



FLOWERFIELD ARTS CENTRE

APRIL - JUNE
ARTS GUIDE 2023



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"...Lovely venue & created a lovely atmosphere."

WELCOME TO OUR APRIL - JUNE 2023 ARTS GUIDE!

We celebrate the long-awaited season of Spring with a programme jam packed with the best of live music, film and more! Our internationally acclaimed but homegrown music line-up includes Duke Special, Ruth McGinley, ARBORIST and a celebration of the sublime music of John Prine with Illegal Smile. Sit back, relax and enjoy our selection of award-winning world cinema. Art enthusiasts can savour some wonderful exhibitions including the Ulster Society of Women Artists and a solo exhibition by Deirdre Robb. Our lovely venue will be feeling very loved with a unique textile installation 'Woven Hug', embracing the front of the Arts Centre throughout July and August. All this and a fantastic range of creative learning opportunities that's sure to tempt everyone. So, go on, spread the love and book your tickets now!

Happy Browsing from all of us at Flowerfield!



"...all the staff in Flowerfield were friendly and helpful."



FLOWERFIELD ARTS CENTRE

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

Located in Flowerfield Park, just 5 minutes outside of Portstewart Town Centre, come visit us to enjoy the beautiful park surroundings which includes the award-winning Diversity Playpark, one of only two fully accessible playparks for children in Northern Ireland.

Picnic on our outdoor piazza, have a look at our exhibitions which run throughout the year and enjoy the therapeutic wonder of the many creative workshops we provide for children and adults.

Our facilities include a 130-seater performance space, three main galleries, dedicated craft studios in ceramics and glass, a FabLab, multi-purpose classrooms, I.T. media suite and a boardroom.



Flowerfield Arts Centre

We have free Wi-Fi, a children's reading zone in our reception space and refreshments available.

We want you to feel at home 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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DISRUPTIVE WOMEN / MUJERES DISRUPTIVAS



Conflict Textiles

1 April - 5 August

Mujeres Disruptivas / Disruptive Women brings together many threads of connection. It marks the 15th anniversary of Conflict Textiles inaugural exhibition *The Politics of Chilean Arpilleras* (2008). It builds on a ten year plus collaborative relationship with Fundació Ateneu Sant Roc which has progressed from exhibiting each other's textiles to co-curated exhibitions such as *Childrens Rights, Derechosdel Niño, Dretsdeels Infants* (2020-21). *Mujeres Disruptivas / Disruptive Women* is the second co-curated exhibition and adds a new dimension to the Fundació Ateneu Sant Roc exhibition *Mujeres Disruptivas / Disruptive Women* (Badalona, 2019).

Through a selection of arpilleras from the Conflict Textiles and Fundació Ateneu Sant Roc collection, we are introduced to disruptive women worldwide: women who have pushed the boundaries of societal expectations of women; women who have broken the mould; women who have challenged and denounced violence and human rights abuses; women who have

supported each other in their demands for justice and fairness. Above all, this exhibition nudges us to consider our preconceived ideas of disruption.

The exhibition takes place across three venues:

- › Flowerfield Arts Centre, the venue for *Arpilleras that Cry Out* (2009) will feature the bulk of the exhibition.
- › A number of pieces will also be displayed within two permanent rotating exhibition spaces; Conflict Textiles collection: Magee Campus Library, Ulster University; and
- › *The Troubles and Beyond* in Ulster Museum.



Image: XXI Century Goddess
Argentinean arpillera, Ana Zlatkes & Mirta Zak, 2014
Conflict Textiles collection
Photo Ana Zlatkes, © Conflict Textiles
<https://cain.ulster.ac.uk/conflicttextiles/>

"There is always a good variety of activity on offer."

SPRING EXHIBITION

1 April – 13 May

EXHIBITION LAUNCH: Please join us on Saturday 1 April at 1pm. All welcome.

ARTIST TALK: Saturday 1 April, 12noon. Free but booking essential.

The Ulster Society of Women Artists Exhibition showcase recent work by members who are Diploma Holders within the Society and those who won prizes at the 65th Annual Exhibition. The Society's membership is an eclectic mix of women, from professional artists, some of whom are also Royal Ulster Academicians,

to those with degrees in art and some very talented artists who have no formal training. They work in a wide variety of mediums but what they all have in common is their passion to create and to share that passion with others. Come along and celebrate the creativity of our esteemed Ulster Women Artists.

www.uswa.co.uk

USWA
ULSTER SOCIETY OF WOMEN ARTISTS

'Eve' by Lesley Ann Sharp



"Fabulous experience."

STILL I RISE

Deirdre Robb

20 May – 24 June

EXHIBITION LAUNCH: Please join us on Saturday 20 May at 1pm. All welcome.

ARTIST TALK: Saturday 20 May, 11.30am. Free but booking essential.

Historic and contemporary cultural barriers have silently, but powerfully influenced people's judgement, representation, and treatment of those often considered less worthy in society. Deirdre Robb challenges society's acceptance of inequalities in her work.

As an artist, Deirdre is drawn to the physicality of materials and objects, which she often uses in photographs, striving to go beyond the obvious and provide an experience in relation to the social issues that she is representing.

www.deidrerobb.org



"A gorgeously creative space."



VISUAL MEMORIES IN GLASS

27 May - 3 June

EXHIBITION LAUNCH:
Please join us on
Saturday 27 May at 1pm.
All welcome.



The children of St. Colum's and Portstewart Primary Schools worked with local glass artist Natasha Duddy to create fused glass tiles, celebrating the end of their primary education before they commence secondary school. Taking inspiration from their local surroundings and memories of fun days out with family and friends, the children learned a new art skill while creating beautiful designs in fused glass. Come along and enjoy this unique colourful display of over 90 tiles guaranteed to make you smile.

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JOHN PRINE

CELEBRATION SHOW
WITH ILLEGAL SMILE

Saturday 15 April, 8pm
Tickets £15 full, £13.50
concession

When John Prine passed as a result of Covid in April 2020 the world was bereft at the loss of a multi-Grammy-award-winner, revered by many as one of the foremost American Country/Folk singer songwriters of our time. The grief felt by fans across the world after John passed was testament to the deep connection he forged with his audience. He was a poet without pretension and spoke for and to

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ordinary people through songs which deal with the human condition from the cradle to the grave.

Illegal Smile Ireland are regarded as the foremost aficionados of John's work in the UK and Europe and reproduce John's songs with the utmost attention to detail, integrity and sincerity in a way that those who understand the true quality of his work will understand including the classics 'Sam Stone,' 'Hello in There,' 'Angel from Montgomery' and 'Lake Marie.'

Their debut in Flowerfield Arts Centre, Portstewart comes on the back of incredible shows in Whelan's and The Grand Social, Dublin, The Guinness Blues Café, Black Box and The Empire Music Hall, Belfast and Kelly's Complex Portrush.

Find out more about Illegal Smile Ireland:
www.illegalsmile.co.uk

"Brilliant event, hard to beat."

ALCARRÀS

Thursday 20 April, 7pm
Tickets £5

The life of a family of peach farmers in Catalonia changes when the owner of their large estate dies and his lifetime heir decides to sell the land, suddenly threatening their livelihood. Winner of international awards.

120 mins 15 / Catalan, Spanish with English subtitles

"a deeply intelligent, humane drama."

★★★★ – *The Guardian*

FILMS



AN CAILÍN CIÚIN / THE QUIET GIRL

Thursday 4 May, 7pm
Tickets £5

A quiet, neglected girl is sent to live with foster parents for the summer. She blossoms in their care, but discovers a secret in the house where there are meant to be none. Nominated for an Academy Award.

94 mins / 12A / Irish with English subtitles

"Deeply moving tale of rural Ireland already feels like a classic ★★★★★" – *The Guardian*

AFTERSUN

Thursday 1 June, 7pm
Tickets £5

Daughter Sophie reflects on the shared joy and private melancholy of a holiday she took with her loving and idealistic father twenty years earlier. Nominated for an Academy Award. 96 mins / 12A / English

★★★★★ – *The Guardian*



"Great venue for small intimate concerts of this sort."

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Northern Lights Sessions

ARBORIST

Saturday 29 April, 8pm
Tickets £20 full, £18
concession

After gracing our virtual Northern Lights Sessions during lockdown, we are delighted to welcome ARBORIST to our auditorium for what promises to be an extraordinary evening with their full six-piece band.

In March 2022, Mark McCambridge embarked on a solo trip to Spacebomb Studios in Richmond, Virginia to record the third ARBORIST album. Working alongside Matthew E White (Producer) and recording with the legendary Spacebomb House Band they completed what has become 'An Endless Sequence of Dead Zeros', set to be released on Kirkinriola Records in April 2023.

Belfast native Mark McCambridge played his first show as ARBORIST supporting James Yorkston. A solo tour followed before impressive performances led to notable support slots alongside Low, Cat Power, Echo and The Bunnymen and Guy Garvey.

They came to the attention of critics with their debut single 'Twisted Arrow,' which features an astonishing duet with Kim Deal of The Breeders.

Their debut album 'Home Burial' (2016) and the follow-up 'A Northern View' both received glowing praise from the likes of The Guardian ("instant classic. ★★★★★") MOJO ("...devastatingly bleak...upliftingly beautiful. ★★★★★") and Uncut 8/10.

A sold-out tour in Oct/Nov 2022 alongside Americana high-flyers The Delines is followed-up with a full-band UK and Ireland tour in 2023.

"A staggering debut of depth and substance" - UNCUT

"Magnificent debut" - Hotpress



"Everything was fabulous, the staff, the event."

READING BY IRELAND PROFESSOR OF POETRY

PAUL MULDOON

READING

Friday 5 May, 8pm
Tickets £12 full, £10
concession

Born in County Armagh in 1951, the internationally renowned poet, Paul Muldoon, now lives in New York. He is the author of fourteen collections of poetry including *Howdie-Skelp*, published by FSG and Faber and Faber in 2021 and has taught at Princeton University for thirty-five years.

Among his many awards are the 2003 Pulitzer Prize, the 2006 European Prize for Poetry, the 2017 Queens Gold Medal for Poetry, and the 2020 Michael Marks Award. Also an editor, critic, playwright, lyricist and translator, he is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Literature and a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

Described by The Times Literary Supplement as *'the most significant English-language poet born since the second World War'*, join us for this very special event.

"To describe Paul Muldoon's influence on contemporary poetry is like trying to assess the influence of The Beatles on post-war music: it's to be seen and heard in the work of almost every British and Irish poet since the 1970's" – The Irish Post



TENX9: Family

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Friday 19 May, 8pm
Free but booking essential

The ever-popular Tenx9 returns to Flowerfield Arts Centre the week that we celebrate International Day of Families, giving you the perfect opportunity to curate your own stories about a topic that everyone will have something to say about. Get in touch with your stories about family at tenx9.com/submissions.



Tenx9 is a storytelling evening where nine people have up to ten minutes each to tell a true story from their own life. It was created in 2011 by Pádraig Ó Tuama & Paul Doran in the Black Box in Belfast. It aims to strip away the barriers that prevent people from sharing their experiences.



HOMEBIRDS IN CONVERSATION:

Anne Marie McAleese and Dot Blakely talk to Paula McIntyre

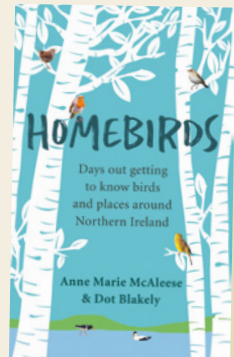
Thursday 25 May, 8pm
Tickets £7 full, £5 concession

Join Anne Marie McAleese and Dot Blakely chatting to Paula McIntyre about their new book *Homebirds: Days out getting to know birds and places around Northern Ireland*.

When Anne Marie McAleese invited birding expert Dot Blakely on to her radio show, *Your Place and Mine*, she had no idea that it would mark the beginning of an enduring friendship and a life-changing birding odyssey. For the next two decades, the pair travelled all over Northern Ireland, exploring the wonderful world of birds and the glorious and varied landscapes they inhabit.

Join us for a glass of wine and hear about Anne Marie and Dot's wonderful adventures across hill and dale, along coastlines and through towns and villages as they celebrate the wonder of nature and encourage us to embrace the amazing wildlife on our doorstep. There will also be a signing session for anyone purchasing copies of the book.

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"Sound was superb. You could hear a pin drop."

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Friday 9 June, 8pm
Tickets £20 full, £18
concession

By nature, Duke Special (aka Belfast's Peter Wilson) is a curious person. He is curious about music, theatre, books, poetry, art, love, life, redemption, death and 78RPM records. All of this is evidenced by the variety of musical adventures throughout his career. He has released 14 albums and EPs, toured all over the world and has been involved in a diverse array of other projects, including writing the music for Deborah Warner's critically acclaimed 2009 production of *Mother Courage and Her Children* at London's National Theatre and being commissioned by the *Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York* to write a series of original songs based on photographs for their exhibition of the photographers Stieglitz, Steichen and Strand.

Performing live is still one of Duke Special's main passions, and over the years he has played to captive audiences across the world. A Duke Special show is always a unique experience. This evening, he will be joined by long term collaborator and brother in arms, the tintinnabulator, Temperance Society Chip Bailey. Not to be missed!

"Magically uplifting" -
EVENING STANDARD

"This is music of magic and soul" -
THE TELEGRAPH

Northern Lights Sessions

DUKE SPECIAL

"Excellent great ambience good music."

Northern Lights Sessions

RUTH MCGINLEY

Saturday 24 June, 8pm

**Tickets £15 full, £13
concession**

Ruth McGinley is a highly sought-after collaborator who has worked with musicians from backgrounds including jazz, folk and electronic. By the age of 17, she had already gained widespread recognition as one of Ireland's leading pianists, winning countless accolades, including the piano finals of both the BBC and RTÉ Young Musician of the Year awards.

She broadcast regularly for BBC Radio 3, Classic FM, BBC Radio Ulster and was honoured to be invited to perform as a soloist at the BBC Proms in the Park in 2016.

Since then, her career has been wide-ranging and daring. She has performed as a soloist with orchestras including the BBC Philharmonic, London Mozart Players, National Symphony Orchestra, RTÉ Orchestra and All-Star Orchestra and as a solo recitalist throughout the UK, Europe and the Middle East.

Ruth's latest release *Aura* is a collaboration with renowned composer Neil Martin and celebrates the glorious traditional airs of Ireland, shining light on these beautifully composed and crafted melodies from incredibly skilled musicians.

"Ruth's playing is exquisite" –
HANNAH PEEL

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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.

WEEKEND & WEEKDAY WONDERS WORKSHOPS

10.30am-12noon for 5-7 years

1-2.30pm for 8 years+



Led by artist Linda Mulholland, children will experiment with a variety of different artistic materials, learn new fantastic creative techniques, have fun and develop their skills, before making their finished masterpiece.

WORK
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DATES

Saturday 1 April

Cost: £9 (Easter)

Saturday 8 April

Cost: £9 (Easter)

Thursday 13 & Friday 14 April

Cost: £18 (Express Yourself)

Saturday 22 & 29 April

Cost: £18 (Our Planet)

Saturday 6 May

Cost: £9 (Space)

Saturday 27 May

Cost: £9 (Creativity Day)

Saturday 3 & 10 June

Cost: £18 (Summer Picnics)

Saturday 17 June

Cost: £9 (Kaleidoscopes)

BEAD LOOM-WEAVING FOR AGES 16YRS+

Saturday 22 April • 10.30am-1.30pm

Cost: £18 (includes all materials)

Treat yourself to something lovely while learning a new skill. Create your own beaded cuff bracelet using bead loom weaving with Emma Thorpe from Atlantic Rose. During this half-day workshop, you will learn to set up and thread your loom, bead weave your bracelet and finish it off with a beaded toggle and loop. **Good motor skills** are required to work with small beads and fine needles.

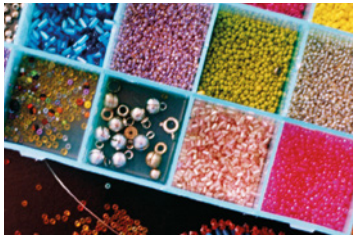


SPRING HARE SCULPTING for 8-12 yrs

Saturday 29 April • 11.30am-1pm

Cost: £13 (includes all materials)

In this one-off workshop with Ceramic Artist Fiona Shannon, participants will design and sculpt their very own spring hare or animal of their choice. Everyone will use air dry clay which means they can take their creation home, paint it and let it dry naturally. Designed for all abilities, this class will be a fun creative environment to get crafty using a range of clay techniques. Participants will need to bring a box to take their springtime animal home. **Please bring an apron and wear clothes that you don't mind getting a little messy.**



BEADED STACKING BRACELETS for 10-16 yrs

Saturday 27 May

10.30am-1.30pm

Cost: £18

(includes all materials)

Participants will make their own stack of bright coloured arm candy bracelets with Emma from Atlantic Rose. They'll learn how to layout their design and assemble their bracelets using a range of fun and funky beads and stretchy elastic cord – their own unique fashion statement!

SUMMER SEA CREATURES

for 8-12 yrs

Saturday 3 June

11.30am-1pm

Cost: £13

(includes all materials)

In this one-off workshop with Ceramic Artist Fiona Shannon you will design and sculpt your very own creatures that you find in the sea such as jelly fish or octopus. Designed for beginners and improves this class will be a fun creative environment to get crafty using a range of clay techniques. In this workshop we will be using air dry clay which means you can take it home, paint it and let it dry naturally! Please bring a box with you to take your animal home in.

Please bring an apron and wear clothing that you don't mind getting a little messy.



"We were lucky to have such an experienced, interested and warm teacher."

QUILLED EARRINGS & PENDANT for 10-16 yrs

Saturday 10 June
10.30am-1.30pm

Cost: £18 (includes all materials)

Participants will make their own unique quilled jewellery with the help of professional jeweller Emma Thorpe. Using paper, cord and silver, they'll design and craft their own eye-catching necklace pendant and earrings. After Emma completes their items by glazing, they can look forward to collecting the finished pieces at a later date. This workshop is for all abilities.



HAVE A GO THROWING for 12- 16 yrs

Saturday 17 June
11.30am-1.30pm

Cost: £20
(includes all materials)

Our fabulous Maker in Residence, Fiona, will teach young creatives how to have great fun on a pottery wheel, learning the basics of throwing clay in a relaxed and fun environment. Perfect for children who love to get creative this workshop is all about fun and having a go. They will get to pick three of their favourite pots to be fired and collected at a later date. Participants please bring an apron and wear clothing that you don't mind getting a little messy. It is advisable that their nails are also cut short for this class.



MAKE + DO FOR FAMILIES

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

ARTS & WELL-BEING FOR CHILDREN & GUARDIANS

Spring has Sprung - Saturday 29 April
Sensory Experiment Fun - Saturday 27 May
Media Masks - Saturday 17 June

10.30-12noon for kids 6-10yrs

Cost: £22

(guardian & child inclusive per session)

An opportunity for kids and those who are still big kids at heart to spend some quality creative time together on Saturday mornings. Led by Christina Smyth of Meraki Art NI who is a HCPC registered Art Psychotherapist, participants will learn a number of transferable skills including communication, creative thinking, team building, self-confidence and arty fun! **The best creativity is messy!** Please make sure you and your child wears suitable clothing.

ARTS & WELL-BEING FOR AUTISTIC CHILDREN & GUARDIAN

Spring has Sprung - Saturday 29 April
Sensory Experiment Fun - Saturday 27 May
Media Masks - Saturday 17 June

1-2.30pm for kids aged 6-10yrs

Cost: £22

(guardian & child inclusive per session)

Relaxing, fun and messy art time for autistic children and their parents/guardians. Through this series of creative workshops, participants will learn a number of transferable skills including communication, creative thinking, team building and develop their self-confidence as well as having great fun! Led by Christina Smyth of Meraki Art NI who is a HCPC registered Art Psychotherapist. **The best creativity is messy!** Please make sure you and your child wears suitable clothing.



 ARTbeat

MAKE + DO FOR ADULTS

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

5-WEEK THROWING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS & IMPROVERS

This popular course is available across a range of dates and times throughout the season. Advance booking is recommended as places fill up fast!

This five-week throwing course will teach you the basics of throwing on the pottery wheel including centering, opening out and pulling up which you will be able to use to create a variety of different pots, including mugs and bowls, made from stoneware clay. You will also learn turning techniques to finish your pots off and to add finer details such as handles and feet. In the last week, you'll add colour to your pots using a variety of slips. Fiona will fire and glaze each item for collection 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.

WORK
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DATES

Wednesday 19 April – 17 May
(Series 1), 2.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 19 April – 17 May
(Series 2), 7-9pm

Wednesday 31 May – 28 June
(Series 3), 2.30-4.30pm

Wednesday 31 May – 28 June
(Series 4), 7-9pm

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



THE ART OF PORTRAIT: WATERCOLOURS FOR BEGINNERS

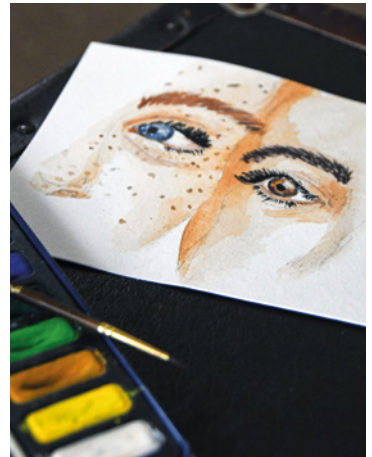
Saturday 22 April

11am-1.30pm

Cost: £22 full, £20 concession

Led by Elaine Harkness, this workshop will explore facial proportions, mixing skin tone, and also look at watercolour techniques to produce a delicate watercolour portrait sketch. Please feel free to bring your own portrait image, there will also be reference images provided.

No experience is necessary. Paint and paper will be provided, but please bring your own watercolour brushes.



FUSED GLASS: HOMEBIRDS

Thursday 27 April • 7-9pm

Cost: £32 full, £30 concession

Participants will design and assemble three beautiful birds which we see on our stunning North Coast – a colourful kingfisher, clown-faced puffin and summer-time swallow - to hang or to frame. Led by artist E-J McCartney, participants will learn how to cut and assemble glass in a number of forms (sheet glass, frit, stringers and confetti). All work will be fired in a kiln and ready for collection within 14 days of the workshop. No experience required. Please note, participants must wear close-toed shoes.



5-WEEK T'AI CHI & QIGONG COURSE

Wednesday 3-31 May • 7-9pm

Cost: £45 full, £40 concession

T'ai Chi and Qigong are primarily about harmony, meditation and balance in our daily lives. In addition to their health and fitness benefits, T'ai Chi and Qigong are traditionally taught as self-cultivation and self-development practices. By embracing the philosophy of harmony and balance you can learn to make every aspect of life happier, healthier and more compassionate.

This course is led by Dr Philip Johnston. Please wear comfortable clothes that allow free movement and bring a bottle of water.



4-WEEK IRISH & SCOTTISH CÉILÍ/ CÈILIDH DANCING COURSE

Saturday 6-27 May • 1.30-3pm

Cost: £30 full, £27 concession

Delivered by Paula Kennedy, this course promises to be lively and fun for anyone interested in the basic social céilí/cèilidh dances of Ireland and Scotland. No previous Irish or Scottish dancing experience is necessary, but a basic level of fitness would be advisable as we will not only be looking at the cultural background of some of the dances but actively participating in them! The sessions are suitable for beginners, but those with previous experience and a love of céilí/cèilidh dancing are also most welcome.

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



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

SIMPLE CERAMICS FOR THE SUMMER TABLE

Saturday 6 May

11:30am - 1:30pm

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

Specifically designed for beginners, you will create your own range of hand-built ceramics using stoneware clay, learning how to hand roll, form and decorate a range of pots suitable for a beautiful summer table. You can choose to create one of your own unique ceramic centrepieces (plate or 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. Perfect for some home baked treats and tea on a Summer afternoon. Please wear clothes that you don't mind getting dirty and bring an apron.



FUSED GLASS: HEART COLLAGE

Wednesday 24 May • 2-4pm

Cost: £36 full, £32 concession
(includes all materials)

In this half-day workshop with artist Natasha Duddy, participants will focus on the creation of at least 12 individually designed fused glass pieces brought together to create a heart collage. All work will be fired in a kiln and ready for collection within 14 days of the workshop. No experience required. Please note, participants must wear close-toed shoes.



CONTEMPORARY STILL LIFE PAINTING

Thursday 25 May & 1 June • 7-9pm • Cost: £30 full, £27 concession

Explore the practice of still life painting which celebrates ordinary everyday objects with Heather Byrne. This genre of painting goes back centuries, but Heather will help you use it in a contemporary way, with drawing exercises that encourage you to be expressive and intuitive. Participants will look at composition, colour mixing and working in a series, which you will be able to develop in the second workshop to create a finished painting.

Please bring two or three small everyday objects – for example, a piece of fruit, cup, spoon, pencil, book, small jug, flower, feather. Choose objects that give you colour, shape or an interesting pattern. Please also bring an A3 sketchbook and a good selection of acrylic paint and drawing materials (charcoal, oil pastels, soft pastels, drawing pencils or felt tip pens). Please wear a shirt or an apron, that you won't mind getting marked with paint.

FUSED GLASS: BUTTERFLIES & BEES

Thursday 25 May • 7-9pm

Cost: £32 full, £30 concession

Participants will design and assemble two butterflies and bees to hang or to frame. Led by artist E-J McCartney, you'll learn how to cut and assemble glass in a number of forms (sheet glass, frit, stringers and confetti). All work will be fired in a kiln and ready for collection within 14 days of the workshop. No experience required. *Please note, participants must wear close-toed shoes.*



PERSPECTIVES OF PAINTING

Saturday 27 May

11am-1.30pm

Cost: £22 full, £20 concession

(includes all materials)

With guidance from artist Elaine Harkness, you'll learn how to apply the rules of perspectives to all subjects, whether it's a landscape, seascape, still life, interior scene, portrait, or figure painting. The class will also look at how to add figures into cityscapes and landscapes. No experience is necessary.



PAINT THE COAST IN OILS

Thursday 1 & 8 June

10am-12.30pm

Cost: £40 full, £36 concession

Join artist Elaine Harkness in this two-part workshop series to explore colour mixing, mark making and how oil paint can be built up in layers. Week One will explore initial layer techniques and Week Two will focus on building on this using a variety of techniques from glazing, dry brushing to using palette knives. Suitable for beginners and those keen to develop techniques. *Please bring your own brushes. All other materials will be provided.*



"The staff are excellent, friendly and helpful."

FUSED GLASS: FISH MOBILE

Wednesday 14 June
2-4pm

Cost: £36 full, £32 concession
(includes all materials)

Create a beautiful fish mobile in soft tonal colours with harmonious movement, perfect for hanging indoors or out. You will be taught glass techniques by experienced glass artist Natasha Duddy, including glass cutting skills, combining glass frits and stringers to achieve your colour patterns. All work will be fired in a kiln and ready for collection within 14 days of the workshop. No experience required. **Please note, participants must wear close-toed shoes.**



LANDSCAPE SKETCHBOOKS at East Strand, Portrush

Saturday 17 June
10.30am-1pm

Cost: £25 full, £23 concession

As summer approaches, it's great to get outside and develop a sketchbook and painting practice. This outdoor session at Portrush's beautiful East Strand beach offers some great viewpoints and will give you a chance to take inspiration directly from our coastline. Led by Heather Byrne, you will learn techniques to use when painting in acrylic and mixed media and have some fun! You will be encouraged to draw in an intuitive way exploring colour with energetic mark making.

Please bring a good portable drawing and painting kit, including: a small sketchbook A4/A5/A3 size, acrylic paint, brushes, portable water pot, and a selection of drawing tools you like to use such as oil pastels/soft pastels, drawing pencils, felt tip pens, charcoal etc. Drawing boards and trays will be provided. Hairspray and kitchen roll is useful if you are using soft pastels or charcoal. Please wear a shirt or an apron, that you won't mind getting marked with paint.



WOVEN HUG

Join us to stitch together memories and beliefs of our communities. Woven Hug 2.0 is a participatory textile project led by Latin American textile artists Tere Chad and Cordelia Rizzo, which offers you the chance to reunite, reconnect and reflect after the pandemic.

Recycled materials will be used to create a wonderful textile artwork, or 'hug', which will then be embellished with designs and embroidered pieces created by you our local participants. The finished piece will be two arms extending from the first-floor façade of Flowerfield Arts Centre in a welcoming hug and will be displayed throughout July and August.

There are lots of ways that you can get involved:

Fabric Donation - Drop off 15 May – 19 June at Flowerfield Arts Centre.

Are you a student, creative, textile artist, fashion designer or someone skilled in embroidery? Join the workshops running and learn more of the political significance of textiles from Tere Chad and Cordelia Rizzo.

Community Workshops - Monday – Friday from 19 June–5 July, 1.30 – 4.30pm. Open to community groups. Get in touch with our Arts Marketing & Engagement Officer to find out more and to book. Amy.Donaghey@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk

Family Workshops - Saturday 24 June and 1 July, 10.30am – 12.30pm and 12.30 – 3.30pm. Open to All. Free to attend but Booking Essential. Book at Flowerfield.org

Panel Discussion - Thursday 29 June, 7pm - Reflections on our textile heritage and its political impact.

Official Launch Event - Thursday 6 July, 7pm

Find Out more about Woven Hug and the artists involved
www.terechad.com/
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Learn more about
Woven Hug 2.0

"I want to highlight how friendly the staff were... so professional and welcoming."

