

FLOWERFIELD ARTS CENTRE

**SEPT-DEC
ARTS GUIDE**

2022

Flowerfield Arts Centre



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"State of the Art! What a terrific space, warm, inviting and conducive to art making at all levels."

WELCOME TO OUR SEPT-DEC 2022 ARTS GUIDE!

We are delighted to present our first Arts Guide since 2020 to showcase the fabulous activities we have lined up this Autumn/Winter - available to download from our website straight to your smartphone, tablet or computer or pop in to pick up a printed version.

We have an amazing exhibition by Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer **Cathal McNaughton** and our popular **Christmas Craft Market** returns. Our auditorium is the place to be for fine live music, courtesy of **Anthony Toner**, **Damien O'Kane** and **The Ron Block Band**, and **Luka Bloom**. All this, plus film, community initiatives, and workshops galore for all including activities in Ballycastle and Ballymoney. **Happy Browsing!**



Front cover image: From 'India: Country of Extremes' Collection, by Cathal McNaughton. Image courtesy of the artist.

"An excellent space and always runs interesting classes."



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 and a FabLab, multi-purpose classrooms, I.T. media suite and boardroom, all available to hire.



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 here at Flowerfield and we look forward to welcoming you.

WE ARE OPEN

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

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REFLECTION

CATHAL McNAUGHTON
10 September – 5 November

EXHIBITION LAUNCH: Please join us for the launch on **Saturday 10 September at 1pm. All welcome.**

ARTIST TALK: Cathal is providing a **FREE** gallery talk to accompany his exhibition on **Saturday 10 September at 11am and Saturday 8 October at 1pm. All welcome.**

Cathal McNaughton is a multi-award-winning photojournalist currently based in the Glens of Antrim. Cathal was chief photographer for Reuters in India and has travelled extensively in Asia covering news stories of international significance. He also worked for Reuters in Europe, the Press Association and The Daily Telegraph - and his work regularly features in leading publications across the globe.

Cathal's photography has won him major accolades including POYI, U.K Press Photographer of the Year, Royal Photographer of the Year and Environmental Photographer of the Year.

After winning the Pulitzer Prize in 2018 for his coverage of the Rohingya refugee crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh, Cathal relocated back to Ireland. He is currently the subject of a documentary and is writing his memoir.

Cathal is providing a unique workshop for adults over 18 years and a FREE talk for secondary school students to accompany his exhibition.
Visit pages 24 & 31 for further information.

Image: Widows take part in Holi celebrations in the town of Vrindavan in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh, 2017.

"Flowerfield is always wonderful."



CHRISTMAS CRAFT MARKET

**Saturday 19 November –
Fri 23 December**

The best festive market on the North Coast, our annual Christmas Craft Market returns from Saturday 19 November. The Craft Market features the best of our local and regional professional makers and in our festive galleries, you'll find the perfect gifts and treats for your loved ones, from pottery to scarves, stunning jewellery to unique glass homeware, from beautiful prints to stocking filler candles and artisan food.



Join us for our Twilight Market launch on Saturday 19 November from 3-6pm

when you can browse all of the fantastic gifts available in our galleries and enjoy hot food treats and artisan gifts from the Naturally North Coast and Glens Market outdoors on our terrace – all this plus live music, drop-in art sessions for kids, and more!



IF THE RIVER IS HIDDEN

by Cherry Smyth & Craig Jordan-Baker, with Eimear McGeown on flute
Friday 23 September, 8pm
Tickets £12 full, £11 concession

**This is a BYO event with cabaret style seating.*

Local poet Cherry Smyth will be joined by writer Craig Jordan-Baker and flautist Eimear McGeown for a performance based on a pilgrimage of the Bann in 2021. The flute shapes a river that is reflected in the long, sinewy poems and bridged by a lyric essay. Doesn't belonging start with how we use the words we inherit and the first map we fall in love with? But the Bann is not all it seems and more than it seems.

Raised in Portstewart, **Cherry Smyth** has published two poetry collections, *When the Lights Go Up*, (2001) and *One Wanted Thing*, (2006) by Lagan Press.

Her third collection *Test, Orange* (2012), was published by Pindrop Press and her debut novel, *Hold Still* (Holland Park Press) appeared in 2013. *Famished* (Pindrop Press, 2019) a book-length poem, was developed as a collaborative performance with composer Ed Bennett and vocalist Lauren Kinsella and toured Ireland in 2019, featuring at the Dublin Book Festival.

Craig Jordan-Baker's debut novel *The Nacullians* (époque press, 2020), is the darkly comic story of a working-class family of Irish descent and was praised by the *Irish Times* as "a multi-layered treatise on memory and the stories we tell ourselves". As well as fiction, Craig has numerous drama credits and his stage adaptation of Anglo-Saxon poem *Beowulf* toured the UK in 2015.

Eimear McGeown is an internationally renowned exponent of both the classical and Irish flute. She has featured on BBC's Last Night of the Proms and won the All-Ireland Champion twice on Irish flute and Camerata Ireland Young Musician of the Year on classical flute. You can find her debut album *Inis* on Spotify.

