



# FLOWERFIELD ARTS CENTRE

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"A great asset to the community on the north coast and beyond."



# FLOWERFIELD ARTS CENTRE

***We strive to nurture artistic talent and provide exceptional interactive creative opportunities for all.***

Come visit us at Flowerfield Park, just a quick 5-minute drive from Portstewart Promenade. You'll be surrounded by the stunning beauty of the park, including the incredible Diversity Playpark.

Take some time to relax and have a picnic on our outdoor piazza, and don't forget to check out our amazing exhibitions that are held throughout the year. Plus, we offer a wide range of creative workshops for both kids and adults, so you can tap into your artistic side and experience the therapeutic benefits of creativity.

Our facilities include a 130-seater performance space, three main galleries, plus dedicated craft studios for ceramics and glass. We even have a FabLab, multi-

purpose classrooms, an I.T. media suite, a boardroom and of course, we've got you covered with free Wi-Fi, a cosy children's reading zone in our reception area and refreshments are available.

We want you to feel at home here at Flowerfield and we look forward to welcoming you.

## **WE ARE OPEN**

Monday to Friday 9.30am-5pm  
Wednesday & Thursday evenings 7-9pm  
Saturday 10am-1pm

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# EXHIBITIONS

## HIDDEN CREATIVITY

North West Regional College  
6 January – 24 February

Hidden Creativity showcases multidisciplinary works in a variety of art practices including painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, illustration and mixed media, exploring themes of the natural world, poetry, music, locality, memory and experience.

All of the pieces on display have been created by past and present Higher National Certificate (HNC) students from the North West Regional College, with this exhibition focusing on their journey as they navigate and unleash creative self-discovery.



## FIRST THEY IGNORE YOU

Sheila Chakravarti  
9 March – 20 April



EXHIBITION LAUNCH:

**Saturday 9 March | 1pm**

All welcome.

Sheila Chakravarti is a socially engaged photographer, long time educator, and activist. Her current work centres around her own experiences - and that of other people of colour - of racism in Northern Ireland.

Chakravarti uses photography as a tool to promote change in her community. By exploring the universal experiences of people who have come to settle here, the artist hopes to encourage public engagement and awareness of the many complex issues involved. This exhibition was curated by Belfast Exposed and we are delighted to present it in Portstewart.



CINEMAGIC PRESENTS:

**PETE'S DRAGON**

Saturday 10 February | 11am

FILM

*FREE entry with food bank donation items, booking essential.**Dir: David Lowery - USA - 2016 - 102 mins - Cert: PG*

Join Cinemagic for its Spring Young Audiences Supporting Foodbanks initiative with a screening of Disney's Pete's Dragon. Entry is free with a donation of food/grocery items to support Causeway Foodbank. The event is supported by Film Hub NI and the BFI FAN Film Exhibition Fund, awarding funds from National Lottery.

A kind woodcarver delights local children with stories of a mysterious dragon that lives deep in the woods. His daughter Grace believes these are just tall tales, until she meets Pete, a 10-year-old orphan who says he lives in the woods with a 'giant'! With the help from a young girl named Natalie, Grace sets out to investigate if this fantastic claim can be true. This live-action remake of the 1977 children's classic is an emotional and adventurous tale of loss, independence and the bonds of friendship.





"It was over too quickly."

# THE BREATH

Saturday 24 February

8pm (Doors 7.30pm)

Tickets £20 full, £18 concession

MUSIC

*This event takes place in our Auditorium with an unreserved tiered seating*

*The Breath rolls across the senses like clouds caress low hills – always moving, changing, evolving; and utterly fascinating - Folk Radio.com*

*..folk roots but different horizons... the jaw-droppingly stunning, woozy voice of Ríoghnach Connolly - The Guardian*

Singer/flautist Ríoghnach Connolly and Manchester-based guitarist Stuart McCallum are the creative heart of The Breath. Born out of Manchester's fertile music scene they mix Irish folk influences with mesmerizing guitar riffs, anthemic

themes and powerful hooks. Connolly's soulful vocals are interwoven into the electronic fabric of McCallum's distinctive sound-world. In turns hypnotic, lush, powerfully raw and raucously punchy, their songs entrance, uplift and break your heart as The Breath conjure a kaleidoscope of sound that perfectly frames Connolly's raw songs and soul cleansing vocals.

