

THE DIRECTORY

WORK EXPERIENCE, VOLUNTEERING AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARTISTS AND CREATIVE PRACTITIONERS IN KIRKLEES

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CHOL THEATRE

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Chol is a theatre and arts company based in Huddersfield specialising in cultural education and community theatre projects. Our signature drama education approach, Imaginary Communities, helps children be playful and present to imagine a better world. Our projects connect the local to the global and celebrate the extraordinary in the everyday.

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects Huddersfield's Big Masala Tea Party; Loving Grannie's Music, Imaginary Communities; Living on Bronte Street.

Website for further information www.choltheatre.co.uk

Work experience opportunities Four placements were offered in 2017 for children and young people from local schools, colleges and universities.

Volunteering opportunities We provide ad hoc opportunities for event and strategic volunteers. Contact info@choltheatre.co.uk to express an interest.

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available Inflatable pod, badge machine.

Training, mentoring and workshops Details on our website when happening. Can respond to individual requests. We regularly train practitioners in Imaginary Communities.

CREATIVE ARTS HUB CIC

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Creative Arts Hub is a West Yorkshire based arts centre which supports artists in the creation and promotion of new artwork. We house 12 studio spaces and a gallery, and manage an ongoing programme of exhibitions by contemporary artists. Our community focused work includes activities and workshops for all age ranges, held both at our central Mirfield base and at other venues and events locally.

Artform/s General visual arts, catering for learning based around a wide range of art techniques and styles.

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects Arts Award delivery at Discover, Explore, Bronze and Silver levels.

Website for further information www.creativeartshub.org.uk creativeartshubmirfield.com

Work experience opportunities We can offer opportunities relating to gallery management and workshop delivery - short term and longer term involvement considered.

Volunteering opportunities Opportunity for involvement at a variety of levels; assistance with cleaning and building maintenance through to workshop activities and exhibition programming/marketing.

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available Gallery space for larger projects/meetings/parties etc; management of gallery programme at Batley Art Gallery; projector and screen; tables and seating; catering facilities; access to studios for short term and long term license periods.

Training, mentoring and workshops Informal mentoring/shadowing, as per specified information in volunteering opportunities.

Platform events We are a regular contributor to a range of local events including Batley Vintage Day, Mirfield Agricultural Show, Mirfield Arts Festival and Batley Festival. We also run our own occasional open events and craft fairs.

CREATIVE SCENE

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Creative Scene is an arts project that commissions, programmes and produces projects in North Kirklees, West Yorkshire. We are exploring ways for the public to get involved in shaping local arts provision, experimenting with new and different approaches to commissioning, producing and presenting the arts in the places where people live and work.

Artform/s Mixed – especially focussed on outdoor arts, festivals, small-scale touring theatre for children and for adults; site specific events and installations, light-based and digital art in public realm.

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects We are currently working with national partners Complicite, The Urban Playground and Emergency Exit Arts to offer a number of learn-by-doing opportunities for people aged 16 to 25 ranging from a photography installation event, a parkour production and a young producer's training programme.

The Togetherring: an exciting new festival for Dewsbury launching on 25th October 2017. We are aiming to develop a year-round programme of creative events in the town centre inspired by the theme of Togetherness. The Togetherring will kick-start this process offering an event so irresistible it will become an annual ritual, eventually infiltrating every square inch of the town! This first festival will welcome an audience to share food, shadow play fire, storytelling and more.

For more details on any of these opportunities please sign up for our e-newsletter (<https://www.creativescene.org.uk/>) and follow us on Twitter (@CreativeSceneWY) and Facebook (@CreativeScene.uk)

Website for further information www.creativescene.org.uk

Work experience and volunteering opportunities We take student work experiences and placements including from local schools, colleges and universities and also provide volunteering opportunities throughout the year with a particular focus on support for events and promotion. Please contact us to discuss your interests/ requirements.

