A celebration of art and craft throughout Ards and North Down

creative peninsula

August 2019
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HOW TO BOOK

Ards Arts Centre
Town Hall, Conway Square
Newtownards BT23 4NP
028 9181 0803

Ards Visitor Information Centre
31 Regent Street
Newtownards BT23 4AD
028 9182 6846

Bangor Visitor Information Centre
Tower House
34 Quay Street
Bangor BT20 5ED
028 9127 0069

North Down Museum
Town Hall, The Castle
Bangor BT20 4BT
028 9127 1200

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Welcome to the Creative Peninsula, Northern Ireland’s premier celebration of Art and Craft

Now in its 18th year, this thriving annual event features Creative Peninsula in the Square, Creative Tours, Open Studios, Exhibitions, Demonstrations and more, all taking place throughout the beautiful and picturesque Ards and North Down Borough.

The region is well known for its many Artists and Makers and during the event visitors have the opportunity to view their work, purchase or commission a unique piece or try their hand in a workshop.

So, why not come along and join them in our celebration of creativity!

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Creative Peninsula in the Square

Conway Square in Newtownards is transformed, for one day only, into a tented arts and craft village.

Over 30 Artists and Makers will be selling their work and talking about what inspires them to be creative.

Exhibitors and demonstrations include glass engraving, wood turning, painting, pastels, felting, printing, drawing, textiles, ceramics and many more.

Live Music and children’s creative activities throughout the day.

Conway Square, Newtownards
Fri 2 August
11am – 6pm
FREE

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Late Night Arts Tour

Join us for an evening bus tour with a difference!

Hop on the late-night Art Bus to visit some of our Creative Peninsula Open Studios for an insight into how local products are made.

Enjoy nibbles or a glass of wine/craft beer at each location and an opportunity to chat to artists and makers and maybe even buy a unique hand-crafted gift.

Your tour will include:

- The Creative Peninsula exhibition/demo at North Down Museum, Bangor
- Print making demo at Seacourt Print Workshop, Bangor
- Demonstrations at the Pods, Project 24, Bangor
- Pottery demo at Loaf Pottery, Crawfordsburn

Tours depart from and return to:
North Down Museum
Castle Park
Bangor

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Wed 7 August
7pm – 10pm
£15 includes refreshments
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Creative Coach Tour

Join our day-long coach tour, visiting the many art and craft studios dotted throughout the scenic Ards Peninsula.

An opportunity to take a sneak peek behind the scenes at studios that are often not open to the public. Meet the Artists and Makers, watch them at work and of course, treat yourself to a unique piece of artwork.

This tour is guided by Blue Badge Tourist Guide Laura Spence and include free demonstrations and a light lunch.

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Tours departs from and returns to:
Ards Arts Centre (Georgian Gallery)
Town Hall
Conway Square
Newtownards BT23 4NP

Sat 10 August
9.15am – 5pm
Booking Essential
£25 including light lunch
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Your tour will include:

- The Creative Peninsula exhibition at Ards Arts Centre, Newtownards
- Monotype Printmaking demonstration with Susanna Banks, Newtownards
- Landscape Painting demonstration with Les Sharpe at Boom! Studios, Bangor
- Hand Spinning demonstration with Christine Casey, Kircubbin
- Wood Turning demonstration with Mike Miall, Portaferry
- Felting demonstration with Dympna Curran and an opportunity to shop at Cuan Crafts

And a delicious light lunch at The Saltwater Brigg.
Alfresco Afternoons

On Sat 3 and Sun 4 August, be inspired with our Alfresco Art programme featuring afternoon demonstrations.

The beautiful location of the Courtyard at North Down Museum is the backdrop for two afternoons of hand-crafted wood and art and craft demonstrations in many mediums.

Event is outdoors, weather permitting

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The Courtyard at North Down Museum
Castle Park, Bangor
Sat 3 and Sun 4 August
12pm – 4pm FREE

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Wood Turning

Sat 3 August
Spend the afternoon watching talented wood carvers and turners at work.