The Breath have released three albums on Peter Gabriel's Real World label, their most recent 'Land of My Other' featuring ten original tracks of raw, gorgeous, acoustic-minded music.

Connolly received an RTÉ Folk Award nomination for Best Folk Singer and won Folk Singer Of The Year at the 2019 BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards for which the duo were also nominated as Best Duo/ Group. This promises to be an outstanding evening of sublime music which will stop your heart in its tracks.





"I loved the warmth of the staff and audience."

Moving on Music present

# RÉALTA

Saturday 16 March

8pm (Doors: 7.30pm)

Tickets: £15 full, £13 concession

MUSIC

*This event takes place in our Auditorium with an unreserved tiered seating*

*Réalta carry on the Bothy Band tradition of taking tunes by the scruff of the neck and firing excitement through them like hot flames!*  
– Herald Scotland

Kick off your St. Patrick's Day weekend with a foot-stomping night of superb music! Reared on a staple diet of The Bothy Band, Planxty and other such classics, this Belfast based band captures the timeless aspects of the tradition and presents it in its raw form – fresh and beautiful.

This award-winning multi-instrumentalist group have travelled extensively, bringing their unique take on Irish traditional music to international audiences with an enchanting programme of dance music interspersed with the occasional air and song.

While Conor Lamb and Loïc Bléjean pursue the melody on uilleann pipes and whistles, guitarist and vocalist Deirdre Galway explores the harmony and rhythms within the tunes. All-Ireland champions Dermot Mulholland and Dermot Moynagh complete the line-up with dynamic accompaniments on double bass, bouzouki, banjo, bodhrán and voice, making Réalta one of the most exciting acts on the Irish music scene today.



# MAKE + DO FOR KIDS & YOUNG PEOPLE

Book via our website, call our Box Office team on **028 7083 1400** or pop in to pay.

We want to make sure that all children and young people participate in an enjoyable and safe environment. Therefore, please complete and return **consent forms for each under-18 no later than 24 hours before the activity begins**. Completed consent forms are a condition of participation.

**The best creativity is messy! Please make sure your child wears suitable clothing.**

## CRAFTY KIDS with Christina

for ages 8-12 years

**Saturday 20 January**

**10:30am-12:30pm | Cost: £12**

**Decoupage Activity Jars** – a fun craft session learning the simple technique of decoupage. Participants will take away their own unique decorated jars with their goals, dreams and wishes for 2024 added to treasure.



## WEEKEND WONDERS

10:30am-12noon for 5-7 years

1-2:30pm for 8+ years

Led by Linda Mulholland, children will dive into a creative whirlwind, experimenting with a mix of artistic materials and learning fantastical new techniques. Get ready for a blast of fun as they craft unique, awe-inspiring artwork.



WORK  
SHOP  
DATES

**Saturday 27 January**  
Winter | Cost: £9

**Saturday 10 February**  
Valentine's Day | Cost: £9

**Saturday 9 March**  
Mother's Day | Cost: £9

**Saturday 16 March**  
St. Patrick's Day | Cost: £9

**Saturday 23 March**  
Easter | Cost: £9

**Saturday 30 March**  
Easter | Cost: £9

WEEKEND WONDERS



## THROWING FOR TEENS

for 12-16 years

**Saturday 27 January | 11am-1pm**  
**Cost: £20** (includes all materials)

Explore the art of pottery wheel throwing in a laid-back and enjoyable atmosphere! Your teen will learn the basic throwing techniques and use these to create unique pieces. Final artworks will be fired and available for collection at a later date. *Participants should bring an apron and wear clothes they won't mind getting dirty. It's advisable they cut their nails short.*



## SCULPT YOUR PET

for 8-12 years

**Saturday 10 February | 11am-1pm**  
**Cost: £15 per session** (includes all materials)

Ceramicist Fiona Shannon will guide young artists in a one-day workshop to design and sculpt their pet (dog or cat) using air dry clay. *Please bring a picture of your pet, an apron and wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. It is advisable to cut your nails short for this class. Please bring a box with you to take your pet home in.*

## MID-TERM ART CLUB

for 8-12 years

**Wednesday 14-Friday 16 February**  
**10am-12noon | Cost: £27** (includes all materials)

Join Linda Mulholland for some mid-term creative mayhem! Chase those winter blues away by focusing on Springtime and making lots of imaginative, fabulous arts and crafts to take home.



