

Flowerfield Arts Centre

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➤ **“A great asset to the community on the North Coast and beyond.”**



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

The only dedicated multi-disciplinary Arts Centre on the stunning Causeway Coast, come visit us in Flowerfield Park, just a quick two-minute drive from Portstewart Promenade.

Have fun in the Diversity Playpark, before taking some time to relax with us - enjoy a picnic on our outdoor piazza, spend some time with our world-class exhibitions, savour our live gigs and family theatre, sit back and immerse yourself in superb films or get creative in one of our many workshops.

Our facilities include a 130-seater performance space, three main galleries, and dedicated craft studios for

ceramics and glass as well as multi-purpose classrooms, an I.T. media suite, and boardroom. With free Wi-Fi, free car parking right outside the door 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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Exhibitions

First They Ignore You

Sheila Chakravarti

9 March-20 April

Sheila Chakravarti is a socially engaged photographer, long time educator, and activist. Her current work centres around her own experiences - and that of other people of colour - of racism in Northern Ireland.

Chakravarti uses photography as a tool to promote change in her community. By exploring the universal experiences of people who have come to settle here, the artist hopes to encourage public engagement and awareness of the many complex issues involved. This exhibition was curated by Belfast Exposed and we are delighted to present it in Portstewart.



➤ *“A wonderful exhibition space,
and exquisite work.”*

Artists Drawn Together

Group Show

4 May-22 June

Artists Drawn Together is an eclectic group from across the country, united by a love of art through fun and friendship and led by renowned artist, Janice Lightowler.

The diverse collective are of all ages, and include experienced artists and emerging talent. Each artist is taught in their own style, subject and medium, including watercolour, oil on canvas, pastel and mixed media.

Their exhibitions have received exceptionally high praise and raised thousands for charities over the years. We are delighted to host their **Spring into Summer Exhibition 2024**, comprising an incredible range of styles, sizes and subject matter expressed through a stunning palette of colour which is a delight to the senses.



Events

Joachim Cooder

with Rayna Gellert and special guest Taylor Lally

Friday 26 April | 8pm (Doors 7.30pm)

Tickets: £20 full, £18 concession

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This event is in our auditorium with unreserved tiered seating.

Warm, uplifting and quietly spectacular - Uncut

One of the most intriguing releases we've heard this year - Mark Radcliff, BBC Radio 2

Joachim Cooder is an American musical trailblazer who grew up with a rich tapestry of Irish influences from his father **Ry Cooder's** collaborations with **The Chieftains**. Having played alongside legends like **Ali Farka Touré** and contributed to iconic **Buena Vista Social Club** sessions, Cooder is a multi-talented artist. His latest album, *Dreamer's Motel* (2024), has earned acclaim for its warm, uplifting sound. With a lifelong musical journey that began on the road with his father, Joachim continues to explore new sonic realms, merging tradition with innovation in a captivating musical odyssey.



➤ **“Completely stunning. The act were sensational and the ambience of the room was intimate and relaxed.”**

NW200 Film Screening

Road

Tuesday 7 May | 7.30pm (Doors 7pm)

Admission: £5 full, £4 concession

This event is in our auditorium with unreserved tiered seating.

[Road] does for the sport what Senna did for Formula One – Simon Kinnear, Total Film

A special screening of *Road* to celebrate

International North West 200 week. Narrated by **Liam Neeson**, this is the dramatic and poignant story of the **Dunlop family** from Northern Ireland who have dominated road racing for over thirty years. Two generations of one family that have been united by success and united by tragedy. Not just for dedicated fans of two-wheeled mayhem, this incredible documentary is as adrenalin fuelled as it is powerfully moving.

2014 | PG | 102mins | English language | Directors Michael Hewitt & Dermot Lavery



FILM

Northern Lights Sessions

My Darling Clementine

Friday 10 May | 8pm (Doors 7.30pm)

Tickets: £15 full, £13 concession

Our Northern Lights Sessions are cabaret style and BYO special events.