Demonstrators include carver Owen Crawford working with a chainsaw, Alexey Janes on a traditional lathe, Carver Philip Steele and Wood Turners Peter Lyons, Paul Finlay, David Faulkner and Billy Ferris.

There will be a range of free demonstrations throughout the afternoon of different techniques including lathe work and hand carving.

Beautifully crafted items will be on display from bowls to sculptures and hand carved to machined.

Artists and Makers

Sun 4 August
Take this unique opportunity to interact with Artists and Makers who will be providing free demonstrations throughout the afternoon. You can also explore the collection at North Down Museum, visit the Creative Peninsula exhibition and enjoy a coffee at Coffee Cure!

Wee Yarn Designs 12–2pm
Dorset Button Making
Debbie McCann will demonstrate the heritage craft of Dorset Button making with an opportunity for visitors to have a go themselves.

Roy Elwood 1–3pm
Landsapes and Seascapes
Roy Elwood will demonstrate how to capture land and seascapes using drawing and watercolour wash.

Jan Campbell 1–3pm
Painting Flowers on Silk
Using the frame and outline technique, watch as flowers are brought to life step by step into a wearable piece of art.

Patricia Millar 1–3pm
Strangford Shoreline
Using locally sourced clay, gravels and organics, Patricia Millar will demonstrate how she makes her highly textured Strangford Shoreline pieces.

Debra Wenlock 1–3pm
Inspired by the Courtyard
Debra Wenlock will be painting intuitively with acrylics, taking her inspiration from the colours and atmosphere of the courtyard.

Alison Hanvey 2–4pm
Ceramic Spoon Making
Alison Hanvey will demonstrate how to make spoons from a slab of clay, with some modelling and adding details.

Kate Rebeck 2–4pm
Mixed Media Painting
Kate will demonstrate how she paints a medium size canvas of the courtyard with mixed media.

Lois Helen Bell 2–4pm
Portraiture Drawing
Join Lois Helen Bell in portraiture drawing and sketch your companion using charcoal or pastel shading techniques.

Adele Pound 12–2pm
Paper Bird Sculpture
Adele Pound will be making intricate handmade paper bird decorations.

Rosie Ennis 12–2pm
Collagraph (Making and Printing)
Rosie Ennis will make a collagraph block using various paper textures, plant material and leaves to create beautiful prints.

Lee Boyd 12–2pm
Portrait Drawing
Watch the portrait unfold over the afternoon as Lee Boyd demonstrates his portraiture skills using charcoals.

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Image: Ray Elwood
Creative Peninsula at Seacourt Print Workshop

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Open Studio and Exhibition launch: ‘FABRICATIONS’ UNRAVELLING FACTS FROM FOLKLORE BY SUSAN ROBINSON
Sat 3 August
1pm – 4pm
FREE

Fabrications examines the fine line between facts, fiction and folklore. Combining screen-printing, stitch, knitting and crochet, Robinson examines, embroiders and embellishes our understanding of memory and the human brain.

Where did the idea of ‘Woolly Thinking’ come from? How exactly does someone’s mind ‘Completely Unravel’? What is a ‘Hare-Brained Scheme’? How does one put ‘a Twist in the Tale’?

This exhibition gathers all these curious threads to produce some rather imaginative Textile Art.

There will be several opportunities for our audience to get creative in the gallery interactive exhibits:

Learn how to Spin your own ‘brainy’ yarn:
Have a go at spinning, knitting and crocheting while you visit the exhibition. Add your own ‘twists to the tale’ or put your on ‘hook’ on what the last person has done. Over the course of the exhibition will add these collaboratively-made ‘fabrications’ to the show.

In Stitches:
Spend five minutes or half an hour making your mark in stitch on our BIG BRAIN, a collaborative work that will grow over the course of the exhibition. Bring some fabric, buttons or threads or choose from our stash.