"Lovely facilities and staff."

## CRAFTY KIDS with Christina

for ages 8-12 years

**Saturday 24 February**  
**10:30am-12:30pm | Cost: £12**

**Kimmy Cantrell-inspired Mixed-Media Collage Masks** – Kimmy Cantrell is known for his colourful ceramic masks depicting expressive asymmetrical faces with exaggerated eyes and whimsical features. Participants will make their own colourful and exciting cardboard masks to decorate their room.



## CRAFTY KIDS with Christina

for ages 8-12 years

**Saturday 23 March**  
**10:30am-12:30pm | Cost: £12**

**Nature Monoprints** – Using this fun printmaking technique, participants will create colourful and dynamic prints inspired by nature and the natural world around them.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY CERAMICS WORKSHOP

for 8-12 years

**Saturday 16 March | 11am-1pm**  
**Cost: £15 per session**

*(includes all materials)*

Explore the world of clay with Ceramicist Fiona Shannon as she guides young artists on

a delightful journey. Your child will get the opportunity to unleash their creativity by designing and crafting a charming, unique leprechaun and a pot of gold using air-dry clay under Fiona's expert guidance. Watch as their imagination comes to life in this engaging and hands-on experience. *Please bring an apron and wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. It is advisable to cut your nails short for this class. Please bring a box with you to take your masterpiece home in.*





# MAKE + DO FOR ADULTS

Book via our website, call our Box Office team on **028 7083 1400** or pop in to pay.

## DESIGN & MAKE A FUSED GLASS PLATE

Saturday 13 January

10am-1pm

Cost: £45 full, £40 concession

(includes all materials)

Natasha Duddy will teach glass cutting and glass grinding skills to help you create a mosaic-style plate using a combination of colours and patterns. Once fused, Natasha will transfer into moulds and re-fire to slump into plates. No previous experience required.

*Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*

## MUMS MEET AND MAKE



This series of creative workshops is specifically designed for new parents, giving you the opportunity to tap into your creativity, relax, and practice mindfulness.

These workshops are enriching, enjoyable and budget-friendly and offer new mums the chance to foster friendships that will last a lifetime. After each workshop, we encourage you to stay and enjoy some refreshments.

## MOULDING MEMORIES: CREATE A CERAMIC TRINKET DISH AND HANGING ORNAMENT WITH FIONA SHANNON

Thursday 25 January | 9.30-11am | Cost: £8

Under the guidance of Fiona Shannon, you will hand-mould clay into trinket dishes and hanging ornaments, imprinting them with unique patterns or imprints of your baby's footprint or thumbprint.

## CHERISHING MOTHERHOOD: WATERCOLOR ART WORKSHOP WITH ELAINE HARKNESS

Thursday 22 February | 9.30-11am | Cost: £8

Join artist Elaine Harkness and turn a favourite family photograph into a beautiful watercolour picture.

## GLOWING MOMENTS: GLASS PAINTING WORKSHOP WITH NATASHA DUDDY

Wednesday 27 March | 9.30-11am | Cost: £8

Under the guidance of artist Natasha Duddy you will design and paint a gorgeous glass tealight holder.

"What a terrific space, warm, inviting and conducive to art making at all levels."

