

Dear Silkmen Supporters,

I am writing to tell you of a wonderful opportunity to get involved in a project that celebrates the history of Macclesfield Town Football Club and it's links to the industry that created Macclesfield.

From 19th June we will be working at the football club and other partners around Macclesfield in order to give you an overview of the historic, current and textile industry of Macclesfield and the rare opportunity to see, touch, learn and make using the materials that city is known worldwide for.

### **What will I do?**

As a Home Ground project participant you will tour the town's historic manufacturing past and thriving highly skilled industry. Home Ground will give you the opportunity to try your hand at making and designing textiles and your contribution to the creation of a celebratory new art piece for Macclesfield all under the guidance of Internationally recognised artist Zoe Hillyard.

### **What do I need?**

No prior experience is required, just the enthusiasm to learn a new skill and share your stories about the club and the commitment of time on up to four half days from the 8th August 2015 and we are happy to work with the needs of the groups to set length and times of the sessions. In return we will ensure that you will have learnt more about your club, city and have developed a new creative skill that will be showcased in the "Souvenirs from Home" Exhibition which will tour to Macclesfield in autumn 2016 after its celebratory exhibition launch including all six football clubs at the Devon Guild of Craftsman, Riverside Gallery in Bovey Tracey.

### **What teams are involved?**

The football clubs involved have long-established nicknames from the local craft industries that have shaped the community and locality. Macclesfield Town – "The Silkmen", Walsall Town – "The Saddlers", Luton Town – "The Hatters", Crystal Palace – "The Glaziers, Sheffield United – "The Blades" from the city's worldwide reputation for steel production. Stoke City, "The Potters", reflects one of England's greatest industries having been the centre for ceramics production since the 17th century.

### **When are the sessions?**

We will be delivering session in Macclesfield From the 8<sup>th</sup> August.

**Research visit - Sat 8<sup>th</sup> August** to the Silk Museum, Paradise Mill and Adamley's Hand printed Textiles.

Making Sessions will be held on:

- **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August** at the Moss Rose Football Club 1pm-5pm
- **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> August** at the Moss Rose Football Club 1pm-5pm
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** at the Silk Museum 11am - 4pm
- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September** at the Silk Museum 11am - 4pm

### **How do I sign up?**

You can sign up by completing a short form on the Home Ground website which can be found below.

[www.homegroundcraft.com/join-us-silkmen/](http://www.homegroundcraft.com/join-us-silkmen/)

Best wishes

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