

# Flowerfield Arts Centre

July - August 2024



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



Catalin Diaconu  
Photo: Cristian Plamadeala

# Flowerfield Arts Centre



***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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*Live in the Park with Martha Greer*





# Exhibitions

## My Cardboard Coast Town

**20 July-27 August**

**Exhibition Launch Saturday 20 July at 11am | Free Admission**

Inspired by Portstewart and Portrush, this is a wildly imaginative, fun and inspirational dream coastal town created by kids!

Built entirely from cardboard, the incredible Cardboard Coast Town is under construction by our junior architects, urban planners, construction workers and painters throughout July with the BIG town opening launch on Saturday 20 July with lots of FREE activities for the family.





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

# Causeway Craft Trail

## Maker Showcase



3 - 31 August

Celebrating the **Causeway Craft Trail** and as part of **August Craft Month NI**, come see the best of contemporary and traditional craft, all created by makers featured along the trail. From the exquisite glass work of **Andrea Spencer** and **E-J McCartney**, to the traditional boat making of **Valkyrie Crafts**, to beautiful ceramic work by **Patricia Millar**, **Fiona Shannon**, **McCall Gilfillan**, **Adam Frew** and **Malcom Murchinson** among others.

The Causeway Craft Trail features workshops who have publicly accessible craft studios and/or deliver creative workshops at their studios – for further information, visit [www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/explore/craft-trail](http://www.visitcausewaycoastandglens.com/explore/craft-trail)

**Craft Workshops:** Please see pages 16-18 for accompanying workshops available to book.



# Events

## Family Film Fridays |

### Song of the Sea

Friday 19 July | 11am | Admission: £5

Multi-award winning animation about Ben and his little sister Saoirse – the last Seal-child – who embark on a fantastic journey across a fading world of ancient legend and magic to return to their home by the sea.

Cert PG | 2014 | 93mins



FILM

## Saturday Lunchtimes

### Live in the Park

Saturday 20 July – Saturday 17 August | 12noon-1pm | FREE

Join us for our popular summer live gigs on our terrace, where top local performers serenade you in the beautiful surroundings of Flowerfield Park. Grab your picnic essentials and bring the whole family for an afternoon of fun and relaxation.



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The Causeway Shanty Men

Date	Events
Saturday 20 July	Coastal Vocals Summer Sing-Along
Saturday 27 July	Northern Ireland Opera   Springtime, Summertime and Mischief!
Saturday 3 August	Martha Greer
Saturday 10 August	North Coast Trad
Saturday 17 August	The Causeway Shanty Men



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

# Red Sails Festival



## Red Sails Exhibition

**22 July – 24 August**

An exhibition of artworks inspired by Portstewart. Join us for the launch on Monday 22 July at 12:30pm.

## Saturday Lunchtimes Live In The Park |

## Northern Ireland Opera

**Saturday 27 July | 12noon-1pm | FREE | Flowerfield Terrace and**

**Flowerfield Park**

Grab a picnic and join us for an hour of arias and songs in lovely Flowerfield Park. The theme is ‘Springtime, Summertime and Mischief!’

## Red Sails In The Sunset Drop-In Kids Workshop for 4-11 Years

**Saturday 27 July | 10am-12noon | FREE | Drop-in | Flowerfield Terrace**

Young artists will craft their very own summer sunset scenes inspired by Jimmy Kennedy’s sublime song Red Sails in the Sunset. *Parents must accompany children at all times during this workshop.*

## Sketch and Walk Sessions with Sarah Carrington

**Saturday 27 July | 10am-12noon & 2-4pm | FREE but booking essential on**

**028 7083 1400 | Portstewart Promenade**

Join artist Sarah Carrington for a relaxing outdoor walk and sketch along Portstewart Promenade. No need for previous artistic knowledge, Sarah will guide you through the first steps. *Participants must be 18+. Materials not provided, see website for full list.*



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

## Cinemagic | Young Consultants Programme

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**Thursday 25 July & Friday 26 July | 11am–3pm | 8-11yrs | Tickets: £10**

*Participants must be able to attend both days and book in advance.*

Young film enthusiasts take on the role of 'film consultants', reviewing workshops and film screenings to help programme films for the annual Cinemagic Festival in October 2024.

