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Caius Bearder wins Heritage Crafts Young Metalworker of the Year Award

Glasgow silver spinner Caius Bearder has won the second annual *Young Metalworker of the Year Award*, supported through a donation by Lucy and Laurence Butcher, including a £1,000 prize awarded at a special presentation at Eltham Palace on Tuesday 26 November 2024.

Heritage Crafts was set up 14 years ago as a national charity to support and safeguard heritage crafts skills, and has become well known for its *Red List of Endangered Crafts*, the first research of its kind to rank traditional crafts in the UK by the likelihood they will survive the next generation.

The award, now in its second year, celebrates a young metalworker who has made an outstanding start to their craft career. The winner is highly skilled amongst their peers, whilst raising the perceived value of their craft through sharing and awareness raising. They have given themselves a fantastic chance of achieving long-term success, perhaps overcoming disadvantage or setbacks along the way.



Caius Bearder is a silversmith studying silver spinning with Sheffield master craftsman and current *Precious Metalworker of the Year* Warren Martin. During the time he has spent with Warren he has been meticulous in everything he does, demonstrating exceptionally fast learning and extreme competence. He is also a very generous teacher himself, having supported students at Glasgow School of Art whilst as an artist-in-residence, and latterly as a technician, passing on his skills he learnt from Warren.

The two other finalists for the award were **Caitlin Murphy**, who graduated in silversmithing and jewellery from the Glasgow School of Art and the postgraduate course at Bishopsland Educational Trust, and **Zac Parrott**, who has trained with blacksmith Peter Fenton, to make tool and decorative and functional ironwork, including a very accomplished Irish farm gate.

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Photo captions:

- **Caius Bearder**, winner of the 2024 *Young Metalworker of the Year Award*, and **Lucy Butcher**, Heritage Crafts Benefactor. Photo by Robert Wade.

About Heritage Crafts

Founded in 2009, the Heritage Crafts is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) registered as the 'Heritage Crafts Association', the advocacy body for traditional heritage crafts. Working in partnership with government and key agencies, it provides a focus for craftspeople, groups, societies and guilds, as well as individuals who care about the loss of traditional crafts skills, and works towards a healthy and sustainable framework for the future. Its aim is to support and promote heritage crafts as a fundamental part of our living heritage.

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About the Red List of Endangered Crafts

The Red List of Endangered Crafts, created by Heritage Crafts, was the first to rank traditional crafts in the UK by the likelihood they would survive the next generation. The 2023 edition of the Red List, funded by the Pilgrim Trust, assessed 259 crafts to identify those which are at greatest risk of disappearing, of which 62 have been classified as critically endangered, 84 as endangered and 112 as currently viable.

The Red List shows that the craft knowledge, skills and practices that form an important part of our shared cultural heritage are – for a number of reasons – at risk of being lost. Heritage Crafts believes that these cultural assets are as important as unique heritage buildings and ancient beautiful

landscapes and could provide future generations with fantastic opportunities to enrich their lives and the lives of others.

<http://redlist.heritagecrafts.org.uk>