

Flowerfield Arts Centre

Sept - Dec 2026



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➤ "The warm welcome and excellent facilities."



National Theatre Live | *The Misanthrope*

What's Happening at Flowerfield Arts Centre from Sept - Dec 2026



Flowerfield Arts Centre

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

The only dedicated multi-disciplinary Arts Centre on the stunning Causeway Coast, come visit us in Flowerfield Park, just a quick two-minute drive from Portstewart Promenade. Have fun in the Diversity Playpark, before taking some time to relax with us - enjoy a picnic on our outdoor terrace, spend some time with our world-class exhibitions, savour our live gigs and family theatre, sit back and immerse yourself in superb films or get creative in one of our many workshops. Our facilities include a 130-seater performance space, three main galleries, and dedicated craft studios for ceramics and glass as well as multi-purpose classrooms.

With free Wi-Fi, free car parking right outside the door and refreshments available, we want you to feel at home here at Flowerfield and we look forward to welcoming you.

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We are open

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

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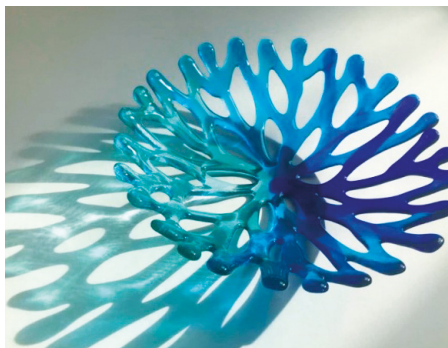
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Cathal McNaughton



Exhibitions



Cloud Flocks & Herds

Helen Merrigan Colfer

10 September - 24 October

Launch including an In Conversation with Helen Merrigan Colfer and

Noelle McAlinden | Thursday 10 September | 7-9pm | All Welcome

Based at the Hook Head Peninsula in County Wexford, Colfer's practice explores the relationship between humanity and nature through layered, thought-provoking narratives. Having first exhibited with us in 2020, the award-winning, internationally acclaimed artist presents a new body of work, curated by Noelle McAlinden.

Through a series of intricate and stunningly detailed ceramic sculptures, Colfer explores an absence of a sense of self and how this affects our personal narrative.

Where some feel comfortable in their skin, others drift in liminality — existing on the periphery, never quite fitting in. For the artist this is comparable to being *cloudlike*; feeling pulled, pushed & torn by external forces. As clouds flock together, we seek the sanctuary of kindred spirits, drawn towards others as we navigate our own identities.

In this journey, we learn to celebrate what makes us uniquely different.

➤ *"A favourite visiting place for concerts, films and exhibitions."*



Christmas Craft Market

14 November - 23 December

The best Christmas Market on the North Coast, Flowerfield's Christmas Craft Market brings together a curated selection of Northern Ireland's finest artists, makers and craftspeople. A must-visit destination for unique handmade gifts, beautiful creations and relaxed Christmas shopping, the market offers a warm and welcoming atmosphere for locals and visitors alike. It's the perfect place to discover one-of-a-kind treasures while supporting talented independent makers.



Christmas Craft Market Launch |

Saturday 14 November |

10.30am – 4pm

Come along for our opening day with music, entertainment and additional shopping provided by Naturally North Coast and Glens Artisan Market.

Drop-in Family Christmas

Decoration Session | Saturday 5

December | 10.30am–12 noon

Families are invited to join us for a festive drop-in session, making beautiful decorations to treasure or hang proudly at home. Share stories, swap ideas and enjoy quality time together as grandparents, parents and children craft alongside each other.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.*

Twilight Market | Thursday 10

December | 6.30-8.30pm

An evening of relaxed browsing and gift buying awaits at our special Twilight Market. Enjoy complementary alcohol-free mulled wine and festive treats, live music and a warm welcome on a winter's evening.

➤ *"Staff are always brilliant. Lovely environment."*

Song and Shadow

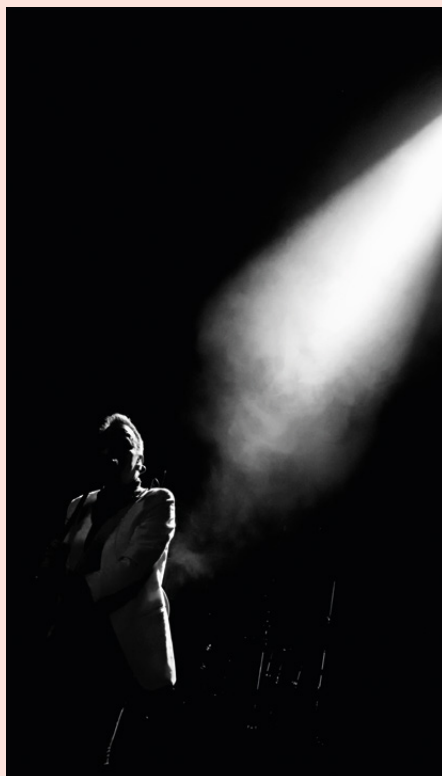
Aaron Doherty

14 November–16 January | Upper Gallery

Inspired by his father's love of photography, Coleraine-based photographer Doherty's work spans landscapes, portraits and live concerts.

This exhibition features some of his most striking images of iconic musicians/performers, including Bruce Springsteen, Debbie Harry, Anthony Toner, Errol Walsh, Grainne Duffy, captured in unstaged, impromptu moments.