*Cinemagic is supported by The Department for Communities through Northern Ireland Screen, Belfast City Council, Film Hub NI, part of the BFI Film Audience Network, awarding funds from National and The Department of Education (Ireland).*



## Family Film Fridays | The Secret of Kells

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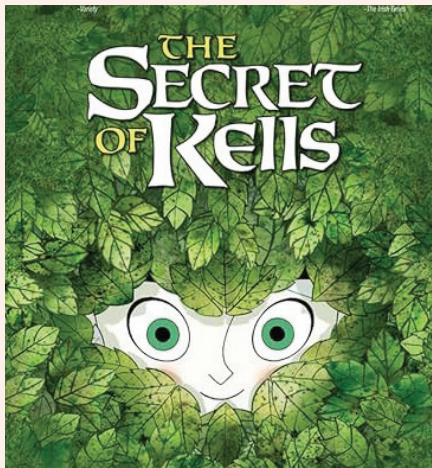
**Friday 26 July |**

**11am | Admission: £5**

In medieval Ireland, young Brendan secretly trains in calligraphy. As Vikings approach, he joins illuminator Aidan on a magical quest to complete a legendary manuscript.

Animated by Ireland's Cartoon Saloon, this film garnered international acclaim, winning multiple awards including an Academy Award nomination. Stunning escapism for all the family.

**Cert PG | 2009 | 93mins**



Echo Echo Dance Theatre Company & PETEC (Romania) present

# Reason to Dance



**Friday 2 August | 7.30-8.30pm (Doors 7pm)**

**FREE Admission but advance booking is essential.**

*This event is in our auditorium with seating in the round.*

Echo Echo Dance & PETEC (Romania) present an international co-production - a calm, intimate, beautiful, warm-hearted and layered dance piece that goes back to the roots of dancing in the poetic sensibility of movement that we all share. See below for accompanying community workshops.



## Reason to Dance Workshops

**Tuesday 30 - Wednesday 31 July**

**8-12 years | 3-5pm | £10**

Young People can join Echo Echo and PETEC for a unique dance workshop opportunity.

**18+ years | 7-9pm | £15**

Visiting performer-teachers from Romania and Moldova will lead meditative, gentle, creative workshops. No experience necessary and perfect for creative physical expression, and fans of T'ai Chi and yoga to expand their movements.



➤ "A wonderful facility."

## Flowerfield Flicks Alfresco!

### GREASE

Friday 16 August | 7.30pm | FREE

What to do on Summer Nights as the sun goes down? Join us in the park for a special outdoor screening of much-loved musical classic Grease. Grab a blanket, some nibbles and a bottle of something nice - dancing and singing encouraged! **Cert PG | 1978 | 110mins**



FILM

## Andrea Spencer | Flameworking with Glass | Demonstration & Taster

Wednesday 7 August | 10am–12.30pm |

**FREE Admission but advance booking is essential**

A rare opportunity to see artist Andrea Spencer demonstrate an advanced glass work skill as part of our Causeway Craft Trail exhibition and August Craft Month. See how Andrea makes her delicate flameworked glass sculptures, inspired by natural forms and try your hand at melting glass in the flame.

*Not suitable for children under 16. Under 18s should be accompanied by an adult.*



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# 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.

Adults are not permitted in the workshop spaces unless under special circumstances but are welcome to enjoy a coffee and wait for their budding artists. The best creativity is messy! Please make sure your child wears suitable clothing.

## Clay Summer Scheme | Summer Sea Creatures for 8-12 yrs

Monday 1 - Thursday 4 July | 10.30am-12.30pm | Cost: £55

Children will make a wonderful array of sea themed ceramics with Ceramicist Fiona Shannon including jumping jellyfish, octopus bowls and whale-y good money boxes!



## My Cardboard Coast Town | The Big Build

Wednesday 3 - Thursday 4 July | 10.30am-12.30pm (5-7yrs) | Cost: £18

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Tuesday 9 - Thursday 11 July | 10.30am-12.30pm (5-7yrs) | Cost: £25

Tuesday 9 - Thursday 11 July | 1.30-3.30pm (8-12yrs) | Cost: £25

Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 July | 10.30am-12.30pm (5 - 7 yrs) | Cost: £25

Tuesday 16 - Thursday 18 July | 1.30-3.30pm (8-12 yrs) | Cost: £25

Calling all kids! Design and build a cardboard seaside town inspired by your imagination! Make buildings, giant ice creams, helter-skelters, mermaids and more to create your Cardboard Coast Town final exhibition in our galleries for everyone to enjoy.



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

## **Art in the Park | My Cardboard Coast Town**

**Saturday 6 July OR Saturday 13 July |**

**10–11am OR 12.30–1.30pm for all ages | Cost: £5**

Kids of all ages and families can join in and make crafts and artwork that will go into the My Cardboard Coast Town exhibition!