"Excellent! Well set out and marvellous performance."

Northern Lights Sessions

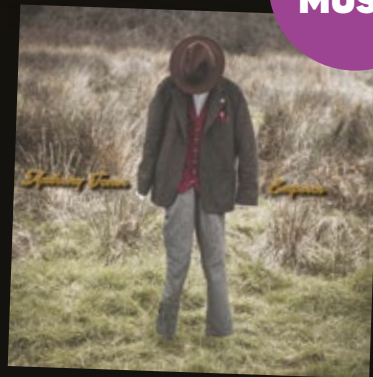
ANTHONY TONER

Friday 30 September, 8pm
Tickets £12.50 full, £11.25
concession

**This is a BYO event with cabaret
style seating.*

Anthony Toner returns to Flowerfield
Arts Centre – a venue close to his heart
– for an intimate evening of songs and
stories, fresh from the release of two
brand new albums in 2022.

Emperor is an acoustic album, which
revisits favourite songs from Anthony's
back catalogue, including 'Sailortown,'
'The Road to Fivemiletown,' 'Well Well
Well' and many more. *The Book of
Absolution* continues where the hugely
popular album *Ink* left off, with personal
songs full of insights about the human
condition that never fail to strike a chord
with listeners.



LIVE
MUSIC

One of Northern Ireland's esteemed
songwriters and finest guitarists, his
live performances are noted for their
entertaining and insightful 'between-
song' stories, as well as his well-crafted
lyrics. As one audience member recently
commented after a show: "it was like
experiencing a series of beautiful
short films."

"All in all, a perfect evening out."

Filmhub NI Collective
present

RÓISE & FRANK

FILM

Thursday 20 October, 7pm
Tickets £5

Grief-stricken Róise lost her husband, Frank, two years ago. Her son, Alan, worries about her but the arrival of a mysterious dog seems to bring happiness to her life once more. Róise soon comes to believe that the dog is, in fact, Frank reincarnated. He has come back to be with her again... and to coach the local sports team.

"A GENUINELY DELIGHTFUL FILM"

THE IRISH TIMES



THE SUNDAY WORLD



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This title is brought to you in partnership with Filmhub NI Collective. Film Hub NI have launched a new project to facilitate tours of Independent films from the UK & Ireland, and beyond called Collective, and we are thrilled to bring you special screenings as part of this initiative.

84 mins / Certificate PG / 2022 / Drama / Language: Irish with English subtitles / Director: Rachael Moriarty, Peter Murphy





**LIVE
MUSIC**

Moving on Music present as part of our
Northern Lights Sessions

DAMIEN O'KANE & THE RON BLOCK BAND

featuring Mike McGoldrick

Friday 21 October, 8pm

Tickets £18 full, £16 concession

**This is a BYO event with cabaret
style seating.*

Steeped in music, Damien grew up in Coleraine, gaining a deep respect and understanding of the folk tradition, alongside a healthy appetite to explore its every edge. Ron Block is a fourteen times Grammy Award winner and member of Alison Krauss & Union Station since 1991. Even though they are an ocean apart, Ron Block is somehow the banjo sibling of Damien, seemingly cut from the same cloth.

Meeting in 2012, the pair released *Banjophony* in 2018, followed by *Banjophonics* this year. The full band is on the road for this October tour, and what a band it is! Ron on banjo, guitar and vocals, Damien on tenor banjo, tenor guitar and vocals, Duncan Lyall on double bass and moog and Ali Hutton on guitar and stomp.

The band is joined by special guest, Mike McGoldrick, a BBC Radio 2 Folk Award winner, founding member of Lúnasa and current member of Capercaillie, who has worked with Mark Knopfler, Eddi Reader, John Cale.

It's going to be a special night!

***"I was utterly blown away
by these guys. Exquisite
musicianship. My gig of the
year." ~ Ralph McTell***

"Lovely warm atmosphere."



**SPOKEN
WORD**

Tenx9 present
GHOSTS

Friday 28 October, 7.30pm
FREE but booking essential

**This is a BYO event with cabaret style seating.*

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 and Paul Doran in the Black Box in Belfast. It aims to strip away the barriers that prevent people from sharing their experiences.



After tremendous success, Tenx9 returns to Flowerfield Arts Centre just in time for Halloween! Curate your own personal stories about ghosts, both the spooky kind and also things or events from your past which may still haunt you.

Get in touch with your true stories at
tenx9.com/submissions



"The staff are excellent, friendly, helpful, and made me feel very welcome at Flowerfield."

HAUNTED HOUSE OPEN DAYS

Saturday 29 October &
Monday 31 October
11am–4pm

FAMILY
EVENTS

We have a host of horrifying Halloween activities planned at Flowerfield from frightening family films to creepy craft workshops, spooky storytelling to live music.