One of the most exquisitely pained country albums of the year comes from England - New York Daily News

My Darling Clementine, the brainchild of **Michael Weston King** and **Lou Dagleish**, started as a tribute to classic country duets of the '60s and '70s. Debuting in 2011 with *How Do You Plead?* hailed as “the greatest British country record ever made” (*Country Music People*), their journey unfolded with *The Reconciliation*, *The Other Half* collaboration with Mark Billingham, and *Still Testifying*. Their latest gem, *Country Darkness*, a collaboration with Steve Nieve, reinterprets Elvis Costello’s country songs, earning worldwide acclaim.



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➤ "It was an amazing show with beautiful music in a lovely surrounding."

Northern Lights Sessions

Christine Tobin |

A Thousand Kisses Deep

Saturday 8 June | 8pm (Doors 7.30pm)

Tickets: £15 full, £13 concession

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Christine Tobin really transcends glib genre-fiction..... everything is shot through with an unmistakable refinement, free-spirited earthiness and giddy romanticism, this singer-songwriter is in a field of one – Mojo Music Magazine

A Thousand Kisses Deep with Christine Tobin on vocals and Phil Robson on guitar is a beautiful re-working of eleven **Leonard Cohen** songs alongside some choice originals. In her own writing, Christine Tobin specializes in idiosyncratic, highly musical poetic vignettes with a strong sense of story, so it's no surprise that she weaves magic with the profound, sensual songs of Cohen, and in her musical settings of W.B. Yeats and contemporary Irish poet **Paul Muldoon**.

She has chosen the Cohen songs from his early 1960s albums right through to his 2001 release *Ten New Songs*. The live show of *A Thousand Kisses Deep* won a prestigious **Herald Angel Award** at the Edinburgh Fringe and the album has received widespread rave reviews.



Summer Tea Dance

with The Soda Popz

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Friday 14 June | 1-4pm

Free Admission but advance booking is essential

Call Reception: 028 7083 1400

This event is cabaret style seating, and a light lunch is provided.

Another of our popular tea dances for summer with special guests, the sensational Soda Popz, performing some of the best-loved hits from the fabulous 1950s/60s. Put your glad rags on and join us for a nostalgic afternoon of toe-tapping 'rock 'n' roll' hits from iconic artists such as **Johnny Cash, Elvis, Buddy Holly, Connie Francis** and many more! Dancing in the aisles is strictly compulsory so bring your dancing shoes and let the good times roll.



Summer Shorts

FILM

Short film morning for kids (From 3+ yrs)

Saturday 22 June | 11am-12.30pm

Free with foodbank item but booking required



Enjoy three family film favourites adapted from the highly acclaimed Julia Donaldson stories: *Zog*, *The Highway Rat* and *Superworm*.

The movie morning is part of the Cinemagic Young Audiences Supporting Foodbanks Initiative. Rather than paying for ticket to gain entry those attending Cinemagic foodbank film screenings are asked to donate essential food items to support local community foodbanks.



The event is supported by Film Hub NI through BFI FAN Film Exhibition Fund, awarding funds from National Lottery.

➤ "A wonderful facility."

The Phil Robson Trio

Saturday 29 June | 8pm (Doors 7.30pm)

Tickets: £15 full, £12 concession

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This event is in our auditorium with unreserved tiered seating.

Phil Robson's inventiveness on the guitar is unstoppable - The Telegraph

Robson performs impeccably throughout, whether he's contributing chordal washes in support, or taking the spotlight for some intricate, fluid solos of his own - AllAboutJazz

Renowned guitarist and composer **Phil Robson**, named Musician of the Year at the 2009 Parliamentary Jazz Awards, collaborates with Hammond virtuoso **Ross Stanley** and powerful drummer **Gene Calderazzo** in this all-star band to present *The Cut-Off Point*. Their album, praised by Jazzwise magazine with 4 stars, offers a unique take on the jazz tradition of the organ/guitar trio. The trio's exceptional musicianship and dynamic chemistry deliver a refreshing mix of powerful melodies, grooves, and burning improv, pushing the organ trio format into fresh spheres.



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.