## **Throwing for Teens |**

### **Mugs and Bowls for 12-16 yrs**

**Monday 8 - Thursday 11 July | 10.30am–12.30pm | Cost: £100**

A four-day course learning to create wheel-thrown ceramics like mugs and dip bowls with Fiona Shannon.



## **Can Do Academy | Lego Animation**

### **Masterclass for 8-12 yrs**

**Tuesday 9 July | 11am–1pm | Cost: £20**

A great introduction for children to the colourful world of Lego animation where they'll create a complete animated Lego film on an iPad.



## **Glass Making for Kids | Fused Glass**

### **Heart Frames for 8-12 yrs**

**Thursday 11 July | 10.30am–12.30pm | Cost: £25**

Natasha Duddy leads this unique glass making class to create a gorgeous glass heart collage which can be framed and hung. *Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*



## Claymation Week |

### Coast Town Animation for 8-12 yrs

Tuesday 16 - Friday 19 July | 10.30am-12.30pm | Cost: £60

Fiona Shannon will help kids craft their own unique characters and sets to create a stop motion animation film based around July's My Cardboard Coast Town!

## Fun with Drums | Bang the Drum for 4-8 yrs

Friday 19 July | 11am-12noon | Cost: £8

There is no better fun than fun with drums! Book the kids in for an hour of noise, tunes, freestyle percussion and top fun with our expert facilitator James.



## Creative Autism Workshop | Spoon

### Puppets for 6-10 yrs & Family Member

Tuesday 23 July | 10.30am-12.30pm | Cost: £15

A relaxed, calm creative workshop for autistic children and a family member, crafting their own fun, mixed-media wooden spoon puppets.



## Comic Book Masterclass with

### Kev F Sutherland for 7-12 yrs

Friday 26 July | 11am-1pm | Cost: £25

Join Kev F Sutherland, comic book veteran of Beano, Doctor Who, and Marvel, to craft your own comics and leave with a collaborative comic strip and a personalized caricature.



## Glass Making for Kids | Bunting for 8-12yrs

Thursday 1 August | 10.30am-12.30pm | Cost: £25

Each participant will design a piece, select colours, cut and assemble glass to produce five triangles for their hanging bunting. *Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*





## Art in the Park

Saturday 10 August OR Saturday 24 August | 10.30am–12.30pm

OR 1 -2pm | For all ages | Cost: £5 per session

Join Linda Mulholland for creative fun and frolics in the park! If it rains, we'll bring the fun indoors.



## Clay Summer Scheme | Forest, Flowers & Fauna for 8-12 yrs

Monday 12-Thursday 15 August | 10.30am-12.30pm | Cost: £55

Inspired by enchanting themes of forest, flowers and fauna, kids will make a range of pots from wacky planter heads to mystical castles and creatures.



## Sweet Summer Wonders Art Workshop for Kids

Monday 12 - Tuesday 13 August | 10.30am-12noon | 5-7 yrs | Cost: £9

Monday 12 - Tuesday 13 August | 12.30-1pm | 8-12 yrs | Cost: £9

Create a sweet menu of giant lollipops, magical ice cream sundaes, colourful sticks of rock and swirly candy canes that look good enough to eat.



## Throwing Teapots for Teens 12-16 yrs

Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 August | 1.30-3.30pm | Cost: £75

Fantastic hands-on session for teens to learn the craft of throwing teapots on the wheel from scratch.



## Glass Making for Kids | Hot Air Balloon for 8-12 yrs

Thursday 22 August | 10.30am-12.30pm | Cost: £25

Make two hot air balloon-inspired hanging suncatchers. *Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*



# 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.

These courses are for adults aged 18+ years unless otherwise specified.

## Design & Make Fused Glass Plant Pot Stakes

Thursday 11 July | 2–5pm | Cost: £45 full, £42 concession

Design and create your own beautiful and unique glass art decorative plant pot stakes inspired by floral themes with expert glass artist Natasha Duddy. No previous experience required. *Please note, closed footwear must be worn for your own safety.*



## Decorative Ornamental

### Trees

Tuesday 23 July | 2–4.30pm

Cost: £18 full, £15 concession

Join artist Christina Smyth in a wonderfully mindful and creative session to decorate delicate, carved wooden tree ornaments.



## Echo Echo & PETEC (Romania)

### Reason to Dance Workshop

Tuesday 30–Wednesday 31 July | 7–9pm | Cost: £15

Visiting performer-teachers from Romania and Moldova. Alexandra Soshnikova, Sergei Golovnea, Virginia Negru and Catalin Diaconu will lead meditative, gentle, creative workshops. No experience necessary and perfect for creative physical expression, and fans of T'ai Chi and yoga to expand their movements. Suitable for ages 18+.