Join us on Saturday 29 October for a screening of **Hocus Pocus** and watch as an unlikely band of heroes try to end the reign of the terrifying Sanderson Sisters. Channel some witchy energy and get creative in our post-film **craft workshop** with Linda Mulholland or join Karen Edwards as she brings to life some of the spooky myths and legends of the Causeway Coast.



There will also be live music from entrancing electronic pop duo **VOKXEN**, drop-in **creepy craft workshops** and a chance to explore the Flowerfield basement (if you dare!) and get hands on with some exciting new creative technologies in our **FABLAB**.

Not only that, but we have specially creepy food treats and crafts on offer by **Naturally North Coast & Glens** Halloween Market outside in Flowerfield Park from 12noon–4pm!

On Monday 31 October we are screening Disney's **Coco**, following Miguel as his pursuit of music, leads him to the Land of the Dead where he meets his great-great-grandfather, and legendary singer Ernesto de la Cruz. After the movie enjoy some **Sugar Skull craft** or take your tiny tots to our **Not So Spooky Tales** with Kelly Quigley. There will also be drop-in **creepy craft workshops** with Linda Mulholland to create some monster masterpieces.

This activity has received financial support from The Executive Office through the District Council Good Relations Programme.



"... an excellent experience."



Saturday 29 October:

Frightenin' Family Film: Hocus Pocus

11am–12.30pm

Tickets £3 / Family Ticket £10 for up to 4 people

Naturally North Coast and Glens Halloween Market

12noon–4pm

Witchy Craft Workshop for all ages

12.30–1.30pm FREE

Ghoulish Myths and Legends with Karen Edwards for 8-12yrs

12.30–1.30pm FREE

Live Music from VOKXEN

2–2.30pm & 3–3.30pm FREE

Creepy Craft Drop-in Workshops for all ages

2–4pm FREE

Halloween in the FABLAB for 8+yrs

2–4pm FREE



Monday 31 October:

Frightenin' Family Film: Disney's Coco

11am–12.30pm

Tickets £3 / Family Ticket £10 for up to 4 people

Dia De Los Muertos Craft Workshop for all ages with Linda Mulholland

12.30–1.30pm FREE

Not So Spooky Tales for Tiny Tots for 4+yrs with Kelly Quigley

12.30–1.30pm FREE

Creepy Craft Drop-in Workshops for all ages 2–4pm FREE

"It was excellent. Very talented musician."

LIVE
MUSIC

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LUKA BLOOM

Friday 4 November, 8pm

Tickets £18 full, £16 concession

**This is a BYO event with cabaret style seating.*

One of Ireland's most respected contemporary folk artists, Bloom continues to push the boundaries of what his music can do. A master interpreter, he has continued to balance original songs with reinventions of tunes by a diverse range of songwriters.

Like many who write songs, Luka's orchestra of choice is the guitar. What makes his career a little different is his constant search for a new voice within the guitar. The guitar is the landscape on which the song is created, and he is forever probing that landscape for new inspiration. No effects, no gadgets.

Time, effort and a whole lot of love bring forth new voicings within the instrument, and bit by bit, the songs come to life, and eventually they fly, bringing Luka with them to be heard in Byron Bay, San Francisco, Hamburg, or even Portstewart. Prepare yourselves for a special evening of pure songwriting including his new album *Out of the Blue*.



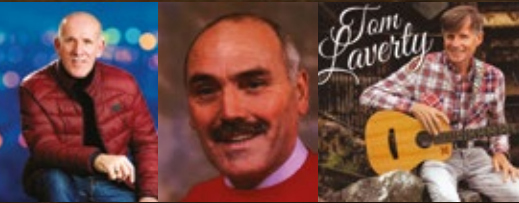
"Luka Bloom is the equal of his legendary folkie brother, Christy Moore." ~ Sydney Morning Herald

"Enjoyed the cabaret set up which made it much more intimate and sociable."

COMEDY, GOSPEL & COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW

Friday 11 November, 8pm

Tickets £12.50



A night not to be missed in the intimate setting of our auditorium celebrating the music and comedy of well-known entertainers, **Liam McLaughlin**, **Robert Ramsey** and **Tom Laverty**.

GUEST HIRE EVENT

Along with being one of the busiest singer/musicians on the Irish social dancing scene, Liam is a prolific songwriter and has written songs for the likes of Declan Nerney, Patrick Feeney and 'You're My Guiding Light', recorded by a host of Irish singers.

Robert has enjoyed much success over the years as a compere and comedian, with his well-scripted stories and more recently, with the publication of his autobiography.

Tom is also a singer/songwriter more influenced by American Country, paying homage to such greats as John Prine and bluegrass legend, Ricky Scaggs. Tom has played on the Gospel slot on the Grand Ole Opry singing Gospel classics including 'Hold on to God' and 'One Red Rose in the Bible'.