Workshops

Screen Print YOUR Brain
Tue 13 August
7pm – 9.30pm
6 places available
Booking essential

Starting with one of Susan’s pre-printed brain templates learn to pull a screen print and using heat press, mono-type and stitch create your own brain based artwork.

Brainy ‘Crafternoon’
Fri 16 August
2pm – 4pm

Our take on a stitch’n’bitch, bring your current knitting or stitch project or we’ll provide a project for you to work on. Open to all ages and no experience required.

OPEN STUDIO AND DEMOS
Sat 3 August 1pm – 4pm and
Mon 5 to Fri 9 August 10am – 3pm

Seacourt will provide a warm welcome to who can drop by our open studios. We will have printmaking demonstrations and talks every day at 2pm including Copper Etching, Photo Intaglio, Screen printing and Eco printing.

SEACOURT BANGOR TOWN CENTRE POP UP
If you are in Bangor town centre during Creative Peninsula week drop by our #bangorbythesea printmaking spot. There will be hands on activities to try and you can add your creative mark to our collaborative immersive art work. Follow us on Instagram @seacourtpw for live programme updates.
Creative Peninsula at Loaf Pottery

Loaf Pottery events and classes have something for everyone to enjoy – try your hand on the pottery wheel, get creative in a workshop or relax with friends over pizza.

Loaf Pottery are a social enterprise business and their profits support people with learning difficulties and autism into jobs with a future.

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Loaf Pottery
24 Main Street
Crawfordsburn
BT19 1JE
loafcatering.com

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You can also visit Loaf Pottery as part of the Creative Bus Tour on Wed 7 August [see page 5].

As numbers are limited for all workshops advance booking is essential.

Telephone/in Person:
Ards Arts Centre 028 9181 0803

Online at: visitardsandnorthdown.com/creative-peninsula

Creative Café
With Potter Josh Lyness
Fri 2 August
2.30pm – 4.30pm
£25
Josh will demonstrate traditional techniques on the potter’s wheel; discuss the history of ceramics and the creative design process.

Participants will have the opportunity to design their own pattern and decorate a handmade mug which will be ready for participants to collect once the glaze has been fired (within 4 weeks).

Participants are required to bring an apron with them. All other materials will be provided.

Tea, coffee and cake will be provided in Loaf Pottery Café after the workshop.

Pizza and Pottery Night
Thu 8 August
6.30pm – 9.30pm
Children welcome
£35 (BYOW)

Pizza and pottery nights give you the chance to get creative before enjoying some artisan wood fired pizza.

The evening will start with a creative pottery class led by our in-house potter Josh Lyness where he will teach you hand building techniques allowing you to make a special ceramic keepsake.

After the pottery class you will be shown through to our café where you can enjoy your choice of handmade artisan wood fired pizza. You can bring your own wine or bubbly too!

Throwing Day with Josh Lyness
Fri 9 August
9.30am – 3.30pm
£25
An open day for any budding potters to call in and have a go at throwing pottery on the wheel.

There are five time slots available to book. One person per 45 minute time slot.
Ards Arts Centre Workshops

The Creative Peninsula workshop programme is a series of engaging and interactive workshops designed to explore the processes used to create unique pieces of art and craft.

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As numbers are limited for all workshops advance booking is essential.

All workshops are suitable for ages 18 years +

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Online at: visitardsandnorthdown.com/creative-peninsula

LANDSCAPES AND SEASCAPES WITH RAY ELWOOD
Sat 3 August
10am – 4pm
£25

In this workshop an A5 Sketchbook will enrich your imagination. In the morning the tutor will provide a selection of ideas to work from which you will copy into your sketchbook. In the afternoon you will draw a composition on an A4 sheet, which needs a point of interest, that you will select from your sketchbook.

The tutor will demonstrate this with helpful ideas. “Imagination comes in after you gain experience” [John Ruskin]

Suitable for improvers.

Photographs, prints and magazine cut outs will be provided for you to work from, however participants are required to bring an A5 Sketchbook, 1/2B pencil and putty rubber.