Blending spontaneity and a nostalgic glamour reminiscent of 1940s & 50s cinematic black-and-white photography, this eclectic exhibition celebrates the artistry, raw energy and emotion found in live performances.



Events

Exhibition on Screen

These inspirational films for art students, creatives and enthusiasts, offer rare insight into celebrated artists and major exhibitions, with behind-the-scenes access to world-class museums guided by expert historians.

David Hockney, Los Angeles, 9th March 2016 © David Hockney Photo Credit: Jean-Pierre Gonçalves de Lima



Hockney at The Royal Academy of Arts

Thursday 24 September | 7pm

(Doors 6.45pm) | Tickets £10 full, £8 concession

Following the iconic artist's death last year, enjoy this revealing portrait of David Hockney exploring his artistic journey, Royal Academy exhibitions and lifelong creativity through intimate interviews and exclusive behind-the-scenes access. *Dir. Phil Grabsky* | 80min

ACCOMPANYING WORKSHOPS

Digital Drawing for 7-12yrs |
See page 15 for full information.

Digital Painting for 18+yrs |
See page 18 for full information.

FILM

Tokyo Stories

Thursday 22 October | 7pm

(Doors 6.45pm) | Tickets £10 full, £8 concession

Tokyo's vibrant artistic spirit comes alive in this journey through 400 years of creativity, from woodblock prints and Pop Art to Manga, film, photography and contemporary works. *Dir. David Bickerstaff* | 90min



EOS Tokyo Stories, Tokyo city © EXHIBITION ON SCREEN

➤ *"Warm, comfortable venue. Friendly, helpful staff. A well organised event - music was excellent."*

FILM

Exhibition on Screen

Michelangelo |

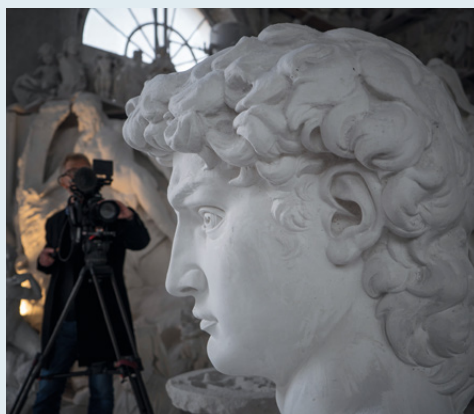
Love and Death

Thursday 26 November | 7pm

(Doors 6.45pm) | Tickets £10 full,

£8 concession

A cinematic exploration of Michelangelo's life, revealing the passion, rivalries and genius behind his Renaissance masterpieces, including the Sistine Chapel ceiling, David and Pietà. *Dir. David Bickerstaff | 91min*



National Theatre Live Screening

The Misanthrope | by Martin Crimp

after Molière

Thursday 8 October | 7pm (Doors 6.45pm) | Tickets £12

full, £10 concession

Award-winning Sandra Oh (*Killing Eve*) stars as Alice in this razor-sharp reimagining of Molière's dark comedy. A brilliant novelist challenges society's carefully crafted lies but soon faces the consequences of speaking her truth in a world resistant to change. *Dir: Indhu Rubasingham | 120mins*

National
Theatre
Live



Savour some of the best of contemporary British theatre from the comfort of our auditorium.

Palladium Portstewart

We're delighted to support Palladium Portstewart — a new community film collective celebrating cinema and bringing local film enthusiasts together. Programming from the archives of BFI and Filmbank Media and ranging from the ridiculous to the sublime, Palladium Portstewart kicks off their first season at Flowerfield in September. Everyone is welcome!

Commando

Thursday 17 September | 7.15pm

(Doors 7pm) | Tickets £6 full,

£4 concession

A retired Special Forces colonel tries to save his daughter, who was abducted by a former subordinate. Relive the bombastic set pieces, crazy car chases and infamous one-liners. 1985 | Dir: Mark L Lester | 90mins | Cert 18

Obsession

Thursday 29 October | 7.15pm

(Doors 7pm) | Tickets £6 full,

£4 concession

A frightful and critically acclaimed Halloween screening. Baron "Bear" Bailey breaks a novelty charm to force his co-worker Nikki Freeman to love him, but the supernatural compulsion warps her mind into violent obsession, trapping him in a nightmare he cannot wish away. 2026 | Dir: Curry Barker | 109min | Cert 18



Innerspace

Thursday 19 November | 7.15pm

(Doors 7pm) | Tickets £6 full,

£4 concession

When a test pilot taking part in a secret miniaturisation experiment is accidentally injected into a hapless store clerk, the two must work together to prevent the technology from falling into the wrong hands. A classic Joe Dante comedy sci-fi thriller. 1987 | Dir: Joe Dante | 120min | Cert PG

Gremlins

Thursday 17 December | 7.15pm

(Doors 7pm) | Tickets £6 full,

£4 concession

After receiving an exotic small animal as a Christmas gift, a young man inadvertently breaks three important rules concerning his new pet, which unleashes a horde of malevolently mischievous creatures on a small town. A film that lurks somewhere between the dark shadows of comedy, horror and fantasy and 1980s nostalgia classic. 1984 | Dir: Joe Dante | 90min | Cert 12

➤ *"The event was amazing. Nothing to fault.
Personal and entertaining."*

LIVE
MUSIC

Northern Lights Sessions

The Rowan Leslie Trio |

The Rad Trad Tour II

Friday 11 September | 8pm

(Doors 7.30pm) | Tickets £18 full,

£15 concession | This event is

cabaret style and BYOB

Three extraordinary musicians come together to bring you the 'Rad Trad Tour' experience. Rowan Leslie is an Irish fiddle player and composer from outside Ballymena in County Antrim. His trio of fiddle, accordion (Paddy Callaghan), and guitar (Graeme Armstrong) play tunes from across Ireland blended with self-penned material, producing music that is



driving, innovative and evocative. Expect heart favourites, original compositions and an experience that is joyful, melancholy, inspiring and pure Rad Trad.

