

Dear Lesley,

Thanks to the Arts Society Turners Hill, people in prisons have been able to achieve some incredible things in another turbulent year. Your support has helped thousands of prisoners and detainees to keep creative and to keep entering work in the Koestler Awards, despite lockdown restrictions in secure settings. We couldn't be prouder to be sharing this year's Arts Society Turners Hill Award with you. In the words of one 2021 Koestler Awards entrant,

"The Koestler Awards are the highlight of my year. Thank you for your time, encouragement and support, you've made my time in prison more bearable."

This would not have been possible without your support - thank you.

The winner of the 2021 Arts Society Turners Hill Award is "Gaudi Styled Stationery Stand".

An artist at HM Prison Lewes made "Gaudi Styled Stationery Stand" whilst living under lockdown, which for many prisoners and detainees, has meant 23 hours a day locked in-cell. They submitted 10 entries to the 2021 Koestler Awards, and this was the first year they took part in the Koestler Awards. Now, thanks to your support, they have a lifeline to the outside world - a way to kindle their creativity and grow confident about themselves and their art.

Our entrants tell us year-on-year that receiving personalised feedback is one of the most rewarding benefits of taking part in the Koestler Awards, and if you'd like to share your thoughts on "Gaudi Styled Stationery Stand" with the artist do let me know and I can pass on your comments to them.

With restrictions still ongoing in secure settings, we've committed to making sure nobody facing lockdown in a cell lacks a chance to express themselves positively. Everybody who took part in the Koestler Awards this year will receive a certificate for their entries, along with personal feedback and Awards to thousands of entrants. Through all this and more, your generosity has kept people in prisons connected to the outside world and to the benefits of being creative.

We're incredibly proud to be returning to Southbank Centre this year with [The I and the We](#), our showcase of the 2021 Koestler Awards curated by Camile Walala and Sarah Ilher-Meyer. We'd be thrilled to meet you if you're able to visit the exhibition, and if you'd like to arrange a bespoke tour for your members do let Mali or I know and we will find a date that works best for you. We will be at Southbank Centre every Wednesday between the 3rd November and the 3rd December, and so if any of those days work for you we'd love to see you then.

Thank you, again, for continuing to support people in the criminal justice system through our work and the Arts Society Turners Hill Award. If you've any questions I can answer about your support, [The I and the We](#) or what's next for Koestler Arts, I'd love to hear from you. I look forward to hopefully meeting you at the exhibition, and take care until then.

Best wishes,

Jon

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