FRAMED PAPERCUT BIRD WITH PAULA BATT
Sat 3 August
10.30am – 3.30pm
£40 – Materials included

Come along to this relaxed and fun papercutting workshop where you will learn how to draw and hand cut your very own papercut bird using a scalpel to create a colourful framed piece for your home. You will have a choice of original designs by Paula Batt to choose from:

Suitable for beginners.

Please note that you will need good dexterity for scalpel use, due to the pressure needed to cut

SPINDLE SPINNING WITH ROSEMARY MCCARTNEY
Tue 6 August
10am – 1pm
£25 – Materials Included

An introduction to the wool processes from fibre to finished cloth. Learn the process of carding, drafting and spinning using a drop spindle to create your own yarn. There will be an opportunity to try a spinning wheel. Please bring an apron with you.

Suitable for Beginners.

DRYPOINT PRINT WITH ROSY ENNIS
Wed 7 August
10am – 1pm
£20 – Materials included

Drypoint printing is so accessible to all abilities. In this class, you will learn how to make your own print by scratching on to the surface of a perspex plate. Why not bring along an image or photograph that inspires you!

Suitable for all levels

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LEAPING FOXES & HAES WITH JOY GRAY
Mon 5 August
10.30am – 3.30pm
£45 – Materials included

In this workshop you will make either a Leaping Fox or a Leaping Hare, which ever you choose.

Making a sturdy armature or frame will create a strong structure to work on and the support that will allow the animals to be suspended from their plinths, giving them a sense of movement. You will then look at the difference in shape between the Fox and Hare – where to build up muscle and definition, before adding meat to the bones. Each will be mounted on a wooden plinth.

Good dexterity essential.

Suitable for all levels.

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Ards Arts Centre Workshops

DRY FELTING ON STYROFOAM SHAPES WITH HELEN SHARKY
Thu 8 August
2pm – 4pm
£20 – Materials included
Helen will teach how to dry felt carded wool onto styrofoam shapes to create unique creatures and felted decorations. By the end of the workshop, participants will have gained the skillset to dry felt both flat and horizontal felting techniques.

BEAD WOVEN BRACELET WITH MORAG CHAMBERS
Fri 9 August
1pm – 4pm
£20 – Materials included
Weave beautiful faceted glass beads into a stunning bracelet to take away. With just a needle, thread and some beads you will learn one of the classic stitches in bead weaving and how you can create unique jewellery to your own designs.
Suitable for all levels.

SKETCHING A MOVING OBJECT WITH ADELE POUND
Sat 10 August
1pm – 4pm
£20 – Materials included
Adele Pound will lead participants through a series of short drawing exercises designed to highlight the skills for sketching a moving object such as wildlife. The workshop will include drawing an object that is in motion.
Suitable for all levels.

PAINTING WITH WATERCOLOUR WITH BERNICE ANDERSON
Sat 10 August
10am – 1pm
£20
A relaxed and fun morning of watercolour illustration with professional help and guidance to produce an illustration to take home.
Participants are required to bring their own watercolours, paper, pencil and pen.
Suitable for all levels.

Drink and Draw

Drink and Draw makes a welcome return to this year’s Creative Peninsula.

Drink and Draw found popularity in New York in recent years and now the trend has been imported to the UK. True to its name, this is an art class for both seasoned scribblers and clueless beginners – but in an unconventional setting and with a glass of your favourite tipple!

Join professional artists and Seacourt Print Workshop members Clinton Kirkpatrick and Shauna McGowan for a fun, relaxed and social evening for those who love to draw.

Please bring a sketch pad and your drawing weapon of choice! Some materials will be available on the evening.

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The Ivy Bar 14 Castle Street, Newtownards BT23 7PA
Thu 8 August 7pm-9.30pm
£5, includes your first drink (small house wine or bottle of beer)
Bar available
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**BISHOPS MILL WORKSHOPS**
To book contact ceciliastephensartist@gmail.com or ring 028 4272 8364 or sarabrownartist@gmail.com or ring 028 4273 8004
Location: Bishops Mill, 9 Abbacy Rd, Ardkeen, Newtownards Map: 18

**SOFT PASTELS WITH SARA BROWN**
Wed 7 August 10.30am – 4.30pm
Working with soft pastels, Sara will demonstrate some techniques and talk about her favoured materials and subject matter. The studio located at Bishop Mills has a wealth of inspiration for the participants to have a go through the day.
£40, includes a simple lunch. Bring your own materials.

**EXPERIMENTAL WEAVING WITH CECILIA STEPHENS**
Thu 8 August 10.30am – 4pm
Explore the possibilities of weaving with different materials, colours and textures, using a simple frame loom.
£45, including simple lunch and materials.

**DRY POINT AND MONOTYPE PRINTMAKING WITH CECILIA STEPHENS AND SARA BROWN**
Fri 9 August 6pm – 9pm
Explore different printing techniques.
£30, materials provided but bring images and sketches for inspiration and an apron.

**Artist Own Studio Workshops**

**CRISTINE CASEY**
**KIRI COTTAGE CRAFTS**
To book ring 07968 342928 or email kiricottagecrafts@aol.com
Location: 86 Loughdoo Road, Ardkeen, Kircubbin Map: 17

**CHARITY ‘CROCHET AND KNITTED SQUARE’ DROP-IN DAY**
Tue 6 August 10.30am – 4pm
Rather than a workshop, this is a ‘Drop-In’ session, aimed at crocheting and knitting squares to make into blankets for Age NI to sell in their shops. All materials and equipment are provided, along with some help and tuition if you are new to crochet or knitting.
Come and stay the whole day, or drop in for an hour or two - whatever suits. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.
FREE and all equipment and materials are available.

**WOOL SPINNING FOR BEGINNERS**
Mon 5 August 10.30am – 1pm
Delivered by expert spinner Christine Casey this Taster Workshop is designed for those new to spinning or those who would like to refresh their skills.
£36 including materials and equipment.
Suitable for beginners and improvers.
Places limited to 6. Aged 16+.

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**FELTING A VESSEL**
Tue 6 August 10.30am – 1pm
Delivered by expert felter Deirdre Gallagher this workshop is for those wishing to improve their felting skills. Participants will make a seamless vessel from wool and apply their artistic skills to decorate the surface.
£34 including materials and equipment.
Places limited to 10.
Aged 16+.

**WATERCOLOUR FOR BEGINNERS**
Wed 7 August 10.30am – 1pm
An introduction to Watercolour painting, established watercolour artist Jacqui Fleming will guide those taking part through a step by step procedure to produce a beautiful painting.
£24 including materials and equipment.
Places limited to 10.

**CUAN CRAFTS WORKSHOPS**
To book: Dympna Curran 07771 890973
Location: 8 Shore Road, Portaferry Map: 22

**NEEDLE FELT A PENDANT**
Thu 8 August 10.30am – 1pm
Using colourful wools participants will enjoy designing and making a picturesque pendant under the expert guidance of feltmaker Dympna Curran. Suitable for beginners and improvers.
£36 including materials and equipment.
Aged 16+.
Places limited to 10.

**BOTANICAL PRINTING ON LINEN**
Fri 9 August 10.30pm – 1pm
An introduction to Botanical Printing this workshop will be led by well known artist and printer Ruth Osbourne where participants will create their own framed print to take home.
£39 including materials and equipment.
Aged 16+.
Places limited to 6.

To book, please contact the artist/studio directly
Workshops

**TIFFANY GLASS BUTTERFLY SUN CATCHER**

Mon 6 August  
9.30am to 12.30pm

Create a beautiful butterfly sun-catcher in colourful glass to take home. Learn the basic techniques of “Tiffany” Glass making. 16 years plus, but minors must be accompanied by a participating adult. Reasonable dexterity essential. Shoes must be worn, strictly no sandals. Apron or overall a necessity. Limited to 4 students. Must be able to stand and walk around the studio to access equipment.

£30 including materials.

**TIFFANY GLASS FLOWER SUN CATCHER**

Mon 6 August  
2pm to 4.30pm

Create a beautiful, colourful glass flower sun-catcher to take home. Learn the basic techniques of Tiffany Glass. 16 years plus but minors must be accompanied by a participating adult. Reasonable dexterity essential. Shoes must be worn, strictly no sandals. Apron or overall a necessity. Limited to 4 students. Must be able to stand and walk around the studio to access equipment.

£30 including materials.

**LIVING WITH LINEN: AN ILLUSTRATED TALK ON THE HISTORY OF LINEN AND WOVEN TEXTILES**

Fri 9 August  
2pm – 4.30pm

Jane McCann will host textile specialist, Fiona McKelvie, to introduce a wealth of antique and vintage linen textiles and to describe their story. In addition to an illustrated talk there will be examples of linen and artefacts, many of museum quality, to look at and discuss.

£25

**PATTERN MAKING: TURNING A GARMENT IMAGE INTO A SILHOUETTE**

Sat 10 August  
10am – 4pm

Garment specialist, Jane McCann, with colleague Sirpa Mörsky from Finland, will demonstrate the creation of garments by 3D modelling on a dress stand. Demonstrations will be followed by helping participants to create their own designs to take away. Bring own materials: 2 metres medium weight calico, a pencil, felt pen, a ruler and basic sewing equipment: Pins, tape, needle and thread.

Adults only with a basic knowledge of sewing. Tea and coffee provided. Please bring pack lunch. Maximum 8 participants. £45.

**WOOL SPINNING**

Thu 8 August  
7pm - 9.30pm

Explore the process of spinning with experienced spinner Rosemary McCartney. Learn the process of carding, drafting, spinning and plying to produce your own yarn. Suitable for beginners or those wishing to improve their technique.

£30 includes all materials. 

Places limited to two. Aged 18+.

**JEWELLERY MAKING FOR BEGINNERS**

Mon 5, Mon 12 or Mon 19 August  
10am – 1.30pm

Ever fancied making your own piece of jewellery? Join Ruth to make either a textured pendant or pair of earrings. Snake chains not included. Learn how to texture silver, pierce it, shape it and polish it. A demonstration and advice will be provided throughout the morning on how to achieve your desired effect. Suitable for beginners. No restrictions. No experience necessary.

£85. All materials included, drinks as well!

To book, please contact the artist/studio directly.
JOY GRAY WORKSHOPS
To book: email joyegray@hotmail.co.uk or phone 07989 948015
Location: 11 Westmorland Crescent, Bangor, BT20 3LX Map: 11

WRENS ON DOORKNOBS
Wed 7 August 1pm – 4.30pm
Sweet little Copper Wrens perched on their own over-sized doorknob. These little gems make a lovely pair for a mantel piece or shelf. They can be given an antiqued patina or left bare for you to experiment with your own patina at home.
Good dexterity essential.
Suitable for 15 yrs +
£25 includes all material and light refreshments.

SWEET LITTLE DOME
Fri 9 August 1pm - 5.30pm
In just one afternoon you will make a beautiful scene displayed in a glass dome (H16cm). We will be making two little copper birds perched on the wire branches of small tree. Finished off with a moss covering it’s base.
£32 includes all material and light refreshments.
Good dexterity essential.
Suitable for 15 yrs +

RUSTY ROBINS
Thu 8 August 1pm – 4.30pm
In this workshop we will be making two cheeky little Robins. One of which will perch on lovely rust effect, metal crook stake (provided) and the other will be made to go on the ground looking up at the other. These little robins will be made in garden wire which will be rusted once made. There will also be an introduction into working with wire, the types of wire available, tools and simple patinas that can be experimented with just using two ingredients from the kitchen cupboard.
Good dexterity essential.
Suitable for 15 yrs +
£25 including materials and light refreshments.