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available Brigantia is our large-scale studio space on the 5th floor of Dewsbury's Empire House which stands on the site of the former Empire Theatre. Brigantia is a space for artists and creative entrepreneurs, a place to make, test and show work, a place for the community to come together to get involved in all kinds of arts and cultural activities. To find out more please contact Simon Thirkhill, Creative Custodian: simon@creativescene.org.uk

Training, mentoring and workshops The Faculty: A programme delivered together by the four Creative People and Places across the North West and West Yorkshire - for those

interested in making work with, for and about people and places and in socially engaged arts practice. We have had fantastic feedback from the initial sessions at LeftCoast in Blackpool. The next series will include: workshops focusing on crowd funding, social media, marketing and promotion, touring and tour booking, masterclasses, talks and mentoring.

Make It Happen School: adventurous training for people who want to make great things happen outdoors. An intensive training school led by [Walk the Plank](#), a world renowned outdoor arts organisation with over two decades' experience, to support creative practitioners and those who want to put on creative events to gain skills, inspiration and experience in outdoor arts or the public realm. Participants explore contemporary outdoor arts practice and make exciting outdoor work ready for showcasing to a live audience at the end of the school. The course involves three days of practical and theory based training by outdoor arts experts in storytelling, fire technique, shadow play, participation, show planning and production. The final three days takes participants through a live brief process that will culminate in an event.

Platform events We have recently supported the development of new theatre work for children and families to tour to our network of local venues. Contact us at hello@creativescene.org.uk for further details of how to pitch ideas to Creative Scene.

DARK HORSE THEATRE

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Dark Horse's aim is for people with learning disabilities to be given the equality of opportunity to train and work in the performing arts.

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects

Yorkshire tour of *You Have Been Watching*

27th and 28th September 2017 - Lawrence Batley Theatre, Huddersfield

4th October 2017 - The Civic, Barnsley

11th and 12th October 2017 - CAST in Doncaster

18th and 19th October 2017 - Stephen Joseph Theatre, Scarborough

Website for further information www.darkhorsetheatre.co.uk

Work experience and volunteering opportunities We currently have two volunteers and regularly offer opportunities to early career tutors / assistant directors. We also take work placements each year. Please contact to register interest.

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available We have some equipment, props etc that we can share locally. Please contact to discuss.

Training, mentoring and workshops Foundation Actor Training (F1) runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10am – 3pm for hardworking and enthusiastic adults with a learning disability who want to train to be an actor.

Our brand new young company, Ignite, launches in September 2017 - weekly sessions for people with a learning disability (16+) who want to have fun and take part in theatre skills activities. Please contact for more information and to express interest.

FETTLE ANIMATION

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Fettle is a multi-award winning animation production company making a wide range of content for education, broadcast and promotions. We make hand drawn digital animation often dealing with social issues.

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects Ever changing – please check our website for latest information www.fettleanimation.com

Work experience opportunities We accept occasional work experience placements from strong creative students who show commitment to a future career in animation or media production.

Volunteering opportunities We accept student and graduate volunteers where their work fits in with our current projects. We aren't always able to accommodate requests as we are a small studio – but do our best to help where we can.

Training, mentoring and workshops Last year we set up a YouTube channel to showcase work made with our summer interns. We don't currently run anything, but we do offer talks in universities, schools and colleges and run screenings as part of local community events. We can design training, mentoring and workshop programmes on request.

HOOT CREATIVE ARTS

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Hoot is a leading arts and health not-for-profit organisation offering high quality participative arts programmes with proven health and wellbeing benefits. Specialisms and expertise include adult mental health, dementia, community building and supporting emerging creatives.

Artform/s Music (including digital), harmony singing, songwriting, dance, creative writing, visual arts, “innovations” slots for a variety of other art forms.

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects

Current & Ongoing

Out of the Blue - Creative Arts, mental health and wellbeing programme running 5 days a week

Breathing Space - Weekly programme for people with dementia and their carers.

Singwell - Weekly community based singing for wellbeing.