Easter Art Club

Wednesday 3 April | Thursday 4 April |

Friday 5 April

10am-12noon for 5-7 yrs | 1-3pm for 8-12 yrs |

Cost: £30 for 3 sessions

Linda's Easter Art Club is two hours of creative exploration and discovery inspired by all things sunny and cute, from springtime bunnies to flowers and Easter eggs. Budding artists will craft, paint, make and decorate all kinds of fun, fantastic and seasonal artwork to brighten up anyone's early Spring!



Springtime Weekend Wonders for 5-7 Yrs

Saturday 6 April | Saturday 4 May | Saturday 1 June | Saturday 15 June

10am-12noon | Cost: £9 per session

Springtime Weekend Wonders for 8-12 Yrs

Saturday 13 April | Saturday 18 May | Saturday 8 June | Saturday 22 June

10am-12noon | Cost: £9 per session

Led by Linda Mulholland, children will dive into a Springtime creative whirlwind, experimenting with a mix of artistic materials and learning fantastic new techniques. Get ready for a blast of fun as they craft unique, awe-inspiring artwork.



➤ **"We felt so welcome and we had a brilliant time!"**

Sculpt a Hare for 8-12 yrs

Saturday 27 April | 9.30-11am | Cost: £15

Ceramic Artist Fiona Shannon leads kids in designing and sculpting their very own Spring hare. Designed for beginners and improvers, this class will be a fun creative environment to get crafty using a range of clay techniques. Participants will be using air dry clay and you can take your hare home, paint it and let it dry naturally.

Please bring a box to take sculptures home in.



Throwing For Teens -

Have a go session for 12-16 Yrs

Saturday 18 May | 10am-12noon

OR Saturday 15 June | 10am-12noon

Cost: £20 per session

'Throw' off some steam in this 'have a go' session, learning the basics of throwing on the pottery wheel in a relaxed and fun environment. Participants will learn how to make side plates and small dip pots and will get to pick their favourite three pots which will be fired and ready for collection at a later date.



Sculpt a Lighthouse for 8-12 yrs

Saturday 1 June | 9.30-11am | Cost: £15

Ceramic Artist Fiona Shannon help kids design and sculpt their very own Summer Lighthouse. Designed for beginners and improvers this class is a fun, creative environment to get crafty using a range of clay techniques. Participants will be using air dry clay so they can take creations home, paint it and let it dry naturally.

Please bring a box to transport artworks safely.



Make + Do for Adults

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

*All course costs include materials unless otherwise specified

Make a Fused Glass Clock

Saturday 6 April | 10am-1pm

Cost: £55 full, £50 concession

Renowned glass artist Natasha Duddy teaches you the glass cutting and grinding skills to design and create your own timeless timepiece! You will use colour to make opaque or transparent frits and stringers and after the fusing process, Natasha will drill holes for the hand mechanisms and fasten the back fitting. No previous experience required.

Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.



Fundamentals | Two Part Drawing

Thursday 11 April & 18 April | 10.30am-12.30pm

Cost: £40 full, £36 concession

Time to hone those back to basics drawing skills? This two-part workshop focuses on the fundamentals of drawing, line, form and shadow. Alongside Elaine Harkness, you will explore different techniques to enable you to develop your own unique way of drawing. Each participant will be given an artist sketchbook which you can use to develop your skills in your own time. Pencil and pens will be available but if you have your own please bring these with you.



➤ *“Excellent experience. Lovely learning environment, supportive, comfortable and inclusive.”*

Stained Glass (Tiffany-style) Taster Session

Saturday 13 April | 10am-1pm OR Saturday 8 June | 10am-1pm

Cost: £55 full, £52 concession

Join Eleanor-Jane for a fun-filled half-day taster session to discover the art of stained glass, Tiffany-style. You will learn how to design and structure your piece; cut glass, use a diamond grinder, apply and burnish copper foil, assemble and solder your pieces together including making and adding hooks (if you want to hang your finished project). E-J will guide you through the process and you will create a unique panel of glass art which you will take away on the day. This class is suitable for complete beginners and those with some experiences are also very welcome. All the tools and equipment, including gloves, aprons and safety goggles are provided.



Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.

Sculpt Your Pet

Saturday 20 April | 10.30am-12.30pm

Cost: £40 full, £36 concession

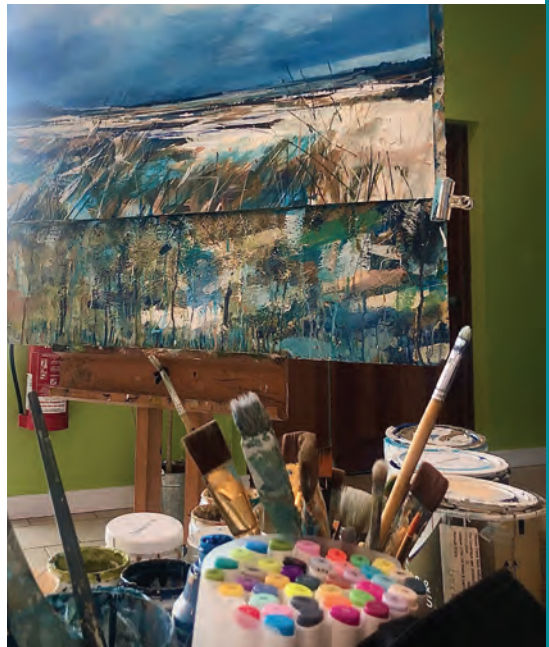
Ever wanted your most loved pet as an artwork? Ceramic Artist Fiona Shannon will help you sculpt your very own good boy and good girl! Designed for beginners and improvers this class will be a fun creative environment to get crafty using a range of clay techniques. Participants will use stoneware clay and underglazes to colour and bring your pets to life. Your sculpture will be glazed and fired, ready to collect at a later date.



Local Landscape Painting

Thursday 25 April-16 May | 7-9pm | Cost: £80 full, £75 concession

Join local professional artist Sarah Carrington for a series of beginners painting workshops over 4 weeks, exploring land and seascape through observational painting techniques. Following painting demonstrations by Sarah, you will create various images of the Causeway Coast area using acrylics and mark-making. Please bring your own landscape images to work from, and an apron or wear clothing that you do not mind getting paint on. This course is suitable for beginners and those with some painting experience. *A full list of materials to bring is included in our website event listing or call our reception team on 028 7083 1400.*



3d Felting | Sea Swimmers

Saturday 27 April | 10am-12.30pm | Cost: £20 full, £18 concession

Sea Swimmers, land lovers, fabulous felters or novices! This one-off workshop with Carolyn Faith will see you use needle felting techniques to create two sea swimmer figures. A fun, enjoyable way to dip your toe into needle felting or sharpen up your creativity and textiles skills.



➤ **"We came all the way from Belfast just to do the class and would again!"**

Sculpt a Spring Hare

Saturday 27 April | 11.30am-1.30pm | Cost: £40 full, £36 concession

Design and sculpt your very own Spring Hare or animal of your choice with Fiona Shannon. Devised for beginners and improvers, this class will be a fun creative environment to get crafty using a range of clay techniques.

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



Fused Glass Fish

Saturday 4 May | 10am-12.30pm | Cost: £40 full, £36 concession

Under the guidance of Natasha Duddy, participants will design and create at least three colourful glass fish shapes. Once fused, these beautiful shapes can then be used to create a glass mobile at home or could even be mounted in a box frame as a unique coastal-inspired artwork.



Outdoor And Studio Landscape Painting



Saturday 4 May | 10.30am-12noon | Castlerock Beach

Saturday 11 May | 10.30am-12.30pm | Flowerfield Studio

Saturday 18 May 10.30am-12.30pm | Flowerfield Studio

Saturday 1 June | 10.30am-12.30pm | Flowerfield Studio

Cost: £80 full, £75 concession

As part of our Artbeat creative arts and well-being initiative, get creatively inspired by our stunning coastline. Suitable for painters with some experience, this course begins with an inspirational site visit to beautiful Castlerock Beach to gather photos and sketches, followed by three indoors painting workshops to create finished artworks, all led by professional artist Sarah Carrington.