The beauty that is music is right here and it's going nowhere -

Grainne McCool, Irish Music Magazine

Ballywillan Drama Group presents

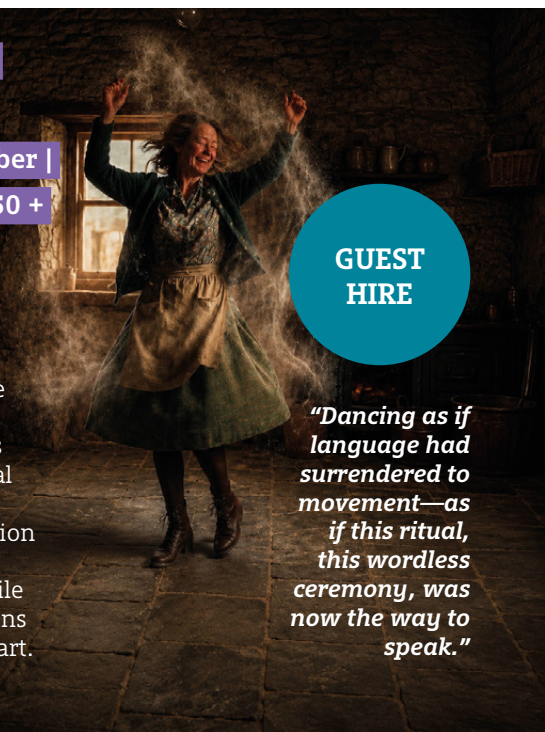
Dancing at Lughnasa

Thursday 24 - Saturday 26 September |

7.30pm (Doors 7pm) | Tickets £17.50 +

Online Booking Fee

Step back in time with Brian Friel's multi-award-winning masterpiece, *Dancing at Lughnasa*. Set in the golden, fading days of the summer of 1936, this unforgettable play follows the five fierce and loving Mundy sisters in rural County Donegal. As the harvest festival approaches, the arrival of their first radio, affectionately named "Marconi", sparks a brief, dazzling explosion of music, dance and suppressed longing. Friel's captivating script explores the fragile balance between strict societal expectations and the wild, untamed rhythms of the heart.



GUEST
HIRE

"Dancing as if language had surrendered to movement—as if this ritual, this wordless ceremony, was now the way to speak."

FREE
EVENT

Halloween Haunted House



Friday 30 October | 11am – 1pm | Free | Drop-in activities |

Children must be accompanied during this event

Our famous annual Halloween Haunted House event is back with even more frightening thrills and chills for the young and young at heart. Discover the Samhain stories that inspired the Halloween celebrations we know today, and explore how Irish customs travelled across the Atlantic, sparking new traditions and connecting communities through the magic of Halloween.

Get hands-on with creepy crafts, make mysterious creations and join us for a monster mash disco where little witches, wizards, ghosts and ghouls can dance the afternoon away.

Costumes are highly encouraged—whether you're a cheeky pumpkin, a friendly ghost or a creature from another world, we can't wait to see your spookiest style.



Atlantic Sessions

Grainne Duffy Unplugged |

Supported by Lonesome Pete

Friday 13 November | 8pm (Doors

7.30pm) | Tickets £18 + Online

**booking fee | This event is cabaret
style and BYOB**

**LIVE
MUSIC**

Atlantic Sessions brings Grainne Duffy back to Flowerfield after her sell out show in May. With a voice that effortlessly fuses blues and soul with contemporary Irish rock, her musical influences are clear and delivered with raw power. A faultless band performance with warmth, humour, banter and deep blues soul take the audience with it a journey. Emotionally succinct rock 'n' roll with crafted lyrics, catchy hooks and intertwining guitars reminiscent of the early Faces.



Sunday Brunch with Ralph McLean | In the Round

with Brunch by Bazaar Street Food | Sunday 15 November |

12noon (Doors 11.30am) | Tickets £25 +

Online booking fee

Is there a better way to spend a Sunday afternoon on the coast? We don't think so. Sunday Brunch is back, better than ever and hosted by BBC NI's Ralph McLean. Enjoy a delicious brunch from Bazaar Street Food while you kick back, relax and soak up a line-up of incredible musicians and vocals, banter and conversation.



Book directly with Atlantic Sessions — scan the QR codes for these events.

➤ *"What a wonderful experience! It's amazing to be able to bring these creations to life. Fabulous workshop."*

Festive Tea Dance

with The Leading Ladies

Friday 27 November | 2-4.30pm |

Free but booking essential

Join us for a special festive tea dance and share great live music with the wonderful Leading Ladies singing all your old-time favourites. Dancing, tea, coffee, scones and treats in time to get you in the festive mood! This event is free and residential, care homes and community groups are most welcome to come along for a great afternoon together.