Kirkwood Hospice - Commissioned participative arts programme in a variety of art forms.

Off the Record - Song writing, digital music production and music video workshops for groups of young people aged 16-19 and 19-25 to support wellbeing, raise aspirations, and open new doors.

Celebrating Age - A participative arts outreach programme in community settings, with training and delivery opportunities for emerging and developing artists including those aged 55+ and additional direct artist commissions exploring ageing today.

Projects run across North and South Kirklees.

Upcoming

Enrichment Programmes – Developing participative arts programmes focused on improving wellbeing, shared learning and collective achievement, for participants in prison and secure care settings.

Platform Events – Our HootRoots programme offers opportunities for programme participants to perform alongside local talent in town centre venues.

Website for further information www.hootcreativearts.co.uk

Work experience opportunities - We accept placement students from Huddersfield University from various courses, including a one year digital music placement every year.

Volunteering opportunities - Vacancies for volunteering arise across the programme – see the website for details and an application form; we accept student 50 hour voluntary placements from Huddersfield University across a variety of artforms.

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available - Rehearsal space for bands signing up to Hoot’s supporter scheme – places limited.

Training, mentoring and workshops - Developing artist training programmes run from time to time offering skills for delivering participative arts in mental health settings; mental health awareness training is offered regularly; training sessions for working in prisons and secure settings is available for artists accepted to work with Hoot in this area; associate artists are invited to Creative Professional Development workshops alongside Hoot's internal team. We provide paid opportunities for developing artists to deliver on the adult mental health programme with mentoring from an internal artist in music/singing/visual arts.

HUDDERSFIELD CONTEMPORARY MUSIC FESTIVAL (hcmf//)

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hcmf// is an annual, international festival of contemporary and new music, taking place over 10 days and consisting of approximately 50 events – including concerts, music-theatre, dance, multi-media, talks and film – with a related Learning and Participation programme devised and implemented to reflect the artistic programme and respond to regional need.

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects hcmf// 2017 will run from Friday 17 – Sunday 26 November.

Website for further information www.hcmf.co.uk

Work experience opportunities We offer several work experience opportunities each year. Placements are based in the festival office at the University of Huddersfield and offer an insight into the production and delivery of an international music festival.

Volunteering opportunities The festival offers around 40 volunteering opportunities per year which most often take place during the festival itself. Volunteer roles are centred around stewarding at events during the festival.

Training, mentoring and workshops hcmf// offers workshops as part of our Learning & Participation programme – recent examples have included an experimental music workshop for female-identifying participants, a contemporary dance workshop for under 5s and an interactive art workshop. Please check the website for details of upcoming opportunities.

Platform events hcmf// shorts is a professional development programme aimed at emerging artists (there are no age limits). This invaluable opportunity provides emerging artists with a platform to perform for members of the public, media and key music industry representatives within a carefully selected programme of established artists. hcmf// shorts performances take place on Free Monday, the busiest day of the festival, attracting an average audience of 2000 people each year.

LAWRENCE BATLEY THEATRE
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The Lawrence Batley Theatre (the LBT) is a theatre in central Huddersfield offering a year round live performance programme in two spaces - the main house with 470 seats and the Syngenta Cellar with 100 seats. The theatre also has rehearsal and meeting room facilities and runs an education and outreach programme.

Art form/s All live performance

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects Please see website - www.thelbt.org

Work experience opportunities As we have limited capacity for work experience we prioritise young people aged 16-18 who have had an association with the theatre or who have been members of our Young Company. We can take up to three people per year for week long experiences. To express an interest please contact rose@thelbt.org.

Volunteering opportunities We provide volunteering opportunities in four areas of the organisation:

Board members We advertise for Board members every year between July and September. Our current advertisement will appear on our website during this time.