FESTIVE TEA DANCE

Thursday 1 December, 1–3pm

FREE but booking essential

**This is a cabaret style seated event.*

Take a trip down memory lane in this special festive tea dance especially for our local senior citizens to enjoy an afternoon of tea, sandwiches, traybakes and nostalgia from a bygone era. There will be music from days gone by with the band Driftwood playing instrumental jazz, ambient, classical and Celtic music. Dance the afternoon away or just sit back and soak up the atmosphere.

"Brilliant show, great music!"

BENJAMIN AMOS

Saturday 17 December, 8pm

Tickets £12.50

**This is a BYO event with cabaret style seating.*

From the North Coast, singer/songwriter Amos' lush musical style will appeal to fans of Sufjan Stevens, Fleet Foxes and Local Natives. Amos cut his teeth in indie rock band The Good Fight winning BBC TV competitions and playing at some of the biggest stages across Ireland, before forming acoustic duo Sullivan & Gold. After signing to indie label Smalltown America, *For Foes* was released to a great reception and the album was shortlisted for the NI Music Prize.

Sullivan & Gold toured the Scottish Hebrides, played in English cathedrals and supported artists including Lisa Hannigan and Ghostpoet, before the duo went their separate ways.

His first solo release, *Letters*, is inspired by a collection of letters from the last ten years of his life - some have been delivered, some not yet delivered and some, he's scared to send! The first singles 'Never Far From Home' and 'Maelstrom' received airplay on BBC stations in the north of England. Now relocated to the North Coast, Amos and his band will present his new material alongside a few festive delights.

**GUEST
HIRE
EVENT**

"With the storytelling quality Benjamin Amos possesses, it's rude not to stop and listen." ~ Indie Band Guru

"An expansive journey of sounds, from stirring string accompaniments and beautiful vocal harmonies to uplifting rhythms and touching, heartfelt lyrics. It is difficult to listen to without feeling connected to your own experiences of relationships and heartache" ~ NARC Magazine



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 aim to ensure 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 and are available from our website: www.flowerfield.org/about/safeguarding



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

WEEKEND WONDERS WORKSHOPS

Saturday 10 & 17 September

Cost: £18 (Hedgehogs)

Saturday 22 October

Cost: £9 (Halloween)

Saturday 12 & 19 November

Cost: £18 (Autumn leaf lanterns)

Saturday 3 & 10 December

Cost: £18 (Christmas decorations)

For ages 5–7 years / 10.30am–12noon

For ages 8–12 years / 1–2.30pm

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



HAVE A GO THROWING FOR AGES 12-16YRS

Saturday 17 September

10.30am–12.30pm

Cost: £20 (includes all materials)

Learn the basics of throwing on the pottery wheel in a relaxed and fun environment, perfect for teenagers who love to get creative. Participants will get to pick three of their favourite pots to be fired and collected at a later date.

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



"My daughter really enjoyed carrying out activities and meeting new friends."



CHILDREN'S ART WORKSHOPS FOR AGES 8-11YRS IN BALLYMONEY & BALLYCASTLE

Saturday 1, 8, 15 October, 26 November and 17 December
10–11.30am at Ballymoney Town Hall

2–3.30pm at Sheskburn House,
Ballycastle (Entrance via gym at rear car park)

Cost: £8 per workshop or £35 for series of 5

Children will have great fun and let their creativity run riot in these fantastic, varied workshops throughout the Autumn. They will create unique artwork under different themes of the season, experimenting with different artistic materials, learning new creative techniques, having fun and developing their skills, before making finished masterpieces to take home. Themes include Halloween, Autumn, Diwali and Christmas arts activities.



AUTUMNAL ANIMALS FOR AGES 7-12YRS

Saturday 1 October
10.30am–12.30pm

Cost: £15 (includes all materials)

Design and sculpt your favourite autumn animal using air-drying clay in this fab workshop with Ceramic Artist Fiona Shannon. Make sure kids bring along a picture of their favourite animal like a squirrel, hedgehog or barn owl to help them sculpt the right shape and give it loads of character. Participants can take their animal home at the end of the workshop to paint so please bring a box to keep their creation safe!

HALLOWEEN CLAY LANTERNS FOR AGES 7-12YRS

Saturday 22 October OR

Saturday 29 October

10.30am–12.30pm

Cost: £15 (includes all materials)

Kids will make their own creepy creative clay lanterns just in time for Halloween. Participants can take it home, paint it and let it dry naturally - please bring a box to take your lantern home in.



AUTUMN FUSED GLASS MOBILE FOR AGES 10-16YRS

Saturday 29 October

10am–1pm

Cost: £35 (includes all glass materials)

(Participants are asked to bring a cane or driftwood piece to hang their mobile from.)

In this half-day workshop with artist Eleanor-Jane McCartney, participants will design and assemble a colourful hedgehog mobile to hang at home and catch the beautiful autumn light. They'll learn how to cut and assemble glass in various forms (sheet glass, frit, stringers and confetti) and their glass piece will be made to hang on cane/driftwood – finished fired pieces will be available for collection a week after the workshop.

Please note, participants must wear close-toed shoes.