## 5-WEEK HAND-BUILDING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS AND IMPROVERS

**Series 1:** Wednesday 17 January – 14 February | 2.30 – 4.30pm

**Series 2:** Wednesday 28 February – 27 March | 2.30 – 4.30pm

**Cost:** £145 full, £130 concession per series (includes all materials)

Whether you're a beginner or have prior experience, join ceramicist Fiona Shannon for this 5-week course where you will master hand-building techniques like slab building, coiling, pinch pots, and press moulds to craft diverse pots like vases and bowls. During the final session you will bring your creations to life with coloured vibrant slips. Items that will be fired and glazed in a clear glaze by the tutor to be collected at a later date. *Please bring apron and wear clothes that you won't mind getting a little messy. It is advisable to cut your nails short for this class.*



## 5-WEEK THROWING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS

**Series 1:** Wednesday 17 January – 14 February | 10.30am-12.30pm

**Series 2:** Wednesday 17 January – 14 February | 7-9pm

**Series 3:** Thursday 18 January – 15 February | 2.30-4.30pm

**Series 4:** Thursday 18 January – 15 February | 7-9pm

**Series 5:** Wednesday 28 February – 27 March | 10.30am-12.30pm

**Series 6:** Wednesday 28 February – 27 March | 7-9pm

**Series 7:** Thursday 29 February – 28 March | 2.30-4.30pm

**Series 8:** Thursday 29 February – 28 March | 7-9pm

**Cost:** £145 full, £130 concession per series (includes all materials)

Learn the basics of throwing on the pottery wheel to create a variety of different pieces such as pots, mugs and bowls. You'll also learn turning techniques and how to add handles and feet. In the last week you will add colour to your pots using a variety of slips. Should you have previous experience, Fiona will assist you to develop your coloured slips and improve your techniques. Participants will use stoneware clay to make items to be fired and glazed by the tutor and collected at a later date. *Please bring apron and wear clothes that you won't mind getting a little messy. It is advisable to cut your nails short for this class.*



*"Flowerfield provides a great variety of courses, interesting exhibitions and other activities."*

## 8-WEEK T'AI CHI & QIGONG COURSE

Wednesday 31 January- Wednesday 20 March | 7-9pm

Cost: £75 full, £68 concession

T'ai Chi and Qigong focus on meditation, creating harmony and on bringing balance in our daily lives. In addition to their health and fitness benefits, by embracing the philosophy of harmony and balance you can learn to make every aspect of life happier, healthier and more compassionate.

Led by Dr Philip Johnston. *Please wear comfortable clothes that allow free movement and bring a bottle of water.*

## DESIGN & MAKE A FUSED GLASS WALL CLOCK

Saturday 3 February | 10am-1pm

Cost: £55 full, £50 concession

*(includes all materials)*

Natasha Duddy will teach glass fusing techniques to help you design and create piece of art that will have everyone stopping in time to appreciate it! You will learn glass cutting and grinding skills and choose colours to make opaque or transparent frits and stringers.

Following fusing, Natasha will drill holes for the hand mechanisms and fasten the back fitting.

No previous experience required. *Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*

## LOCAL LANDSCAPE PAINTING

Saturday 3, 10, 24 February

& 2 March | 10.30am-12.30pm

Cost: £50 full, £45 concession

*(includes all materials)*

Join local professional artist Sarah Carrington for this four-week series of acrylic painting workshops exploring land and seascape through observational and painting techniques. Alongside painting demonstrations by Sarah, you'll create various images of our stunning Causeway Coast area. Please bring your own images to work from and an apron or wear clothes you don't mind getting paint on. Some painting experience advisable - *a full list of materials to bring is included in our website event listing or call our reception team on 02870 831400.*

## 3-WEEK CONTEMPORARY STILL LIFE PAINTING COURSE

Thursday 15-29 February | 7-9pm

Cost: £50 full, £45 concession

Explore the practice of still life painting, celebrating Spring's new flowers and plants.

You will begin with drawing exercises that encourage you to be expressive and intuitive.

Led by Heather Byrne you will make studies from still life setups of flowers, plants and fruit, looking at the play between line, shape and colour. *A full list of materials to bring is included in our website event listing or call our reception team on 02870 831400. Please wear old clothes which you don't mind getting a little dirty.*

"An essential resource to the area."

## FUSED GLASS: SNOWDROPS

Thursday 22 February | 7-9pm

Cost: £32 full, £29 concession  
(includes all materials)

Join EJ McCartney for a captivating session creating stunning fused glass snowdrop artwork, perfect for keeping or gifting. Participants will learn the art of cutting and assembling glass using various forms such as sheet glass, frit, stringers, and confetti then design and craft their own unique piece. After kiln firing participants can collect their work approximately a week after the workshop.

*Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*



## SIMPLE CERAMICS FOR THE SPRING TABLE

Saturday 24 February | 11am-1pm

Cost: £49 full, £44 concession  
(includes all materials)

Led by Ceramic Artist Fiona Shannon, this workshop for beginners will teach you how to create a range of hand-built ceramics using stoneware clay. You will learn how to hand roll, form and decorate a range of pots suitable for a bright Spring table. Fiona will demonstrate how to create stunning simple ceramic mini dishes, centrepiece plates and small cake stands, perfect to enjoy some home baked with tea on a Spring evening.

Participants can choose to create one of their own unique ceramic centrepieces (plate/cake stand or cheese board) as well as a couple of mini pots which will then be fired and glazed for you, to be collected at a later date. *Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and bring an apron.*





## 4-WEEK IRISH & SCOTTISH CÉILÍ/ CÈILIDH DANCING COURSE

Thursday 29 February - 21 March

7.15-8.45pm

Cost: £30 full, £27 concession

Led by Paula Kennedy, this lively and fun course looks at the cultural background of dances alongside practising them. Suitable for beginners, but those with previous experience and a love of céilí/cèilidh dancing are also most welcome. Adequate level of fitness advisable.

*Please wear comfortable clothes that allow free movement, non-slip flat shoes and bring a bottle of water.*



## FUSED GLASS

Thursday 29 February to 21 March | 7-9pm

Cost: £70 full, £63 concession

A fantastic way to develop your fused glass skills with EJ McCartney, this four-week course allows students to experiment with different techniques and create a range of items, trying out new and exciting ideas. From slumped bowls to coasters, from candle holders to wind chimes and even jewellery, the possibilities are endless. Participants will require some experience in working with fused glass. Materials provided. *Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*

## PAINTING DRAMATIC SKIES IN OIL

Thursday 29 February AND

Thursday 14 March AND

Thursday 28 March

10am-12.30pm

Cost: £35 full, £32 concession

Artist Elaine Harkness leads this three-part course exploring how to create energetic stormy clouds and also beautiful calm skies. Suitable for beginners and those who wish to improve their landscape painting skills. *Please bring your own brushes, all other materials will be provided.*

"As always, wonderful - staff were great."

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FUSED GLASS FLORAL CANDLE HOLDER

Saturday 2 March | 10am-1pm

Cost: £36 full, £32 concession

(includes all glass materials)

Create two rectangular panels (sized 10x15cm) based and inspired by floral designs. After fusing the panels will be glued to a glass candle holder. This will allow each participant to enjoy their fused glass piece both in daylight and illuminated in the dark evening times with a tealight. *Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*

## POSITIVE MINDS THROUGH ART (6 WEEKS)

Thursday 7 March-11 April  
2.30-4.30pm

Free admission but advance booking essential. Please contact Tori at COAST to book 028 777 67860.

COAST are delighted to offer a 6-week craft and well-being course for participants aged 60+. This creative programme will be facilitated by Christina from Meraki Art NI and the session aim to empower participants to build confidence, strengthen community relationships and help reduce loneliness.

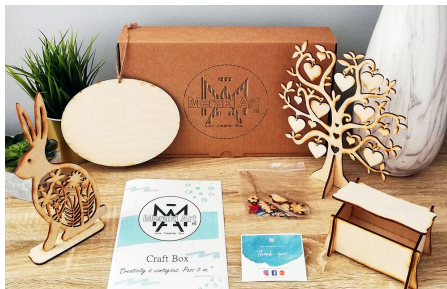
## MOTHER'S DAY VASE WORKSHOP

Saturday 9 March | 11am-1pm

Cost: £45 full, £40 concession

(includes all materials)

A one-day workshop with Ceramicist Fiona Shannon who will guide you through designing and making your own small Vase. This workshop is suitable for beginners, and ideal to create a Mother's day gift or to book for your mum to attend. *Please bring an apron and wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty. It is advisable to cut your nails short for this class.*



LOTTERY FUNDED

Causeway Older Active Strategic Team