Marketing We have a team of volunteers who distribute our brochure and publicity in their local area. We are able to thank them with tickets to see performances at the theatre. If you are interested contact laura@thelbt.org

Young Company In each of our Young Company classes we have a volunteer tutor working alongside an assistant and a lead tutor. This enables people to build their experience of teaching drama, using drama games and leading workshops. If you are interested contact rose@thelbt.org

Event stewarding All of the ushers at the LBT are volunteers. They show patrons to their seats, sell programmes, run our refreshment kiosk and help us look after customers safely. Training and social activities are provided for the group. If you are interested contact david@thelbt.org

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available

Every week we send an e-bulletin out advertising spaces that are available at the LBT. People can then book to use them for any creative reason at no cost. To join the bulletin email spareroom@thelbt.org

If you are making a funding application to develop a piece of live performance we can sometimes contribute a week's rehearsal space at LBT as in-kind support for your bid. If you are interested in this email victoria@thelbt.org

Training, mentoring and workshops We occasionally run workshops for artists. These are advertised in the Spare Room bulletin so subscribe to this list to be kept up to date.

Platform events

We run *Queenie's Coffee House Nights* which offers open mic spots for spoken word artists, acoustic musicians and other pieces which can take place in a small space with no production support. To be considered email rose@thelbt.org.

We host *Sound Events* which is a monthly drop in night for digital musicians. For details email abi.bliss@yahoo.co.uk

On the weekend before Hallowe'en we give over the building to visual artists and theatre makers for a whole building event called *Hallowe'en Happening*. Any work which relates to this seasonal theme can be considered and take place in any area of the building. Contact halloween@thelbt.org

We run a monthly comedy night *Comedy Cellar*. For a stand up open mic slot contact anthonyjbrown71@yahoo.com

For more details on what we programme and for information on how to get your work programmed in other venues across the North you may find the *Routes In* guide helpful which can be downloaded from our website here <http://www.thelbt.org/Routes>

MANASAMITRA

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Manasamitra is a touring company that creates inter-disciplinary work with music, dance, visual arts and storytelling and fusing them with subjects like science, environment and geology. We have a history of working with local communities on the R&D phase of any new project and then touring the work nationally and internationally. Digital sound and light installations form a big part of the project presentation and we have created some bespoke work within past projects. We regularly tour in India and Scandinavia and are currently working with Canada and Australia to take work there in 2019.

Artform/s Indian arts (music, dance, visual arts, storytelling)

Current, upcoming and ongoing projects Lullaby project, Festival of Conversations, Synesthesia and Life of a Bee.

Website for further information www.manasamitra.com

Work experience opportunities Available within certain projects.

Volunteering opportunities Available. Contact us for details

Training, mentoring and workshops Manasamitra mentors artists on a one-to-one basis. Contact us for information on the scheme.

Platform events Artist opportunities are available within all projects. Please submit a CV if you would like to be considered for future opportunities.

PROPER JOB THEATRE COMPANY
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Proper Job Theatre Company are based in Huddersfield and create and tour ambitious new work across the UK. Proper Job also support and nurture individuals from the local community and across Yorkshire and the North West through their unique [LAB Project](#).

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects Proper Job Theatre Company are excited to share the launch of the second part of the Monster Trilogy, *Medusa*. Full details here: <http://www.properjob.org.uk/coming-soon>

Proper Job also have regular LAB Projects every month, in Kirklees, Doncaster and Manchester. These two-week intensive courses focus on improving confidence and employability skills. Full details here: <http://www.properjob.org.uk/the-lab-project>

Website for further information www.properjob.org.uk

Work experience opportunities As a company we are always looking to support and nurture local talent, we accept occasional work experience from candidates who show a strong desire to pursue a career in the arts. To discuss work experience opportunities, please contact: mail@properjob.org.uk

Volunteering opportunities We have a strong contingent of volunteers associated with our LAB Projects and are always looking to add to this team. Contact mail@properjob.org.uk to express an interest.

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available Rehearsal space (central Huddersfield).

Training, mentoring and workshops We have opportunities to see how a professional theatre company works and to volunteer with our LAB Projects and will respond to individual requests.