CHRISTMAS FUSED GLASS MOBILE FOR AGES 10-16YRS

Saturday 3 December

10am–1pm

Cost: £35 (includes all glass materials)

(Participants are asked to bring a cane or driftwood piece to hang their mobile from.)

Design and make a colourful gingerbread themed mobile in this half-day workshop with artist Eleanor-Jane McCartney, participants will design and assemble a colourful gingerbread mobile to hang at home. Finished fired pieces will be available for collection a week after the workshop. **Please note, participants must wear close-toed shoes.**



MAKE + DO FOR ADULTS

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Visit flowerfield.org for further details on each activity including information on our tutors.



CREATIVE WRITING: WORDSMITHS (VIA ZOOM)

Wednesday 7 September to 2 November
7.15–9.15pm
Cost: £64 full or £58 concession for
8 workshops

Join poet and playwright Anne McMaster for an engaging 8-week online course which will guide you through each stage of developing and shaping your writing for publication. You'll work with original creative stimuli, gain practical experience in giving feedback to other writers' work (as well as editing your own), gather valuable hints on researching appropriate

journals and magazines for your writing, prepare a writer's biography, and then publish your work in an anthology.

You will be encouraged to explore different literary forms (poetry, memoir, flash fiction, micro fiction and short story writing), you'll critique and edit your work via online discussions and tutor feedback, and you will be supported and guided each step of the way. You will also be able to contact Anne via email to receive personal editorial feedback on your work.

"Flowerfield is a perfect venue for workshops."



WATERCOLOURS FOR BEGINNERS

Thursday 8 September or
Thursday 24 November
10am–12.30pm

Cost: £22 full or £20 concession
per session

North Coast Artist Elaine Harkness will teach the basics of watercolour painting and explore experimental mark making with this versatile medium in these one-off workshops. The sessions are ideal for both beginner and those who wish to develop their painting techniques. You will produce a simple landscape painting bringing together all the skills you have acquired. Please bring your own set of brushes to the workshop.



5-WEEK THROWING COURSE FOR BEGINNERS

This popular five-week course is available across a range of dates throughout the season:

Wednesday 14 September – 12 October (Series 1)
Thursday 15 September – 13 October (Series 2)
Wednesday 26 October – 23 November (Series 3)
Thursday 27 October – 24 November (Series 4)
7–9pm

Cost: £145 full or £130 concession for a series of 5 workshops (includes all materials)

Learn 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. You will also learn turning techniques to finish your pots off and how 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. Each participant can use up to two bags of stoneware clay which they can use to make items that will be fired and glazed by the tutor to be collected at a later date.



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

"Great course, only wish it was longer than four weeks as I loved it!"

MIXED-MEDIA COURSE

Thursday 15 September to 20 October

2.30–4.30pm

Cost: £60 full or £54 concession for 6 workshops

Suitable for both beginners and improvers, participants will be introduced to acrylic, watercolour and oil paints through a variety of exercises over this six-week series. Learning about different mediums and styles, participants will be encouraged to complete an artwork in their choice of medium with guidance and advice from artist Lorna Gough.

T'AI CHI

Thursday 15 September – 13 October

7–9pm

Cost: £45 full or £40 concession for 5 sessions

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 this practice with guidance from Philip Johnston, you can learn to make every aspect of life happier, healthier and more compassionate in this five-week course.

Please wear comfortable clothes that allow free movement.



JEWELLERY WORKSHOP AT BALLYMONEY TOWN HALL

Saturday 17 September,

Silver stacking rings

Saturday 17 December,

Silver linked bracelets

10am–4pm

Cost: £60 per workshop, includes materials

Design and make your own unique silver stacking rings or silver linked bracelets under the guidance of goldsmith Diane Lyness. Choose from a range of designs or create your own. Each participant will learn traditional jewellery-making techniques such as piercing, soldering, shaping, texturing and polishing to create a beautiful piece of jewellery to take home. No previous experience is required. Materials provided. All you need to bring is an apron and bundles of enthusiasm! Advance booking recommended to ensure a place.



"Lovely venue. Very well organised."

PAINTING FOR PLEASURE AT SHESKBURN HOUSE, BALLYCASTLE

Thursday 22 September – 8 December
7–9pm
Cost: £85 for series of 12 classes

These classes offer participants the opportunity to try out various mediums and ideas in an informal atmosphere with tutor Louie Winward. Please bring your own materials. Numbers limited to 16. *Entrance to all Sheskburn House workshops is via gym entrance/rear car park.*



OIL PAINTING FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday 24 September or
Saturday 26 November
10am–12.30pm
Cost: £22 full or £20 concession
per session

North Coast Artist Elaine Harkness will teach the basics of painting with oils and explore experimental mark making with this versatile medium in these one-off workshops. Ideal for beginners and experienced, you'll produce a simple landscape painting bringing together all the skills you have acquired. **Please bring your own set of brushes to the workshop.**

PATCHWORK FOR BEGINNERS AT BALLYMONEY TOWN HALL

Monday 26 September - 28 November
7–9pm
Cost: £80 for series of 10 classes

Hobby patchwork class for beginners with tutor Anne Rickerby. Participants will learn different techniques whilst encouraged to work on their own projects at home.