COMMUNITY

Big Telly's Christmas Bear Hospital

Saturday 5 December | 10.30am- 12.30pm

OR 1-3pm | Free drop-in to A&E with your

sick or injured teddy bears

The little bears have ended up in Bear Hospital again! Slips, sniffles, skids and scratches - and they have an utterly bonkers team of nutty nurses and dotty doctors looking after them! Families come along with their bears to the hospital. Sick, injured or not, bears of all shapes and sizes end up in 'Intensive BEAR' or BEARiatrics. In the event of an emergency, they will be rushed off in our AmBEARlance! They receive the best, if not eccentric care!



THEATRE

Drop in with your sick or injured bears and experience this playful, interactive performance by award-winning Big Telly Theatre Company - featuring professional actors as (overly) dramatic doctors and nurses all dedicated to bear care. It's cute, sweet and hilarious - and that's just the adults laughing!

» *"I enjoyed every minute."*

Northern Lights Sessions

Anthony Toner in Concert

Friday 11 December | 8pm (Doors 7.30pm) |

Tickets £25 full, £22 concession |

This event is cabaret style and BYOB

Anthony Toner returns to Flowerfield for an intimate evening of heartfelt songs, stories and exceptional fingerstyle guitar.

Celebrating a much-loved catalogue spanning decades, Anthony will share favourites including 'Sailortown' and 'Cousins at Funerals', alongside new material from his acclaimed 2026 lyric collection.

Expect beautiful acoustic performances, personal reflections from the road, selected covers, poetry and a warm, engaging evening with one of Northern Ireland's finest singer-songwriters.

A chance to experience Anthony's unique storytelling, captivating musicianship and timeless songs in the stunning surroundings of our intimate auditorium.

LIVE
MUSIC

Tenx9 at Christmas

Friday 18 December | 7.30pm (Doors 7pm) |

Free but booking essential | This event is
cabaret style and BYOB

The ridiculously popular Tenx9 Christmas Special returns to Flowerfield for another set of heart stopping, heartbreaking, hilarious and downright unbelievable TRUE stories from real people! It's like nothing else you'll see this year. Ten stories, nine minutes, festive themes of extremes and just in time for the big day itself. Don't miss it. We recommend early booking!

SPOKEN
WORD

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.**

Inspired by Hockney | Digital

Drawing Workshop for 7-12yrs

Saturday 26 September | 10.30am-12.30pm |

Cost £15 | Can Do Academy

Have you got a little Hockney and budding digital artist in your house? This workshop teaches kids digital creative skills – how to draw and paint and create their own artwork on their tablets.



Autumn to Winter Weekend Wonders

Saturday 17 October | Collage Creatures

Saturday 12 December | Christmas Cards,

Gift Tags and Bags | Cost £10 | Tutor Linda

Mulholland | 10.30am-12.30am for 5-7yrs |

1- 3pm for 8-12yrs



It's time for little artists to get wintering and creating! Join Linda's Weekend Wonders to make colourful animal collages, then design special Christmas cards, gift tags and bags ready for all those festive pressies!

Weekend Wonders | Grandparents

Day Special for 6+yrs

Saturday 3 October | Session 1: 10-11.30am |

Session 2: 11.45am-1.15pm | Cost £18

Celebrate the special bond between grandparents and grandchildren in this creative portrait workshop. Draw each other at easels, then add colour, patterns and collage details to create treasured artworks together.



Spooky House Clay Lanterns for 8-12yrs

Saturday 24 October | 10.30am-12.30pm |

Cost £20 | Tutor Fiona Shannon

Kids will learn simple sculpting techniques to build and decorate their own magical Halloween cottage using air-dry clay, ready to paint at home.



Lego Animation for 7-12yrs

Saturday 7 November | 10.30am-12.30pm |

Cost £15 | Tutor Joel Simon

Workshop where children create their very own Lego animation, introducing kids to the world of creative digital storytelling.



Ceramic Santa Stop Here

Door Sign for 8-12yrs

Saturday 21 November | 10.30am-12.30pm |

Cost £20 | Tutor Fiona Shannon

Kids will design and decorate their own festive clay sign, adding Christmas trees, stars, snowflakes or even Santa himself! The sign will be glazed and fired, ready for collection at a later date.



A Wee Highland Coo for 8-12yrs

Saturday 21 November | 10.30am-12.30pm | Free

but booking essential | Tutor Carolyn Faith

Is there anything more Scots than a cute Highland Coo? Celebrate Ulster Scots Leid Week as kids create their own adorable Highland Coo, layering colourful materials to make the iconic cow's fluffy fringe and characterful features.



Fused Glass Christmas

Decorations for 8-12yrs

Saturday 12 December | 10am-12noon |

Cost £25 | Tutor Natasha Duddy

Kids will explore the magic of fused glass craft, choosing festive designs such as robins, stars, trees and snowmen to create three colourful Christmas decorations to treasure.



Make + Do for Adults

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

All course fees include materials unless otherwise specified. Courses which require you to bring materials will be marked with . Visit Flowerfield.org or contact us on Tel. 028 7083 1400 for a full list of materials to bring for these courses. All adult courses are suitable for ages 18+ and all abilities, from beginners to experienced participants, unless otherwise stated in the individual workshop information. **Please wear suitable clothing for creative workshops.**

Pottery Courses

5 Week Throwing Courses for Beginners & Improvers

Series 1 | Wednesday 23 September - Wednesday 21 October | 10.30am-12.30pm

Series 2 | Wednesday 23 September - Wednesday 21 October | 7-9pm

Series 3 | Wednesday 4 November - Wednesday 2 December | 10.30am-12.30pm

Series 4 | Wednesday 4 November - Wednesday 2 December | 7-9pm

Cost £165 full, £150 concession per series | Tutor Fiona Shannon

Learn the fundamentals of pottery throwing, mastering techniques of centering, opening out and pulling up to create a variety of different pots, including mugs and bowls. You'll learn finishing techniques and then decorate with a variety of slips and underglazes. All pieces will be glazed and fired ready to collect at a later date.



5 Week Hand Building Courses for Beginners & Improvers

Series 1 | Wednesday 23 September - Wednesday 21 October | 2.30-4.30pm

Series 2 | Wednesday 4 November - Wednesday 2 December | 2.30-4.30pm

Cost £165 full, £150 concession per series |

Tutor Fiona Shannon

Learn the basics of hand-building in clay, experimenting with slab construction, coiling, pinching, and press moulds, then enhance your pieces with vibrant underglazes. All pieces will be glazed and fired ready to collect at a later date.



Bloom Botanicals Watercolour

Thursday 10 September | 10am-1pm | Cost £30 full,

£27 concession | Tutor Elaine Harkness

Discover the beauty of botanical watercolour in this relaxing three-hour workshop. Guided step by step, you'll explore colour blending, loose floral techniques and expressive brushwork to create your own elegant botanical painting.



4-Week Abstracting the Landscape

Thursday 24 September - 15 October | 7-9pm |

Cost £90 full, £81 concession | Tutor Sarah Carrington

Explore how to express local landscapes with more freedom and expression, simplifying shapes and form and experiment with abstraction, exploring the properties of acrylic paint and mixed media.



Inspired by Hockney | Digital Painting

Saturday 26 September | 10.30am-1pm | Cost £35 full, £31.50

concession | Tutor Richard Davis, Digital Arts Studios

Explore the playful digital techniques inspired by David Hockney's later work in this creative workshop. Create your own scenes, objects or portraits, inspired by Hockney's distinctive style. Participants ideally should have their own ipad or tablet. A limited number can be supplied if needed.



Slow Sip Comfort Mugs & Coasters

Saturday 26 September | 10.30am-12.30pm | Cost

£47 full, £42 concession | Tutor Fiona Shannon

Hand-build a coordinating pair of comfort mugs and coasters, featuring tactile botanical impressions inspired by cosy seasonal rituals and slow sipping. Works will be fired and ready for collection at a later date.

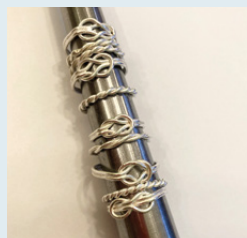


Silver Reef Knot Ring

Saturday 26 September | 10am-4.30pm | Cost

£85 full, £80 concession | Tutor Diane Lyness

Learning traditional jewellery-making techniques with goldsmith Diane Lyness, create two beautiful sterling silver rings to take home.



“Enjoyed the whole experience, brilliant workshops and would definitely recommend.”

Needle Felted Birds

Saturday 3 October | 10am-1pm | Cost £42 full,

£38 concession | Tutor Carolyn Faith

Create a gorgeous small wild bird of your choice, using a wide range of colours and textures of wool and felting needles. Please bring your own image for reference.



Quilting For Everyone

Wednesday 7 – 28 October | 10.30am-1pm |

Cost £70 full, £63 concession |

Tutor Gwen Thompson

Quilting returns after a hugely popular first course. Guided by Gwen, you'll work on your own project to complete in 4 weeks. It could be a table runner or mat, wall hanging or even a renewable Christmas cracker! Re-use and upcycle gorgeous fabrics to create something truly special and enjoy creative quilting skills.



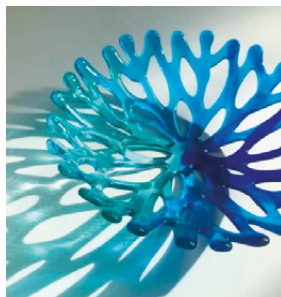
Coral-Inspired Fused

Glass Bowl

Saturday 10 October | 10am-1pm | Cost £58 full,

£52 concession | Tutor Natasha Duddy

Learn glass cutting, layering and composition techniques using coastal hues, organic forms and delicate textures to create a unique coral reef-inspired bowl.



Trick or Treat

Centrepiece Bowl

Saturday 10 October | 10.30am-12.30pm | Cost £47

full, £42 concession | Tutor Fiona Shannon

Create a charming pumpkin-shaped ceramic bowl with lid using hand-building techniques — a spooky seasonal centrepiece for Halloween treats which will be fired and ready for collection at a later date.



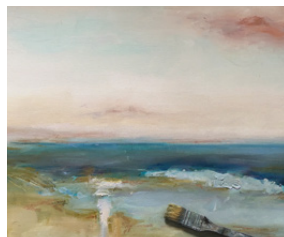
➤ *"The tutor was always so helpful and encouraging in guiding us through the workshops."*

Calm Coastlines Oil Painting

Thursday 15 October | 10am-1pm | Cost £30 full,

£27 concession | Tutor Elaine Harkness

Paint your own tranquil coastal seascape in oils, exploring colour, atmosphere and movement through guided techniques inspired by the beauty of the sea.



Moyra Donaldson | In the Voice Of: Persona Poetry

Saturday 17 October | 10am-4pm |

Tickets £70 full, £65 concession



Join award-winning Northern Irish poet Moyra Donaldson for a creative masterclass exploring poetry, identity and language. Just as fiction has a narrator, poetry has a speaker — the voice that tells the poem's story. Sometimes this voice is the poet's own, while other times it takes on a persona, adopting the identity of another person, an animal or even an inanimate object.

