

Welcome to the Maker's Q&A

We ask a farOpen member a dozen quick questions about their life as a maker.



Your name

Derek A. Lamb

Your craft

Pottery

Describe your work in 3 words

Mud gone dry!

How long have you been a maker?

Started as a hobby in the mid 80s then instantly became a passion.

What's the best part of your process?

Throwing Pots

What's the worst part of your process?

Having to get off the Potter's wheel to fire stuff.

Do you have a favourite book about your craft?

The Potter's Book by Bernard Leach

What are you reading?

Tend to fall asleep when I read! Unless listening to Jimi Hendrix whose gotta be the best electric guitarist ever! Thought I'd just mention that!

What's your favourite film?

Leap Year or The Tape. I know that's two!!

What do you listen to in your studio?

Classic Fm with a Josh Stick burning.

What one thing would improve your life as a maker?

Sunshine!

What's the best piece of advice you have received?

'Go ahead son & be a Potter, if that's what you really want'....I was a Probation Officer at the time.

What's the worst thing you can say to a maker?

Did you hear the advert about the Cruise company that made a hand crafted itinerary!!...No it's not a joke though I did laugh!

Life as a maker can be challenging, would you do it all again?

It's been a torturous journey but wouldn't have chosen a different path.