A full list of materials to bring is included in our website event listing or call our reception team on 028 7083 1400.



➤ *"We were lucky to have such an experienced, interesting and warm teacher."*

Dementia Action Week

Craft Workshop



Thursday 16 May | 4-5.30pm | Cost: £10 (for 2 participants)

During Dementia Action Week we are delighted to host this workshop for those living with dementia and a family member or friend. Led by qualified art therapist Christina Smyth, you will paint/decorate small rocks that carry positivity and comfort. These 'pocket rocks' can be colourful, symbolic and feature positive words/messages, to be kept close by and read or rubbed to bring comfort as well as being a lovely display in your home. This workshop offers the opportunity to relax, have fun and create meaningful moments in a nurturing and safe creative environment.



Felt a Beachscape

Saturday 18 May | 10am-12.30pm | Cost: £20 full, £18 Concession

Needle felting for beginners or those with some experience. Carolyn Faith from Woolly Wild Folk will lead you to create a felt beachscape of your own. Bring a photo of a favourite beach scene with you and create a wonderful woolly gift for yourself or someone you love.



Sculpt a Lighthouse

Saturday 1 June | 11.30am-1.30pm | Cost: £40 full, £36 concession

Ceramic Artist Fiona Shannon you will design, sculpt and decorate your very own Summer Lighthouse to decorate your home. Designed for beginners and improves this class will be a fun creative environment to get crafty using a range of clay techniques. Participants will use stoneware clay and underglazes to colour your lighthouse, which will then be clear-glazed and fired by the tutor, ready to collect at a later date.

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



Make a Fused Glass Plate

Saturday 1 June | 10am-1pm

Cost: £45 full, £40 concession

Natasha Duddy will teach glass cutting and glass grinding skills to help you create a mosaic-style plate using a combination of colours and patterns. Once fused, Natasha will transfer into moulds and re-fire to slump into plates for you to take home. No previous experience required.

Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.



➤ **“The whole experience was friendly and relaxing.”**

Three-Part Coastal Sketchbooks

Saturday 1 June | Whiterocks Beach

Saturday 8 June | Castlerock Beach

Saturday 15 June | Flowerfield Studio

10.30am-1pm | Cost: £60 full, £55 concession



Embrace the summer by joining Heather Byrne at two of our most beautiful coastal locations to get inspired in creating wonderful creative sketchbooks. In Week One, you'll visit Whiterocks Beach as a group, in Week Two, Castlerock Beach and in Week Three, the group will reconvene at Flowerfield. Using various mixed mediums, you will try different drawing techniques and exercises to encourage a looser style of drawing, capturing a feeling of 'being' in the landscape rather than a purely representational drawing. You'll gain confidence and discover preferred processes and materials to enable you to work outdoors.



Still Life Painting

Thursday 13 June | 10am-1pm | Cost: £25 full, £22 concession

Join artist Elaine Harkness for this vibrant, fun composition and still life workshop.

Using oil paint to create a riot of colour, each participant will bring home an uplifting piece of your own art. Don't worry if you have only had limited experience or are a complete beginner. All activities will have a relaxed and informal approach. Painting materials will be provided.

Please bring your own brushes if possible.



Father's Day | Drumming for Dad

Saturday 15 June | 10-11am OR 11.30-12.30pm

Cost: £15 (dad + 1 child) £20 (dad + 2 children)

Stuck for an utterly genius Father's Day present? Why not book this one-off drumming session especially designed for dad and kids! Dad and little ones can let loose with the sticks and skins and have an absolute blast doing it. Led by expert drummer and fun facilitator James, this will be the best, noisiest, most rock and roll Father's Day present you can give. No drumming or musical experience needed here!