PATCHWORK FOR IMPROVERS AT BALLYMONEY TOWN HALL

Tuesday 27 September - 29 November
7–9pm
Cost: £80 for series of 10 classes

Hobby patchwork class for improvers with tutor Anne Rickerby. Participants will learn different techniques whilst encouraged to work on their own projects at home.



PAINTING FOR PLEASURE AT BALLYMONEY TOWN HALL

Wednesday 28 September -
30 November
10am–12 noon
Cost: £80 for 10 sessions

These painting classes offer participants the opportunity to try out various mediums in an informal atmosphere with tutor Freda McKeown. **Please bring your own materials.**

"This was my first course with Flowerfield and was a very positive experience."

ABSTRACTING THE AUTUMN LANDSCAPE

Saturday 1 to 22 October

10.30am–1pm

Cost: £65 full or £59 concession for 4 workshops

Explore autumn colour by taking inspiration from our local environment in this brilliant 4-week workshop series with artist Heather Byrne. You'll approach drawing in an expressive way, making studies of the landscape and still-life objects using mark-making techniques, mono-printing, and intuitive observational drawing exercises with materials including inks, acrylics and collage.

In Week Two participants will require sensible footwear and outdoor wear for a forest walk in Downhill Demense to capture the stunning autumn landscape. We will provide a list of materials to bring to the workshop.



AUTUMN LEAF GLASS MOBILE

Wednesday 5 October
2–5pm

Cost: £35 full or £32 concession
(includes all glass materials)

(Participants are asked to bring a cane or driftwood piece to hang their mobile from.)

Design and assemble a colourful mobile to catch the beautiful autumn light within your home. With guidance from artist Eleanor-Jane McCartney, you'll learn how to cut and assemble glass in a number of forms (sheet glass, frit, stringers and confetti). Made to hang from cane/driftwood, your finished fired piece will be available for collection a week after the workshop. **Participants must wear close-toed shoes.**



"This workshop went very well, it was good to be in the environment of the exhibition."

PHOTOGRAPHY MASTERCLASS WITH CATHAL McNAUGHTON

Saturday 15 October

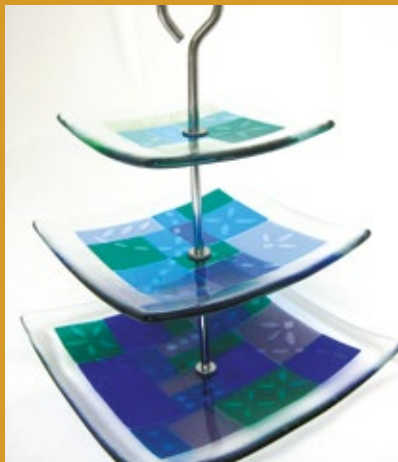
10am–1pm

Cost: £45 full or £40 concession

To complement his *Reflection* exhibition (see page 4), Pulitzer prize-winning photographer Cathal McNaughton will deliver a special one-off masterclass. This is a unique opportunity to find out how a leading photographer approaches, researches and carries out an assignment. You will be set individual tasks on the day and taught how to build a story and create a narrative.



"...a brilliant teacher! Gives all her students a good balance of the help they need and the space to explore & improve their own abilities."



FUSED GLASS TIERED CAKE STAND

Wednesday 19 October to 23 November
2–5pm

Cost: £110 full or £100 concession for
6 workshops
(includes all materials)

Artist Eleanor-Jane McCartney guides you in designing and assembling your own unique three-tiered cake stand. You'll learn to cut glass, glass craft techniques and all finished pieces will be available for collection a week after the workshop. Participants must wear close-toed shoes.

FRIEL REIMAGINED WORKSHOPS: TRANSLATIONS

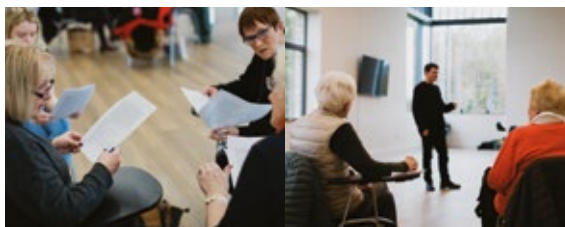
Wednesday 2 to 23 November
7–9pm

Cost: £16 for 4 workshops

**Delivered with kind support from Bruiser Theatre Company and Queen's University*

Join Bruiser Theatre Company and Queen's University for four workshop sessions exploring Brian Friel's modern classic, *Translations* (1980). To celebrate the publication of Friel's digital archive, we invite you to take part in this special workshop series that will explore both playwriting and performance. Friel's audacious play looked back to the 1830s and a pivotal moment of transformation as Irish placenames were anglicised; his genius was in making such a remote time and place feel alive and relevant in modern society.

The workshops will give you the chance to explore the themes and characters of the play through Bruiser's active and engaging physical theatre style, and to spend time discussing Friel's work as a group.



- Week 1:** Introduction to Brian Friel and physical theatre with Bruiser Theatre Company
- Week 2:** Explore the text and themes of *Translations*
- Week 3:** Develop your own ideas responding to the themes of the play
- Week 4:** Bring it all together - performance, readings and reflections

The ethos of the project is to encourage new audiences to experience theatre - previous experience of acting, or knowledge of Friel's work is a bonus but is not required. Limited places available. Please book only if you can attend all four sessions.



"A very different wholesome dance class with a gifted teacher."



INTRODUCTION TO DANCE

Thursday 3 November – 1 December
7–9pm

Cost: £54 full or £50 concession for
5 sessions

This fantastic dance and movement course devised and delivered by Philip Johnston is great fun! Whether you're a complete beginner or more experienced, interested to learn about dance or want to improve your health and well-being, you'll love dance and feel more confident in your body by the end of this course. Each class features a warm-up followed by technique exercises.

Please wear comfortable clothes that allow free movement.



CERAMIC CHRISTMAS GINGERBREAD HOUSE

Saturday 12 November
10am–2pm

Cost: £60 full or £54 concession
(includes all materials)

Design and make a Christmas gingerbread house which you can use as a centrepiece for your festive table. Devised for beginners by Fiona Shannon, you'll learn different ceramics skills in a fun and creative environment. Your gingerbread house will be fired to be collected at a later date. Please bring an apron and wear clothes that you won't mind getting a little messy.

"The tutor is so fantastic and attentive."

CERAMIC CHRISTMAS NATIVITY CRIB

Saturday 19 November
10am–2pm

Cost: £60 full or £54 concession
(includes all materials)

Fiona Shannon will guide you in making your own unique Crib and Nativity Scene which you'll have for years to come.

Designed for beginners this class will be a fun and creative environment to get crafty using a range of clay techniques. Work will be fired to be collected at a later date. Please bring an apron and wear clothes that you won't mind getting a little dirty.



SILVERSMITHING: SILVER NECKLACE OR EARRINGS

Saturday 19 November
10am–4pm

Cost: £60 full or £54 concession
(includes all materials)

Design and make a unique silver necklace or earrings under the guidance of goldsmith Diane Lyness. Each participant will be taught traditional jewellery making techniques such as piercing, soldering, shaping, texturing and polishing to create a beautiful piece of jewellery to take home. No previous experience is required. All you need to bring is an apron and bundles of enthusiasm! Please bring a packed lunch.

"A real learning experience in a very comfortable and non threatening environment."



CELEBRATING LEID WEEK: 'LOVE YOUR LANGUAGE' WRITING WORKSHOP

Thursday 24 November at Shesburn House, Ballycastle, 7–9pm

Saturday 26 November at Ballymoney Town Hall, 2–4pm

Free but advance booking essential

Join poet and playwright Anne Mc Master in this Leid Week workshop celebrating local speech and language. Whether you're trying your hand at creative writing for the first time or returning to something you love, you'll be inspired to gather local and familiar words and develop them through a series of creative prompts into your own original work. Let Anne encourage and inspire you to bring these beautiful words to life. *This activity has received financial support from The Executive Office through the District Council Good Relations Programme. Entrance to Shesburn House workshop is via gym entrance/rear car park.*



CHRISTMAS ANGEL GLASS MOBILE

Wednesday 7 December
2–5pm

Cost: £35 full or £32 concession
(includes all materials)

(Participants are asked to bring a cane or driftwood piece to hang their mobile from.)

Design and make your own colourful angel glass mobile with help from artist Eleanor-Jane McCartney. Made to hang from cane or driftwood, your glass piece will be ready for collection a week after the workshop. **Participants must wear close-toed shoes.**

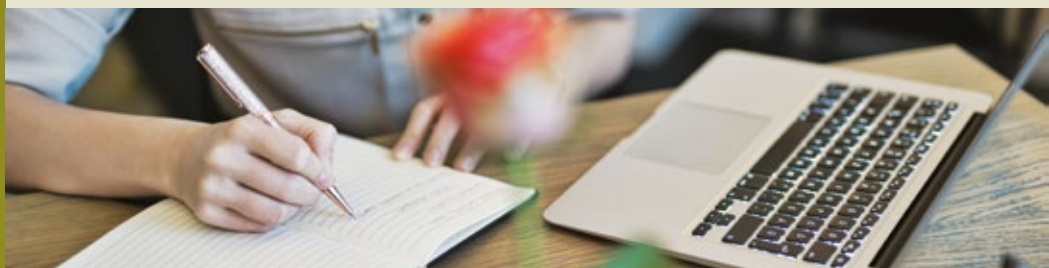
COMMUNITY

WARM SPACE

Every Wednesday & Thursday from 1–4pm, 7–9pm
& Saturdays 10am–1pm
Free for everyone. All welcome.



