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## **Bankside Gallery launches Art Fundraiser in aid of Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**

London, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2022 - Bankside Gallery has announced the launch of an online art fundraising exhibition, with 100% of proceeds going to the Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal (DEC).

The exhibition consists of a selection of paintings and original prints, all of which have been generously donated by artists of the Royal Watercolour Society (RWS) and Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers (RE).

### **Angela Parker, Director of Bankside Gallery, comments:**

*"We have been absolutely overwhelmed by the generosity of the RWS and RE artists who have donated almost 200 original artworks to Bankside Gallery's Ukraine fundraising exhibition - we are so incredibly grateful for their support."*

*"The DEC (Disaster Emergency Committee) is our chosen charity for this fundraiser because of their pivotal role in providing help on the ground, fast; their experience in responding to crises around the world makes them a fantastic charity to support."*

### **Jill Leman PRWS, President of the Royal Watercolour Society, said:**

*"I am very proud to be among the RWS and RE artists who have donated works to this brilliant fundraising exhibition. Watching from afar as the horrific events unfold in Ukraine, it is easy to feel helpless - any fundraising efforts such as this go a long way in providing vital support to those that need it most, and are good reminders that we all can play our part."*

### **David Ferry PRE, President of the Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers, said:**

*"This art fundraiser is an incredibly important initiative, and one that I am very glad to be a part of. Historically, art has played a crucial role during times of crisis as a means of protest, activism and expression; it seems apposite that we, as artists, should show our solidarity and support in this way."*

The art fundraiser exhibition will run from **16 - 23 March**, hosted on [Bankside Gallery's website](http://Bankside Gallery's website). All artworks are unframed, available to buy immediately online and have delivered straight to your door.

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## NOTES TO EDITORS

### **Bankside Gallery**

Bankside Gallery is the home of the Royal Watercolour Society (RWS), and the Royal Society of Painter Printmakers (RE). Its vibrant exhibitions celebrate the very best in contemporary water-based media and original print, championing the work of both new and established artists.

For over 40 years Bankside Gallery has played a crucial role in displaying and promoting work on paper; exploring its boundaries while supporting education activities organised by the RWS and RE.

Opened by Her Majesty the Queen in 1980, Bankside Gallery is a registered educational charity and receives no government funding.

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### **Disasters Emergency Committee**

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) brings together 15 leading UK aid charities to raise funds quickly and efficiently at times of crisis overseas. Their mission is to save, protect and rebuild lives through effective humanitarian response.

Pooling their resources to work as one, they are pivotal in co-ordinating the UK public's response to overseas disasters. In collaboration with their Rapid Response Network of national media and corporate partners, they raise the alarm to the UK public and set up easy ways to donate.

[www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk)