

Weekly

Adventures in Art

Every Tuesday
10am – 12pm, £10/£6

Adventures in Art is our weekly multi-disciplinary art workshop for adults. No experience necessary - all welcome!

Soundbites Lunchtime Concerts

Every Tuesday
12:15pm - 1:15pm, Free

A free lunchtime concert for all which takes place in our Hall – no booking required. Come alone or with friends, and you're welcome to bring your lunch.

Independent Life Drawing

Wednesdays
6pm – 8pm, £12/£8

Independent life drawing is just that – we provide the studio, the model and the easel so you can book weekly to practice your life drawing in a supportive environment.

Creative Wednesdays

Every Wednesday during term
for University of Leicester students
Common Room, Percy Gee Building
2pm - 4pm, Free

Escape from your studies with our free drop-in craft sessions. Designed to be relaxing, social and fun – do something different with your Wednesday afternoon!

Family Gallery Workshops

Every Saturday during Exhibitions
1pm - 3pm, Free

Come and explore our exhibitions with our friendly Learning Team and use resources in the Salmon Gallery to respond creatively with your family.

Sunday Sessions

Every Sunday, Drop-In Sessions
12pm - 4pm, Free

Come and enjoy fun and engaging creative activities, open to everyone and suitable for all ages.

What are ‘Pay What You Can’ tickets?

Some of our shows and events are ticketed ‘Pay What You Can’ meaning that you decide how much you can or want to pay. This ensures that everyone is able to afford our events, expanding access to the arts.

What’s on key

Families



Free



Pay What You Can



BSL Interpreted



Exhibitions

Traces

23 February - 19 May 2024
Gallery 1, Free Entry

A dynamic exhibition of wheelchair printing created by children and young people from Ash Field Academy, installed alongside the work of contemporary artists exploring beyond the perceived limitations of disability.

Unlocking The World

8 March - 26 May 2024
Gallery 2, Free Entry

An exhibition showcasing the work of our flagship SENSory Atelier programme, sharing journeys into learning through art by and with young people attending SEND schools.

ARTIST ROOMS Jenny Holzer

In partnership with Tate & National Galleries of Scotland
15 June - 29 September 2024
Gallery 1 & 2, Free Entry

Known for her powerful, provocative text-based installations and creative use of electronic technology, discover how the influential American artist continues to produce art that is impossible to ignore.

Performances

Daryl Beeton:

Traces Performance

Sunday 7 April
11:30am & 2:30pm, Pay What You Can

Daryl Beeton & Laura Dajao perform a dynamic dance duet in response to Traces.

WORD! Boogie Nights

Poetry Special

Thursday 11 April
7:30pm – 9:30pm, £7/£4

Join us for a WORD! disco with Leicester’s regular poetry nights: Get Mouthy, Some-Antics, Pinggg...K! and Run Your Tongue.

Butterfly Boudoir: Burlesque

& Belly Dance Showcase

Saturday 13 April & Saturday 15 June
8pm – 10:30pm, £12

An evening of costumes, parody & burlesque tease.

Fun Guy Theatre Productions

in association with Phizzical

presents: Global Majority

Friday 19 April
7pm – 9:30pm, Pay What You Can

Brian Tran is invited to interview to run for the Presidency of the United States. How far would he go to realise this? Would he kill?

Cardboard Kingdoms

Workshop & Performance

by Chaotic Good Theatre

Sunday 21 April, Pay What You Can
10:30am – 12:30pm & 1pm – 2pm

A new original story based around Dylan, who is taken on a magical adventure when a mysterious box is delivered.

In Good Company Scratch Night

Thursday 25 April
7pm - 9pm, Pay What You Can

In Good Company brings you the first scratch night of 2024! This is your chance to see some brand-new pieces of work-in-progress.

Nan, Me and Barbara Pravi

by Hannah Maxwell

Friday 3 May
7pm – 8:10pm, Pay What You Can

Entirely fictional and completely true. An epic on care, crisis and the Eurovision Song Contest.

Club Origami by Seven.Circles

Sunday 5 May, Pay What You Can

11am – 11:50am & 1:30pm – 2:20pm
Non-Verbal Performance

An interactive dance show inviting family audiences to create, imagine and explore whole new ways of playing with origami.

Leicester Jazz House presents

Mark Lockheart’s ‘Dreamers’

Thursday 9 May
8pm – 10:30pm, £14/£5

This all-star group explores Mark’s multi-faceted outlook on music through a new set of original compositions.

Beautiful Evil Things

by Ad Infinitum

Friday 10 May
7:30pm - 8:45pm, Pay What You Can

What if there was another take on the Trojan war, an untold, breath-taking adventure? Enter Medusa. A critically acclaimed tour de force.

Taking Flight Workshops

by Gramophones

Sunday 12 May, Pay What You Can
11am – 11:45am, 1pm – 1:45pm

& 2:30pm - 3:15pm

A multisensory workshop where babies can move to music, both on the floor and in the air.

Daudi Matsiko

Friday 17 May
7pm – 10pm, Pay What You Can

British-Ugandan singer-songwriter Daudi Matsiko carefully crafts modern & reverent folk.

The Sticky Dance

by Second Hand Dance

Friday 24 & Saturday 25 May

45 Minute Intervals between
10am & 2pm, Pay What You Can

Non-Verbal Performance

Three dancers shimmy through the audience weaving a tapestry of sticky tape. Families are encouraged to explore freely in this tactile dance performance.

Part of the Spark Festival 2024

Leicester Jazz House presents

Liam Noble & Geoff Simkins

‘Lucky Teeth’

Thursday 30 May

8pm – 10:30pm, £14/£5

Noble and Simkins swoop their way around melodies from classic standards to 80’s pop.

WORD! with Adam Kammerling’s:

Seder

Friday 31 May
7:30pm – 9:30pm, £7/£4

An uncompromising interdisciplinary performance exploring the ancient ritual of the Passover Seder.

The Sitar Music Society presents

Baithak Series 2024:

Indian Classical Music

Saturday 1 June

6:30pm – 8:45pm, £10/£8

An unmissable opportunity for an evening of Indian classical by UK-based musicians.

14/48 Festival

Friday 7 – Saturday 8 June

8pm – 10pm & 10:30pm – 12:30am

Pay What You Can

70 theatre makers come together to create 14 brand new plays in just 48 hours. It’s raw, dirty, punk rock theatre, with a live band.

WORD!, Renaissance One &

BrightSparks presents

Windrush Day Festival

Saturday 22 June

3pm - 7pm, £10/£6

A day to mark Windrush, featuring globally-recognised Caribbeans and British Caribbeans from Leicester’s Caribbean community.

The Sitar Music Society presents

Homage to Gurus

Sunday 21 July

2pm – 6:30pm, £10/£8

An annual celebration of Guru Purnima, a special day between students and their teachers.

Apittame Watches:

Do The Right Thing

Saturday 17 August

5pm – 9pm, Pay What You Can

Join us to watch and discuss ‘Do The Right Thing’, a brilliant Spike Lee Joint that tackles racial tension and social injustice head-on.

Summer Performances

at the Botanic Garden

We are bringing back our popular outdoor performances this season with a series of events at the University of Leicester’s Botanic Garden in Oadby. To learn more, visit our website or ask at front desk.

Creative Courses

Pottery: Intermediate Hand Building

Tuesdays, 9 April – 7 May or

Tuesdays, 28 May – 28 June

1pm – 4pm, £85/£65

Explore hand-building alongside glazing and surface decoration to make unique pottery.

Mixed Media Space Exploration

Wednesdays, 10 April – 22 May

1:30pm – 4:30pm, £125/£95

Learn how to create a sense of space in a picture using various media, inspired by different environments and points of view.

Problem & Criticism

Thursdays, 11 April – 20 June or

Thursdays, 18 April – 20 June

10:30am – 12pm, £60/£40

Join with other artists to develop your critical skills and become confident in your own style.

Drawing and Painting

in a Botanical Style

Mondays, 15 April – 1 July

10am – 1pm, £165/£120

Gain an insight into the beautiful process of botanical drawing and painting.

Jazz Performance

Mondays, 15 April – 8 July

7:30pm – 9pm, £90/£70

Gain confidence in your ability to perform in a jazz group and learn tunes from the repertoire.

Watercolour Landscapes:

Developments and Experiments

Tuesdays, 16 April – 21 May

1pm – 3:30pm, £110/£85

Discover various techniques to create expressive landscape paintings using watercolours and other media.

Art History: Every

Picture Tells a Story

Wednesdays, 17 April – 10 July

10:30am – 12pm, £80/£60

Explore the history of narrative art by understanding its subtle codes of gesture, sign and symbols to show meaning.

Art History: Great Exhibitions:

How the Display Changed Art

Wednesdays, 17 April – 22 May

1pm – 3pm, £40/£30

Learn about the effects of The Great Exhibition of 1851 and how it created the model for a century of World Fairs and Expositions.

Life Drawing: Self Expression

Fridays, 19 April – 28 June

2pm – 4:30pm, £165/£120

Learn how to use line and tone in ways that will give your drawing movement and life.

Experiments in Sculpture

Mondays 22 April – 8 July or

Thursdays, 25 April – 4 July

6:30pm – 9pm, £165/£120

Develop sculptural ideas and experiment with form before finalising a unique piece.

Portrait Painting in Oils

Tuesdays, 23 April – 11 June

6pm – 8:30pm, £140/£105

Across eight weeks, learn how to confidently create a striking portrait in oils.

Life in Lino

Wednesdays, 24 April – 29 May

10am – 1pm, £95/£75

Learn the basic techniques to carve your lino plate and enjoy the experimental side of inking to create vibrant prints.

Sculptural Ceramics

Thursdays, 25 April – 4 July

10am – 12:30pm, £165/£120

Working exclusively with clay, create your own sculptural work using a variety of sculptural techniques.

Thursday Sketchbook Sessions

Thursdays, 25 April – 4 July

2pm – 4pm, £120/£90

Fuel your passion for sketching & learn how to keep a sketchbook as part of your creative life.

Growing Your Poetic Voice

Fridays, 10 May - 19 July

6pm - 8pm, £120/£90

Each week focus on a specific subject, including writing for special events, nature writing, writing for publication and more.

Hand Lettering and

Modern Calligraphy

Saturdays, 11 - 25 May

10:30am – 12:30pm, £50/£40

Learn how to write beautifully in modern calligraphy while harnessing your own style.

An Introduction to

Patchwork and Quilting

Wednesdays, 15 May – 12 June

10am – 12:30pm, £85/£65

This introduction course will teach you the essential techniques to start making modern patchwork quilts.

Nature Art Journaling

Mondays, 3 June – 1 July

2pm – 4pm, £65/£50

Try journaling and explore a wide range of techniques to get your creative juices flowing.

Beginners Crochet

Tuesdays, 4 - 25 June

6pm – 8pm, £60/£50

Want to learn to crochet? Join this course to gain the confidence to use a pattern and start your own creations.

Art History: Exploring the Art

Collection at Leicester Museum

and Art Gallery

Wednesdays, 5 June – 3 July

1pm – 3pm, £40/£30

This course explores the local treasures held at the museum, including this summer, Renoir’s Umbrellas on loan from the National Gallery.

Creative Collagraphs

Wednesdays, 5 June – 3 July

10am – 1pm, £95/£75

Explore the incredible versatility of card, tapes, adhesives and texture in this exciting course.

Digital Art: A Beginner’s

Course for iPad and Procreate

in a Gallery Setting

Saturdays, 15 – 29 June

10:30am – 1pm, £60/£45

If you have an iPad and are wondering how to start your digital artistic journey, then this course is for you!

Drawing and Painting at

the Botanic Garden

Monday 15 - Wednesday 17 July

10am – 3:30pm, £150/£110

Using the University of Leicester’s Botanic Garden as inspiration, create exploratory drawings leading to a final piece.

At the Botanic Garden

1-Day Workshops

Pottery For All Workshops

Saturday 13 April, Saturday 1 June

or Friday 19 July

10:30am – 4pm, £75/£55 per session

A new one-day hand-building workshop for all levels of experience with potter Dee Barnes.

Fused Glass Discovery

Thursday 18 April, Thursday 30 May

or Saturday 15 June

10:30am – 4:30pm, £75/£55 per session

A great opportunity to learn and explore the techniques of glass fusing, ideal for beginners.

Weekly Life Drawing Classes

Fridays between 19 April – 12 July

6:30pm – 8:30pm, £20/£15 per session

Pay-as-you-go classes with experienced tutor and artist Scott Bridgwood. Pursue your own style of working with guidance throughout.

Lino Printing for Fabrics

Saturday 20 April

10:30pm – 4pm, £50/£40

Explore the basics of linocut and how it can be used to print onto functional fabric surfaces.