

A New Centre of Excellence for Silversmithing in Banff
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Banff is one of the few historical centres of Scottish Provincial Silver and has a wonderful history of over 20 makers working in the town over a 200-year period.

Aberdeenshire Council's Regeneration Plan led to the redevelopment of the former Mealhouse building in Banff. The Regeneration Plan had Silversmithing central to the creative regeneration of the town.

Vanilla Ink for jewellery was set up in 2009 and we moved into our second home for silversmithing - The Smiddy in September 2019. In this talk we will discuss Vanilla Ink's background, our philosophy and our journey to opening the Smiddy in Banff.

We are currently running a variety of classes and Social Enterprise programmes and have big plans to further develop our offer in the north-east coast of Scotland.