Throughout the year, we offer a warm welcome. With rising living costs resulting in many people worried about keeping their homes heated, we are offering a Warm Space for everyone this Wintertime at Flowerfield. Come along and enjoy refreshments, books and board games, meet other members of our communities and relax in a warm and comfortable environment. Whether you want to quietly read a book, the papers or knit and natter, families and individuals, young and old, are all most welcome to share our Warm Space this Winter.



SPACE TO WRITE

Every Thursday
7–8.30pm
Free participation but advance
booking required

Are you a writer who'd like to meet up with other writers in the Causeway Coast & Glens area and have some time out to work in a new environment?

Space to Write is a free initiative through which we hope you will, literally, find the space and time to write. We're offering writers a specific time that they can come together to network/meet and work on their writing in quieter spots in the centre – from the galleries to our reception café area to our ground floor corridor.

Writers are invited to gather for a short welcome, find a comfortable space in the arts centre and write quietly for an hour, after which time individuals can meet in the café area for a cuppa and a chat before heading home.

Please note, this isn't a creative writing workshop. Local author Bernie McGill says: *'Writing can be a lonely business and having an agreed 'appointment' to write has proved to be extraordinarily effective. We hold the space for each other at Flowerfield on a Thursday evening. It's been very productive for all of us.'*

There is no cost – we just want you to hang out and be inspired! Visit www.flowerfield.org for more information. Register by emailing info@flowerfield.org

"I love supporting Flowerfield and the artists that use it, it's a fab resource."

FRIDAY ART CLUB

Every Friday
10am–1pm
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 and techniques to encourage individual development. Flowerfield hosts occasional exhibitions of work created by the Friday Art Club so the group is also a fantastic opportunity to showcase your work.

MAE MURRAY FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP



Did you know that the Mae Murray Foundation provides games and activities for families? We share the 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, whether you live locally or are visiting the North Coast. Our location beside the Diversity Playpark and the Inclusive Play Pack guarantee a great day out.



REFUGEE CREATIVE PROGRAMME

With funding support from Good Relations, we are currently providing creative art workshops for children of recent refugees who are now living within the Causeway Coast and Glens Borough. Based in Ballymoney, the workshops are invaluable in providing personal and group creative time to express themselves in an informal and supportive environment. If you would like more information on this programme, contact Elaine Gaston, Cultural Services Development Officer via Elaine.Gaston@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk. This activity has received financial support from The Executive Office through the District Council Good Relations Programme.



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.

"Can't wait for my next class!"

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ARTIST TALK: CATHAL McNAUGHTON

Thursday 6 October, 11am

Free to local schools (advance booking required)

Cathal McNaughton is a multi-award-winning photojournalist currently based in the Glens of Antrim. After winning the Pulitzer Prize in 2018 for his coverage of

the Rohingya refugee crisis in Myanmar and Bangladesh, Cathal relocated back to Ireland. He is currently the subject of a documentary and is writing his memoir.

This talk will provide a unique insight into his career as a photojournalist and people and places behind his exhibition *Reflection*, on show at Flowerfield from 10 September to 5 November.

“Absolutely brilliant.”



TEACHERS

BY JOHN GODBER

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Friday 21 October, 11am

**Partnering with schools to provide in-school performances*

We are delighted to support a local school in bringing the touring production of *Teechers* by John Godber to local students in October 2022.

Fast-moving, inventive and highly entertaining, *Teechers* is John Godber's brilliant take on life at a modern Comprehensive. Through their hilarious end-of-term play, three Year 11s exuberantly sketch the new drama teacher's progress through two terms of recalcitrant classes, cynical colleagues and obstructive caretakers.

Disillusioned, he departs for the safe waters of a private school, and leaves behind his students, whose youthful irreverence gives way to despair.

Brought to the stage by Bruiser Theatre Company with high energy, break-neck comedy and breathtaking ensemble performances, *Teechers* is a modern classic with something vital to say about education for the 'haves' and 'have nots'.

Directed by Lisa May, this production will be staged in Bruiser's unique style of physical theatre and performed by a cast of three local professional actors.



"Very interesting - I really enjoyed the experience!"

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INTO FILM FESTIVAL

Tuesday 8 November, 10.30am -

Clifford the Big Red Dog

Thursday 10 November, 1.15pm - **Belfast**

Tuesday 15 November, 10.30am - **The Bad Guys**

Thursday 17 November, 1.15pm -

Minions 2: The Rise of Gru

**Free to local schools (advance booking
required)**

The Into Film Festival is a free, annual, UK-wide celebration of film and education for 5-19 year olds. Supporting our vision of putting film at the heart of children and young people's education, the Into Film Festival is the largest youth-focused film festival in the world and we are proud to host it and welcome local schools.

www.flowerfield.org

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We pride ourselves on welcoming so many primary and secondary schools to visit our exhibitions. If you're an Art & Design teacher and would like to bring a group of pupils/students to any of our exhibitions, we can offer a gallery tour or even, where possible, arrange a tour by the exhibiting artist. Contact info@flowerfield.org for further information.