SATELLITE ARTS

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Satellite Arts is an organisation run by partners, Andy Burton and Gill Bond. Gill and Andy founded Satellite Arts in 1984 and have continued to gain a wide reputation for creating exciting, visual storytelling shows and workshops for children and their families. What we do:

- We create participatory shows, workshops and events.
- Our performers, musicians and creative artists have extensive experience working in schools, theatres and community venues with both children and adults.
- Satellite Arts welcomes new audiences, schools and community groups who would like to get involved in live arts projects.

Artform/s Theatre and music

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects Toy Theatre Tempest and Fishy Tales/Soctopus

Website for further information www.satellitearts.org.uk

Please contact us to enquire about volunteering, work experience, resources and platform nights – there are several opportunities during the year.

THE MEDIA CENTRE
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Since 1995 **The Media Centre** has been a creative hub that encourages and promotes the development of the creative and digital industries within Huddersfield. It is home to a community of 200 businesses.

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects The Media Centre aims to be a platform for creative expression, learning and civic discourse. It hosts regular exhibitions, conferences, and meet-ups such as:

PechaKucha Night Huddersfield –quarterly lightning talks with a twist

www.pechakucha-huddersfield.com

Huddersfield SOUP – triannual live community crowdfunding events

www.huddersfieldsoup.com

Knowledge Sandwich – monthly lunchtime knowledge sharing sessions,

www.knowledgesandwich.com

CodeUp Huddersfield- monthly mentoring for adults learning to code.

<https://www.meetup.com/CodeUp-Huddersfield/>

Speak Up! – monthly meetup for building public speaking confidence.

<https://www.meetup.com/Speak-Up-Huddersfield/>

Code Club – half-term coding lessons for children aged 8 – 12

MYnetwork – monthly business networking

Café Ollo Exhibitions - quarterly art exhibitions

The Making Space – a member-led multidisciplinary maker space for sharing skills and collaboration

Website for further information www.themediacentre.org

Work experience opportunities The Media Centre accepts requests for work experience and endeavours to place people on projects based on their interests and skills.

Volunteering opportunities The Media Centre occasionally seeks volunteers to assist with events. Professional software and web developers can volunteer to mentor at CodeUp and Code Club.

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available The Media Centre offers a flexible range of workspace and meeting rooms to suit any need or budget from our free-to-use coworking space to long term commercial leases. The centre's Café Ollo is open to all offering food and fresh coffee and a place to meet or work. All spaces are available to hire and applications for support are accepted for events that promote 'develop or showcase creative and digital activity.'

WEST YORKSHIRE PRINT WORKSHOP

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West Yorkshire Print Workshop is an open access fine art printmaking facility based in the centre of Mirfield. Our aim is to support artists and creative businesses by providing open and accessible printmaking facilities, affordable studio spaces and exhibiting opportunities. There's a regular programme of specialised printmaking courses, from beginners to the more experienced, as well as more general art and craft workshops. We have three main printing rooms in addition to a gallery space which is used to host a changing programme of printmaking exhibitions as well as special events. We also run a regular series of children's art workshops.

Artform/s Visual Arts with a print specialism

Current, ongoing and upcoming projects See our website for further information www.wypw.org

Work experience opportunities Opportunities at all levels for schools, colleges and university students. Across all areas of the organisation, including assisting in the print rooms, exhibitions, education and outreach, marketing and social media and general duties around a busy art venue.

Volunteering opportunities As above, including assisting at Print Fairs, events and activities both within the venue in Mirfield and within the Kirklees area.

Shared facilities, equipment and resources available Our print studios are fully equipped for screen print (paper and textiles), etching, photo-etching, solar plate, photo-plate lithography, relief print, monoprint, collograph and letterpress.

Training, mentoring and workshops Eleven artist studios located within the building. Opportunities to work with the artists plus printmakers who use the facilities within the building. We also run paid courses and training opportunities on a regular basis, including CPD sessions for printmakers and visual artists.

Platform events Opportunities for display of work within the gallery space located within our venue.