Through examples, discussion and practical exercises, you will discover how stepping into another voice can open new perspectives, explore challenging ideas and inspire your own writing. The workshop includes time to create a new poem and receive supportive feedback.

Moyra Donaldson is an award-winning poet, editor and mentor renowned for her powerful use of language and her commitment to nurturing creativity. She has worked with leading literary organisations including the Irish Writers' Centre, Arts Council NI and Words Ireland, while championing marginalised voices through her advocacy and support of community arts.

Stitch Together for Christmas

Thursday 22 October – Thursday 12 November |

10.30am-1pm | Cost £75 full, £67 concession |

Tutor Helen Walshaw

Make a folk-bird cushion cover or Christmas stocking from vintage blankets, tweed and velvet scraps.

Turn plush upholstery samples into eye-catching strawberry tree decorations and make a stash of gift bags and tags from luxury wallpaper samples to complement your handmade gifts.



Vintage Posters | Local Landmarks Watercolour

Thursday 12 November | 10am-1pm |

Cost £30 full, £27 concession |

Tutor Elaine Harkness

Learn techniques for creating a vintage-inspired poster celebrating local landmarks, with step-by-step guidance in bold colour, simple composition and expressive washes. Create your own nostalgic artwork, professionally mounted and ready to take home.



4-Week Little Winter Landscapes

Saturday 14 November - 5 December |

10.30am-12.30pm | Cost £90 full, £81

concession | Tutor Sarah Carrington

Create miniature winter landscapes using fine acrylic painting techniques. Explore detail, colour and composition to create a finished framed artwork, perfect as a Christmas gift or seasonal keepsake. Final painting board and frame will be provided.



Festive Fusion Glass Bowl

Saturday 14 November | 10am-1pm |

Cost £58 full, £52 concession |

Tutor Natasha Duddy

Learn cutting, layering and arranging techniques to create a unique festive fused glass bowl, using beautiful seasonal shades of red, green and golden yellow.



Tetrapak Printing | Local Landscapes

Sunday 15 November | 10.30am-1pm | Cost £35 full,

£32 concession | Tutor Carolyn Faith

A creative introduction to dry point etching using recycled materials to create festive prints. Explore mark making, ink techniques and printing processes to design a personalised Christmas card or artwork. Samples provided or bring your own choice of image to work from.



Ceramic Wreath

Saturday 21 November | 1.30-3.30pm | Cost £47 full,

£42 concession | Tutor Fiona Shannon

A creative introduction to ceramic hand-building, where you'll sculpt winter botanicals such as holly and pine to create a unique Christmas decoration. With expert guidance, your piece will be glazed, fired and ready for collection at a later date.



Scottish Dancing for the Whole Family (8-80yrs)

Saturday 28 November | 10am – 1pm | Free

but booking essential | Tutor Rowland Hill

The whole family can join this fun beginner friendly session and learn the steps and patterns to perform a genuine traditional Scottish reel! Mums, dads, kids (8+) and grandparents are welcome. After the workshop and a light lunch, you'll all perform your reel for friends and family with live traditional music. A brow way to spend a Saturday!



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Fused Glass Christmas Decorations

Saturday 12 December | 1 – 3pm | Cost £45 full,

£41 concession | Tutor Natasha Duddy

Learn cutting, layering and arranging techniques to create unique fused glass Christmas decorations, choosing from festive designs including trees, robins, angels, stars, baubles, snowmen or wreaths.



Community Arts

Funding & Bursaries:

Our annual Culture, Arts & Heritage Small Grants Scheme (eligible groups can apply for up to £1000 for cultural activities), Creative Practitioner Bursaries (to support borough-based adult creatives) and Creative Youth Bursaries all open this December for applications. Please visit our websites www.flowerfield.org | www.roevalleyarts.com or www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/grantsandfunding for further details.

Outreach:

Our Community Arts Outreach supports groups, schools and organisations across the Causeway Coast and Glens area by helping them access and develop creative opportunities that fit their needs. The focus is on partnership, practical support and making the arts accessible for everyone. We also provide some creative activities directly within outreach venues across the borough.

DU Dance | Alternative Energies

Weekly sessions starting Wednesday 9 September,

4-5.30pm | Sheskburn Recreation Centre, Ballycastle

Provided in partnership with DU Dance, this intergenerational dance project takes place weekly and brings together young people aged 15-18 years with elders 65+ living in the Ballycastle area. These sessions provide opportunities for participants to create dances together to perform and also encourages the development of physical skills within a very welcoming social group, led by Philip Johnston, assisted by Michalea Elliott.

For more information, contact the Creative Engagement Manager, at deborah@dudanceni.com



Proof of Ghosts | The Postal Darkroom

Artist in Residence | Joan Alexander |

13 - 19 September | YARN Ballycastle

Provided in partnership with YARN, Ballycastle-based visual artist Joan Alexander conducts a week-long residency exploring photography, absence, grief and ghost stories through making, conversation and participation.



Alongside an opening launch event, the week will include open studio sessions, workshops and hands-on activities. Activities are free and everyone is welcome. For further information, please visit yarnballycastle.com

Adult Creative Workshops

Book directly via www.flowerfield.org or call our Box Office team on **028 7083 1400**. All adult courses are suitable for ages 18+ and all abilities, from beginners to experienced participants, unless otherwise stated.