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

## **Design & Make a Fused Glass Wave**

### **Wall Art**

**Thursday 1 August | 2–5pm | Cost: £45 full, £42 concession**

Natasha Duddy teaches you how to design, colour and fuse a beautiful glass sea wave. No previous experience required. *Please note, closed footwear must be worn for your own safety.*



## **Traditional Spoon Making With Valkyrie Crafts**

**Saturday 3 August | 10am-3pm OR 1-3pm |**

**Cost: £60 full, £55 concession**

As part of our Craft Trail Artists exhibition launch, John Wilkinson of Valkyrie Craft delivers a fascinating introduction to the universal and ancient art of utensil carving. Previous carving experience isn't required but a reasonable level of manual dexterity is essential. There will be a 12noon-1pm lunch break.



## **Intensive Throwing Masterclass**

**Tuesday 6 – Friday 9 August | 10am–3pm | Cost: £55 full, £52 concession**

Fiona Shannon will teach you the basics of throwing on the pottery wheel using stoneware clay as well as techniques to refine your work so you can complete a range of pots including bowls, mugs, side plates and jugs.

## **Glass Making Workshop Stained Glass Tiffany-style**

**Saturday 17 August | 10.30am – 1.30pm | Cost: £55 full, £52 concession**

Discover the exquisite art of stained glass Tiffany-style with E-J McCartney. Suitable for complete beginners and those with some experience. *Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*





## Raku Ceramics Workshop

**Saturday 17 August | 10am-4pm | Cost: £100 full, £90 concession**

Glaze and fire pre-made pots in the ancient Japanese process of Raku, led by Malcolm Murchison. Taking home at least four beautiful pots, this is a rare opportunity to experience a highly specialised technique. No prior experience required but please check our website for clothing and safety information. Suitable for ages 18+.



## Design & Make a Fused Glass Plate

**Thursday 22 August | 2-5pm | Cost: £55 full, £52 concession**

Natasha Duddy teaches the glass cutting and grinding skills to design and create your own fused glass plate. A popular workshop and a fantastic introduction to glass making. *Please note, closed toe footwear must be worn for your own safety.*



## Sculpt a Sea Swimmer

**Friday 23 August | 10am-12.30pm**

**Cost: £45 full, £42 concession**

Join artist Fiona Shannon in sculpting your very own sea swimmer bust inspired by the beauty of the ocean. Suitable for all abilities.



## Uncover the Ancient Artistry of Irish Neolithic Pottery

**Saturday 24 August | 10.30am-1pm | Cost: £30 full, £27 concession**

Uncover the ancient artistry of Irish Neolithic Pottery in our immersive workshop including a short talk by archaeologist Catriona Brogan, followed by a hands-on workshop with potter Fiona Shannon where you will create your own piece using ancient techniques such as burnishing with stones and creating decoration with wood and bone.



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

## Janey Moffatt Textile Workshops

### Natural Dyeing with Foraged Materials

**Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 August | 10.30am-1pm |**

**Cost: £35 full, £32 concession**

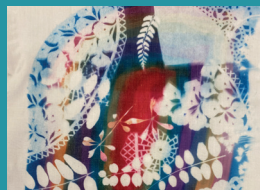
Discover natural dye sources like nettles, madder, logwood and kitchen sink materials, modifiers and techniques using Irish linen. A fascinating two-part workshop with your items soaked overnight for spectacular results.



### Free Machine Embroidery & Heat Transfer

**Wednesday 28 August | 7-9pm | Cost: £30 full, £27 concession**

Learn how to create unique designs with free machine embroidery techniques. A beautiful workshop for new skills on the machine. Two machines will be available, or you can bring your own. You'll also be trying heat transfer onto fabric.



### Indigo Dyeing with Shibori

**Saturday 31 August | 10am-1pm | Cost: £30 full, £27 concession**

Try out the ancient Japanese art of Shibori dyeing, a manual resistance dyeing technique with the most treasured of all natural dyes, Indigo. A wonderful session for all textile lovers.



Textile artist Janey Moffatt presents her exhibition **All US Women** from 7 September to 26 October 2024. Before her exhibition opens, we are welcoming Janey for a short residency in September during which she will facilitate free community textile workshops. To find out more about these community textile workshops please contact [amy.donaghey@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk](mailto:amy.donaghey@causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk)