



MAKER'S ISLAND BORNHOLM

Bornholm holds a strong position in craftsmanship, both nationally and internationally. This has most recently been expressed through achieving the title of World Craft Region. In 2017 Bornholm became the first region in Europe, and the first island in the world to be awarded the title by the UNESCO-recognized organization, the World Craft Council. This international honor is awarded to regions of exceptional craftsmanship and is regarded as an international mark of quality. It recognizes Bornholm as a crafts centre of the very highest standards, with a high concentration of talent, professionalism, tradition, quality and cooperation.

"The rich tradition based originally on ceramic and glass production has led to the development of a broad rich and embedded eco- system of craft studios, museums, biennales and education facilities on the island. The standard of excellence in craftsmanship across disciplines that the jury experienced is on par with the best internationally..."

World Craft Council Europe

BEHIND MAKER'S ISLAND BORNHOLM

Strong cooperation between the following operators will ensure synergies, skills-development and internationalization. The partners:

Arts & Crafts Association Bornholm, the Regional Municipality of Bornholm, Bornholm Art Museum, Bornholms Center for Arts & Crafts, Hjorths Fabrik - the Ceramic Factory & Museum of Bornholm, the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts Schools of Architecture, Design and Conservation (KAKD) in Nexø, Business Center Bornholm, Destination Bornholm and Centre for Regional & Tourism Research.

Arts & Crafts Association Bornholm (ACAB)

An arbitrated crafts association in which each craftsperson is endorsed and approved by an external reviewing committee prior to being admitted. ACAB was founded in 2002 and as of 2019 has 71 members, which equates to 2/3 of all craftspeople on the island.

World Craft Council (WCC)

The largest international craftsmanship organization (non-profit, non-governmental), recognized by UNESCO and created to promote craftsmanship.

The School of Design, Nexø

The Glass and Ceramics School on Bornholm was founded in 1997 and since 2011 has been a part of the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts Schools of Architecture, Design and Conservation (KAKD). A 3½ year professional bachelor in Craft - Glass and Ceramics is offered on Bornholm. In 2019, a total of 16 students were accepted out of 58 applicants, of which 8 were international students.

Center for Regional- and Tourism Research

The report *The World Craft Region title – an asset for Bornholm's craft and tourism sectors (2018)* showed that the 45 craftspeople questioned in 2017 generated a turnover of some 28 million Danish Kroner. In addition to their own jobs, they also created work for another 41 people.

Hjorths Fabrik

This historic ceramics factory was founded in 1859 and is now the only ceramics factory still operating in Denmark. The factory is a listed building and has been named as one of the 25 most important industrial monuments in Denmark. At Hjorths Fabrik you can experience ceramics production, as well as explore their collection of historical ceramics. Today, Hjorths Fabrik produces both traditional stoneware as well as newer designs, and in 2018 created a service for the famous Noma restaurant, among others. In autumn 2019, and in collaboration with the Bornholm Art Museum, the factory will open a permanent exhibition featuring the best of Bornholm's ceramics.