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JANUARY - APRIL 2010



Education and Community Programme
at West Cork Arts Centre



Programme for Children and Families

Arts Club

Children are invited to take a journey into visual art. Approaches to sculpture, painting and animation will form the basis of this course and children will work with different artists. Project Assistant, Rachel Robinson will lead games at the beginning and end of sessions.

Work will also be created by the children for Skibbereen's St. Patrick's Day Parade

Arts Club for 7 to 12 year olds, Monday 3.30pm – 5.00pm

1 February – 15 March

Fee: €55

All art materials will be supplied. WCAC Workspace, 14 places available

Children's Drama

Facilitator Alison Glennie and Drama Assistant Rachel Robinson deliver active drama and physical theatre workshops to explore movement, spatial awareness and listening skills influenced by different cultures.

Drama for 6 to 9 year olds, Tuesday 3.30pm – 4.45pm

Drama for 10 to 13 year olds, Tuesday 5.00pm – 6.30pm

19 January - 23 March and 13 April - 25 May

Fees: €5 per session plus €20 for annual membership

Tuesday 23 March will be open drama day as part of the CHOOWAWAA! Children's Art Event.

Alan Foley Academy of Dance

This term Alan Foley's Academy of Dance will again deliver an expansive dance programme for children and young people. The programme has diverse features including pre-school sessions especially for young children to develop key skills in an enjoyable way, modern and jazz sessions exploring choreography and high energy dance, hip-hop, classical and contemporary ballet for all levels.

Ballet, Modern and Jazz for 3 to 18 year olds,

Every Wednesday 1.30pm - 8.30pm

13 January – 31 March, 12 weeks

14 April - 9 June, 9 weeks

Ballet Show Saturday 12 June

Fees from €100

Parents are responsible for completing an enrolment form and paying fees on the first day. Participants are advised to arrive in appropriate attire for the classes as there are no suitable changing facilities.

CHOOWAWAA

20 March – 7 April

An arts event for children aged 3 to 12 years old

Opening Saturday 20 March.

A full programme of activities will be available nearer the opening date.

Image above: Arts Club participants at WCAC, 2009

Below, Music with Nico Brown and Martin Brunsten at Choowawaa 2008.

Image by Roland Paschhoff





Youth Arts News

WCAC Youth Theatre

Youth Theatre Director, Karen Minihan and Drama Assistant Rachel Robinson facilitate a series of drama workshops to explore role play, develop vocal and physical skills and group interaction and skills. This term focuses on self expression and performance skills with a view to developing a production for WCAC's Youth Event in April.

14 to 18 year olds

Thursdays 4.30pm – 6.15pm

21 January – 25 March (excluding mid term 18 Feb) 9 weeks

Additional rehearsals 15 and 22 April

Performance Friday 23 April

Cost: €20 enrolment fee (this covers one year's membership) and €5 per session

Enrolment forms can be collected from Reception at the Arts Centre.

WCAC Workspace, 14 places available.

Friday Night Youth Arts

The Friday Night Youth Arts Group, working with artist Julia Pallone and Project Assistant Caoimhe Pendred, explores different ideas, concepts, skills and techniques within contemporary art and leading to the production of an artwork for the Youth Exhibition in April.

14 to 18 year olds

Fridays 4.30pm – 6.30pm

22 January – 26 March (excluding mid term 19 Feb) 9 weeks

Installation of artwork 12 – 14 April

Youth Exhibition opening Friday 16 April

Cost: €5 per session. €20 for annual membership

FNYA believes in taking young people seriously as artists in their own right, and endeavours to create a democratic, sociable and enjoyable environment in which the young people's ideas can be translated into high quality exhibition work.

Image above: Scene from WCAC Youth Theatre production of *Little Women*, 2009.
Below: Young people involved in Youth Programme 2009



Programme for Adults

Explore Painting

This programme facilitated by artist John Simpson focuses on various aspects of mark making and colour. Some basic materials will be provided however participants will be encouraged to bring their own materials. An option is available for participants to submit their work for FETAC accreditation.

Mondays 7.30pm - 9.30pm and Tuesdays 11.00am - 1.00pm

18 January – 22 March, 10 weeks

Fee: €100

Explore Life Painting

Life Painting skills for adults facilitated by artist John Simpson

Mondays 7.30pm - 9.30pm and Tuesdays 11.00am - 1.00pm

12 April -18 May, 6 weeks

Fee: €70

Learning Network for Artists in Business

Saturday 6 Feb, 10.30am - 4.45pm

Following a one day event in Autumn '08, WCAC is teaming up with West Cork Community Partnership to create an opportunity for networking and learning about approaches to business plans, marketing and pricing artwork. Tailored to the needs of artists, this workshop will take the form of presentations, group discussions and simple exercises.

Light lunch will be provided along with a tour of the current exhibition.

Cost €10

Image: Explore Painting and Drawing with John Simpson, 2009.



Open Studio

The WCAC workspace is available during certain times of the week for artist members and students to use as a studio to explore dance, painting, drawing, sculptural or other arts related studies. Facilitators and materials are not provided.

Cost €10 for up to 3 hours, booking is essential.

Programme for Older People

Arts for an Active Mind

This course, with artist Paul Cialis, is for people aged over 55 years who are interested in exploring visual art. Participants will explore using poetry as an inspiration to develop new visual artwork. The group is encouraged to take on creative challenges, develop new ways of approaching art and exploring different ways to look for inspiration.

Some basic materials are provided, however participants are encouraged to bring their own materials.

Mondays 10.30am – 12.30pm and Tuesdays 7.00pm – 9.00pm
18 January – 10 May (excluding Easter 29 & 30 March and 5 & 6 April and B/H 3 May)

Fee: €50

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Image: Arts for an Active Mind participants, 2009