Painting for Pleasure

Thursday 17 September to 26 November (no class 29 Oct) | 7-9pm |

Cost £75 full, £68 concession | Tutor Louie Winward | Sheskburn

Recreation Centre, Ballycastle

Running for over five years now, this popular ten-week course encourages you to experiment with materials and techniques to find your own painting 'path'.

Sketch & Walk

Saturday 26 September | 10am-12noon OR 1-3pm | Cost £25 full, £22

concession per session | Tutor Sarah Carrington | Ballycastle (meeting

point Sheskburn House foyer)

Join local acclaimed artist Sarah Carrington for a relaxed outdoor walk and sketch session, exploring the beautiful coastal views in Ballycastle. We will spend time observing different aspects of the coastline from the town and beach, portraying the landscape through sketches and mixed media drawings.

Please bring with you either a sketchbook, or a dozen sheets of paper with a board to lean on; pens, pencils, watercolours, brushes, crayons, chalks – whatever you like to sketch or paint with.

Please arrive 10 minutes before the start of the event | If the weather is inclement, we will sketch in the comfort of a local café | Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for being outdoors.

Plein Air Painting

Sunday 27 September | 11am-3pm | Cost £35 full, £32 concession |

Tutor Sarah Carrington | The Old Church Centre, Cushendun

Join acclaimed artist Sarah Carrington for expert guidance in painting outdoors. From landscapes and seascapes on the North Coast to Scotland and the Scottish Isles, working outdoors is the foundation of Sarah's prolific and masterly work. The artist will offer a short demo/talk on her practice before escorting the group to the beautiful surroundings of Cushendun Bay to work. Please take your own preferred materials and equipment.

If the weather is inclement, Sarah will conduct the workshop indoors | Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for being outdoors.





“ Gained lots of new skills, confidence and good friendships.”

Poetry of Place | Creative Writing with

Poet Moyra Donaldson

Friday 16 October | 5.30-7.30pm | Cost £25 full, £23 concession |

Tutor Moyra Donaldson | Sheskburn House, Ballycastle

This workshop will look at why and how we might write about ‘place’. Places where we live or have lived; places we have visited; remembered places and imagined places – how can we best evoke a sense of them in words? We will discuss the topic and look at some relevant poems, before each writing our own first draft of a place poem. Provided in partnership with the Ballycastle Writers Group.

Street Photography with Cathal McNaughton

Saturday 17 October | 11am-2pm | Cost £30 full, £27 concession |

Tutor Cathal McNaughton | YARN, Ballycastle

Join Pulitzer-prize winning photojournalist Cathal McNaughton for an immersive photography workshop designed for keen amateur photographers and above. You'll learn to see more intuitively, photograph with greater confidence and create images with depth, purpose and emotion, using your camera or smartphone.

YARN



Autumn Glass Jewellery

Saturday 17 October | 2-4pm | Cost £45 full, £41 concession |

Tutor Natasha Duddy | Ballymoney Town Hall

Create your own contemporary fused glass jewellery collection. Make a beautiful matching set including a pendant, earrings, brooch and adjustable ring, inspired by the tones of autumn.

No previous experience is required | Your finished jewellery will be professionally kiln-fired after the workshop and Natasha will add all jewellery attachments, before your final jewellery pieces will be ready to collect at a later date (approx 7-10 days).



Christmas Willow Stars

Saturday 5 December | 11am-1pm | Cost £30 full, £27 concession |

Tutor Louise McLean | Ballymoney Town Hall

Make your own stunning handmade willow stars to decorate your home or garden for the festive season with award-winning willow artist Louise McLean of Atlantic Craft NI.

Kids Creative Workshops

Book immediately via our website or call our Box Office team on **028 7083 1400**

Spooky Glass Suncatchers for 8+yrs

Saturday 17 October | 10am-12noon | Cost £15 |

Tutor Natasha Duddy | Ballymoney Town Hall

Children will design and make two Halloween-themed sun catchers to brighten up their windows. Using colourful glass, kids will create their own spooktastic scenes featuring pumpkins, bats, ghosts, spiders, witches and haunted houses. They'll learn how to safely layer glass, explore colour and composition, and discover how their artwork is transformed in the kiln. Artwork will be professionally kiln-fired and ready for collection at a later date (approx. 7-10 days).

Not-So-Scary Halloween Art Club for 7-10yrs

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October | 11am-1pm | Cost £20 total |

Sheskburn Recreation Centre, Ballycastle

Thursday 29 & Friday 30 October | 11am-1pm | Cost £20 total |

Feeny Community Centre, Feeny

Sign your little ghostie and monsters up for some Halloween magic in these workshops where they'll make masks, goodie bags and more in time for a spooktastic weekend trick or treating.



Engagement

Our Engagement programme develops creative activities in our arts venues for specific individuals and groups, broadening arts participation and supporting communities. If your community or school group would like an exhibition or facility tour of either Flowerfield or Roe Valley Arts Centres, call us – we'd be delighted to welcome you!

Mums Meet & 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.

These workshops are suitable for those with children under 1 who are not yet mobile or who will sit in a pram or car seat throughout. The Arts Centres are proudly breastfeeding-friendly, and baby-changing is available.



Ceramic Berry Bowls

**Flowerfield Arts Centre | Monday
28 September | 9.30-11am**

**Roe Valley Arts Centre | Tuesday 29
September | 9.30-11am**

£10 | Tutor Fiona Shannon

Create your own beautiful handcrafted ceramic berry bowl with Fiona Shannon. Learn hand-building techniques to shape, texture and decorate a functional piece, which will be professionally glazed and fired for collection later.

Birthday Crowns

**Flowerfield Arts Centre | Tuesday 13
October | 9.30-11.30am**

**Roe Valley Arts Centre | Wednesday
21 October | 9.30-11.30am**

**Cost £10 | Tutor Rachael Armstrong |
Little Perch Designs**

Learn some sewing machine basics to create a special celebration keepsake fit for any birthday star. Pick from gorgeous fabrics and ribbons to create a gorgeous handmade birthday crown.

Botanical Watercolours

**Flowerfield Arts Centre | Tuesday 17
November | 9.30-11am**

**Roe Valley Arts Centre | Thursday 19
November | 9.30-11am**

Cost £10 | Tutor Elaine Harkness

Take some time for yourself and join artist Elaine Harkness for a relaxed session. Create a colourful, playful botanical watercolour painting while exploring loose painting techniques and joyful colour combinations in a welcoming and supportive space.

Christmas Cookie Plate Decorating

**Flowerfield Arts Centre | Friday 4
December | 9.30-11am**

**Roe Valley Arts Centre | Tuesday 1
December | 9.30-11am**

Cost £10 | Tutor Fiona Shannon

Create a special keepsake for your baby's first Christmas as you paint a festive cookie plate ready for Santa's treats for years to come.

Cool for Schools

Artist Workshops for Schools

Echoes | Gail Mahon & Mhairi Sutherland |

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre

Mapping Minerals: From Sediments to Sculpture Through Ecosomatics |

Wed 11-Fri 13 November | morning or afternoon sessions available

(each session 2 hrs) | Free but booking essential | Tutor Gail Mahon

Explore the *Echoes* exhibition at Roe Valley Arts Centre through movement, clay and mineral pigments in this immersive workshop with artist Gail Mahon. Students will investigate the connections between geology, place and creative practice using embodied research, sensory exploration and hands-on making, contributing to a collective archive inspired by the exhibition.

Suitable for Secondary Schools (Key Stage 5), Further & Higher Education.

Drawing as Research | Wednesday 11 & Thursday 12 November |

morning or afternoon sessions available (each session 90 mins) |

Free but booking essential | Tutor Mhairi Sutherland

Begin with a guided tour of the *Echoes* exhibition at Roe Valley Arts Centre before exploring drawing as a creative research tool. Through techniques including frottage, continuous line, observational drawing and rapid sketching, students will develop new ways of seeing and recording, taking home their own finished artwork at the end of the session.

Suitable for Secondary School Students.



Please get in touch on **028 7776 0310** to enquire and reserve your preferred session. Workshops are free and booked on a first-come, first-served basis.



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Into Film

Free Screenings for Schools

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Flow

Flowerfield Arts Centre |

Wednesday 11 November | 10.30am

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre |

Tuesday 17 November | 10am

Cat is a solitary animal, but as its home is devastated by a great flood, he finds refuge on a boat populated by various species and will have to team up with them despite their differences.

2024 | 85mins | Cert U

Wonka

Flowerfield Arts Centre |

Wednesday 25 November | 10.30am

With dreams of opening a shop in a city renowned for its chocolate, a young and poor Willy Wonka discovers that the industry is run by a cartel of greedy chocolatiers. 2023 | 85mins | Cert PG

Hamnet

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre |

Wednesday 18 November | 10am

Based on Maggie O'Farrell's award-winning novel, Hamnet is a deeply moving meditation on love, loss and the family behind William Shakespeare's greatest tragedy. A haunting and unforgettable cinematic experience that lingers long after the credits roll.

2025 | 126mins | Cert 12A

How to Train Your Dragon

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre |

Thursday 19 November | 10am

On the rugged island of Berk, young Viking Hiccup defies tradition when he befriends Toothless, a feared Night Fury dragon. As their extraordinary friendship grows, Hiccup discovers that courage, compassion and understanding can change the future for both Vikings and dragons.

2025 | 125mins | Cert PG

I Swear

Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre |

Friday 20 November | 10am

Join us for a screening of I Swear, a funny, moving and refreshingly honest coming-of-age story about a teenager living with Tourette syndrome. As he navigates school, friendships and family life, the film explores the challenges of being misunderstood, the pressure to fit in and the importance of accepting yourself for who you are.

2025 | 121mins | Cert 15



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Flowerfield Arts Centre

The only multi-purpose Arts Centre on the North Coast and set in beautiful Flowerfield Park just outside Portstewart, Flowerfield Arts Centre is a stunning venue for private or corporate events. A vibrant creative hub with a 126-seat auditorium, three galleries, ceramics and glass studios, and multipurpose classrooms, we're as ideal for creative events as we are for meetings, seminars or conferences.

'Absolutely wonderful venue... staff went above and beyond!' – Early Years

If you're interested in hiring our space, contact our helpful team:

Email: info@flowerfield.org

Tel: **028 7083 1400**



Roe Valley Arts & Cultural Centre

If you are organising an event or conference or just looking for a meeting venue, then we are the perfect choice! Located in the heart of Limavady town centre, our facilities include the 221-seated Danny Boy auditorium with fully retractable seating, accommodating performances and conferences. We also have the O'Hampsey Studio, Ross-McCurry and Keenaught rooms and adaptable creative workshop rooms, as well as our beautiful outdoors space – Drumceatt Square.

So, whether it's a school concert, touring gig, corporate conference or a meeting, get in touch with our friendly team to find out more.

Email: admin@rvacc.co.uk

Tel: **028 7776 0310**