SPACE TO WRITE

Every Thursday • 7-8:30pm
(Free participation but advance booking required)

Space to Write is a free initiative giving you the space and time to write. We invite writers to come together to network/meet and work on their writing in quieter spots in the centre.

Free Admission, register by emailing info@flowerfield.org. Please note, this isn't a creative writing workshop.



FRIDAY ART CLUB – STUDIO DAY

Every Friday • 10am - 2pm
Cost: £5 per session

Are you an adult over 18 years and passionate about painting? Come along to our Friday Art Club where likeminded individuals gather each week to paint and encourage each other. These sessions are not tutored – it is an opportunity for visual artists of all abilities to get together and share skills, knowledge, techniques to encourage individual development.

MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP



We share the Mae Murray Foundation's passion in trying to ensure that there is true participation in our venue, regardless of age or ability. The Foundation has loaned us a variety of games and sensory toys which are available for use by any member of the Foundation, free of charge. Our location beside the Diversity Playpark along with this Inclusive Play Pack guarantees a great day out.

ARTY PARTIES

Have a birthday, hen party or celebration coming up? Why not do something creative and experience ceramics or glass or general arts and crafts either for yourself and friends or your child's party? We can arrange a specialist professional tutor and materials and all you have to do is have a great time! Contact us on Tel: **028 7083 1400** for more information.

COOL FOR SCHOOLS ACTIVITIES GALLERY TOURS FOR SCHOOLS

We are always delighted to welcome school groups to Flowerfield. If you're an Art & Design teacher and would like to bring a group to any of our exhibitions, we can offer a gallery tour or, where possible, arrange a tour by the exhibiting artist. Contact info@flowerfield.org for further information.



YOUR VISIT & ACCESS



HIRE US:

If you're looking for a truly unique venue with on-site car parking, green space, which is easily accessible and on the stunning North Coast, look no further. All of our spaces are available for hire for a wide range of events, from small meetings to performances in the auditorium or for larger conferences/seminars with multiple break out spaces. We accommodate external bookings from community/voluntary, statutory organisations and private hire events throughout the year and we would love to host your event. Tea/coffee is available (we can recommend local catering companies) and there is access to free Wi-Fi. If you are interested in booking a room, give us a call on Tel: 028 7083 1400.

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Flowerfield Arts Centre has been designed with accessibility in mind. We are keen to continue to improve our services, so that we can make your visit as seamless as possible, please do make us aware of your needs at the time of booking or so that we can plan ahead for our next event.

Hearing-Impaired infra-red system in the auditorium and induction loop at Box Office.

Guide Dogs, Hearing Dogs & registered Assistance Dogs are welcome in the venue including the auditorium.

Wheelchair access is available throughout the building and our auditorium for wheelchair seats/transfers. We have a low-level counter box office and adapted toilets can be accessed from the ground floor or via the lift to the first floor. Our front of house team will be available to help you in any way they can, should you require any assistance.

Accessible Toilets are available on the ground and first floor of the venue.

Parking is available in our customer car park directly in front of the building, including reserved spaces for blue-badge holders.

General terms and conditions of booking:

YOUR TICKETS:

Patrons are advised that ticket prices cannot be refunded, transferred or exchanged unless in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the venue manager. You can make a booking either in person or by telephone through cash, cheque or debit/credit card or online for selected main events via Eventbrite. Tickets will be held, pending payment, for 48 hours after your initial booking. Tickets can also be posted to you directly but may incur additional postage costs. We reserve the right to offer special discounted ticket prices for events at any time and prior bookings may be excluded from promotion.

EVENTS:

Please note: Latecomers to music events may not be admitted unless there is a suitable break or interval. We reserve the right to alter or cancel any event without advance notice. Outdoor events are weather dependent and subject to change. Official photographers will at times take photos of events for Council purposes and may be used for future promotional purposes in press or online. In outdoor events, all children must be accompanied by an adult. All details of events are correct at time of going to press.

DATA PROTECTION:

We assure you that any personal information submitted to us through a box office booking or our mailing list will only be used for our own monitoring/marketing purposes and will not be passed on to any third parties.

Flowerfield Arts Centre is a non-smoking venues. Flowerfield Arts Centre is fully accessible. For full terms and conditions and Plan Your visit information, visit flowerfield.org

