Design at Dovecot

## SCOTTISH DESIGN GOES FULL CIRCLE – Material Innovation and Our Circular Economy

Designing a sustainable Scotland is the focus of the latest in a series of Twilight Talks about Design this autumn. Led by John Ennis of Journeys in Design, an expert panel of four speakers will explore the potential of material innovation, community and the circular economy on Thursday 14 November 2019 at Dovecot Studios.

Established in 2014, Twilight Talks about Design is the longest-running set of free, independent public talks tailored specifically to design in Scotland. Each talk aims to stimulate discussion of the broader role of design in the cultural landscape, hosting key speakers with an international perspective and taking themes from local to global and back.

The four panellists for Material Innovation and Our Circular Economy on 14<sup>th</sup> November are Lynn Wilson (circular economy consultant and UN Chair on circular economy), Trish Belford (Senior Research Fellow at the Art and Design Institute at Ulster University International), Marnie Collins (Assistant Professor of Textile and Design at HWU School of Textiles and Design) and John Ferguson (Founder of East Africa Sisal Midlothian). Each will address a different aspect of the evening's theme.

The November Twilight Talk will be opened by Robin Harper OBE, the first Green Party MSP and now Honorary Vice-President of the Arboricultural Association. He says, "We have reached the

stage in materials development when it is clear from the condition of our rivers and seas, we need to abandon our experiment of polluting with plastics and go back to continuing the development of natural, fibre-based materials in which humanity has 5,000 to 6,000 years' experience."



Dr John Ennis at the formal launch of Our Linen Stories with Eileen McCallum MBE, Robin Harper, Jennifer Dowager Marchioness of Bute and Juliet Cadzow

John Ennis of Journeys in Design added: "We all want to walk more lightly on the Earth .Sustainable design could be part of our efforts. Earth has been designing pretty well for millennia so we should be co-designing with the planet."

All Twilight Talks about Design are free to attend but as places are limited, booking in advance through [Eventbrite](#) is essential.

The November talk is allied with the exhibition and event series Our Linen Stories running at Dovecot Studios Tapestry Viewing Balcony until January 2020.



Pictured is Sarah Calmus with a flax sitting room lamp.

## **OUR LINEN STORIES**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at 6.30pm: Material Innovation and Our Circular Economy**  
**Dovecot Studios, 10 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh (Doors open 5.30pm)**  
 Chair: **Dr John Ennis**, Journeys in Design  
 Opened by: **Robin Harper OBE**, Co-Chair of Astley Ainslie Community Trust and Hon. Vice-President of the Arboricultural Association.  
**Panel of Speakers: Lynn Wilson** (Circular Economy Consultant, public speaker and thought leader specialising in the apparel and textiles sector) on 'Design and the Circular Economy'  
**Trish Belford** (Senior Research Fellow at the Art and Design Institute at Ulster University International) on 'Linen Lace Concrete'  
**John Ferguson** (Social Entrepreneur, motivated to tackle climate injustice through ethical business and international development) on 'Sustainable Geotextiles'  
**Marnie Collins** (Assistant Professor of Textile Design at Heriot-Watt University School of Textiles and Design) on 'Textile Community'

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 6.30pm: Scotland in Europe: Sharing Cultures through Design**  
**Dovecot Studios, 10 Infirmary Street, Edinburgh**  
 Celebrating our shared material and object cultures, key speakers help explore a range of platforms on

which to nourish design links with Europe.

**BOOKING TICKETS** Read more about the panel of experts and book your free ticket via Eventbrite by visiting: <http://ow.ly/uz8J50wVsig>

As door open at 5.30pm on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November, ticketholders for the Twilight Talk about Design will have to opportunity to view the allied Our Linen Stories exhibition before the talk on the Tapestry Studio Viewing Balcony. Normal opening hours until Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2020 are:Monday to Friday: 12:00pm-3.00pm, Saturday 10.30am-5.30pm. Admission is free.