Make a Fused Glass Bird

Saturday 29 June | 10am-12.30pm

Cost: £40 full, £36 concession

Glass artist Natasha Duddy helps you create two beautiful, fused glass birds on wire for flowerpot stakes; or on hooks to hang from your windows and enjoy the mesmerising colours. You will draw and cut two bird templates and decorate with colour combinations, using small cut glass, frits and stringers. During the fusing process wire will be attached to allow the birds to free stand or hang. An inspiring introduction to the fabulous world of glassmaking.



Mums Meet and Make

This series of creative workshops is specifically designed for new parents, giving you the opportunity to tap into your creativity, relax, and practice mindfulness.

These workshops are enriching, enjoyable and budget-friendly and offer new mums the chance to foster friendships that will last a lifetime. After each workshop, we encourage you to stay and enjoy some refreshments.

These workshops are suitable for those with children under 1 who are not yet mobile or who will sit in a pram or car seat throughout. Flowerfield is proudly breastfeeding-friendly and baby-changing is available.



Ceramic Nursery Wall Hanging

Thursday 25 April | 9.30-11am | Cost: £8

Join us for a hands-on session with artist Fiona Shannon, where you can craft a unique and personalized ceramic wall hanging decoration for your baby's nursery.

Baby's First Memory Box

Thursday 16 May | 9.30-11am | Cost: £8

Create a personalised Memory Box for your most cherished memories, from newborn hospital wristbands to baby's first curl, along with special photos or mementos from your motherhood journey. Under the guidance of Christina from Meraki Art we invite you to unleash your artistic flair and turn a simple box into a meaningful keepsake.

Summer Solstice Yoga for Mums

Thursday 20 June | 9.30-11am | Cost: £8

Embrace the Summer Solstice with Natasha (North Coast Yoga) in a joyful session blending relaxation, gentle movements, and connection alongside your little ones. This yoga session is suitable for mums who are at least 3 months postpartum and will be a gentle and meditative practice.



**> "I learnt to be more adventurous
and have more confidence."**

5-Week Hand-Building Course For Beginners and Improvers

Series 1: Wednesday 10 April-8 May | 2.30-4.30pm

Series 2: Wednesday 22 May-19 June | 2.30-4.30pm

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

Whether you're a beginner or have prior experience, join ceramicist Fiona Shannon for this 5-week course where you will master hand-building techniques like slab building, coiling, pinch pots and press moulds to craft diverse pots like vases and bowls. During the final session, you'll bring your creations to life with vibrant slips. Items will be fired and clear-glazed by the tutor to be collected at a later date.

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



➤ *“Flowerfield provides a great variety of courses, interesting exhibitions and other activities.”*

5-Week Throwing Course For Beginners & Improvers

Series 1: Wednesday 10 April-8 May | 10.30am-12.30pm

Series 2: Wednesday 10 April-8 May | 7-9pm

Series 3: Thursday 11 April-9 May | 2.30-4.30pm

Series 4: Thursday 11 April-9 May | 7-9pm

Series 5: Wednesday 22 May-19 June | 10.30am-12.30pm


Series 6: Wednesday 22 May-19 June | 7-9pm

Series 7: Thursday 23 May-20 June | 2.30-4.30pm

Series 8: Thursday 23 May-20 June | 7-9pm

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

Learn the basics of throwing on the pottery wheel to create a variety of different pots, mugs and bowls. You'll also learn turning techniques and how to add handles and feet. In the last week you will add colour to your pots using a variety of underglazes. Suitable for beginners – if you have previous experience, Fiona will help develop your skills and improve your techniques.



Participants will use stoneware clay to make items to be fired and glazed with a clear glaze by the tutor and collected 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.

8-Week T'ai Chi & Qigong Course

Wednesday 1 May - Wednesday 19 June | 7-9pm

Cost: £75 full, £68 concession

T'ai Chi and Qigong focus on meditation, creating harmony and bringing balance to our daily lives. In addition to their health and fitness benefits, by embracing the philosophy of harmony and balance, you can learn to make every aspect of life happier, healthier

and more compassionate. Led by Dr Philip Johnston, come along to this eight-week course for relaxation and to gently improve your physical fitness.

Please wear comfortable clothes that allow free movement and bring a bottle of water.