NEST MAKING
Sat 10 August 1pm - 4.30pm
We will be creating a large, rusty nest for the Garden. These nests will be 30-40cm in diameter and combine threads and fabric as well as lots of wire. Please bring scraps of material, ribbon, yarn or threads to make these pieces more personal.
£28 includes all material and light refreshments.
Good dexterity essential.
Suitable for 15 yrs +

PORTAFERRY POTTERY
To book: text Heather on 07703 440147 or email Donald at donald42sn@outlook.com
Location: 4 Mountain Road, Portaferry, Newtownards, BT22 1PL Map: 20

THROWING
Thu 8 August 10am – 12pm
Throwing in terracotta, for beginners.
£20 includes materials.
Children over the age of 12 years and/or adults.
Booking Essential

PRESS MOULDING
Fri 9 August 10am – 12pm
Sheets of clay are pressed into plaster moulds to create bowls and dishes.
£20 includes materials
Suitable for children over the age of 12 years and/or adults.
Booking Essential

POTTERY DECORATING
Fri 9 August 6.30pm – 8.30pm
Using underglaze colours on ready-made pots made in the studio.
Pots can be collected at a later date to be arranged.
£20 includes materials
Suitable for children over the age of 12 years and/or adults.
Booking Essential

PET PORTRAITS
Thu 8 August 6pm – 9pm
Have fun creating a portrait of your much loved pet from air drying clay. Full step by step instructions provided. Please bring a box to take your creation home in.
£30. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

SCULPTING DRAGONS
Sat 10 August 10am – 3pm
Have fun creating your own dragon from air drying clay, using a wire armature and adding other media to create wings and texture.
£45 includes materials.
Suitable for over 12 yrs – adult

To book, please contact the artist/studio directly.

SHARON REGAN
To Book: email sharonreganart@gmail.com
Pink Pod, Project 24, Queens Parade, Bangor Map: 12
Open Studios

The Open Studio Weekend will take place from Thu 8 – Sun 11 August from 10am - 4pm with some studios open for Late Night Studios on Fri 9 August until 9pm.

Covering the length and breadth of the Ards Peninsula and North Down, Artists’ studios are the place to visit to sneak a peek ‘behind the scenes’ of the Artist at work.

Don’t miss the chance to meet a host of creative people including ceramicists, glass artists, painters and spinners, wood turners and jewellery designers; see them at work or watch the many free demonstrations on offer.

Each studio is numbered so that it can be easily found on the map at the back of the brochure.

If visitors have particular access needs, it is best to contact the studio directly in advance. Remember also that many studios may not accept debit or credit cards so it is best to take some cash along as an alternative method of payment for purchases.
SEACOURT PRINT WORKSHOP
PRINTMAKING
Unit 20, Dunlop Industrial Estate
8 Balloo Drive
Bangor BT19 7OY
028 9146 0595
info@seacourt-ni.org.uk
seacourt-ni.org.uk
Sat 4 – Sat 11 August 10am – 3pm (closed Sun)
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CHRISTINE CASEY
WEAVING AND SPINNING
Kiri Cottage Crafts
6 Loughdoo Road
Portaferry BT22 1HJ
07968 342 928
kiricottagecrafts@aol.com
Thu: 10am – 4pm
Fri: 10am – 9pm
Sat: 10am – 4pm
Sun: OPEN other hours, contact artist
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GLENKEEN CHAIRS
MIKE MIALL
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Thu: 10am – 4pm
Fri: 10am – 9pm
Sat: 10am – 4pm
Sun: 10am – 4pm
Open other hours, contact artist
Artist Talks available
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BISHOPS MILL
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Thu: 10am – 4pm
Fri: 10am – 9pm
Sat: 10am – 4pm
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LOFT GALLERY
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Portaferry Visitor Information Centre
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Portaferry, BT22 1NZ
028 4272 9882
portaferryvic@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk
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Mon – Sat 10am – 5pm
Sun 1pm – 5pm
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CRAFTS & ART RETAIL
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8 Shore Road
Portaferry BT22 1JY
07771 890 973
dymppnacurranaol.com
Thu: 10am – 4pm
Fri: 10am – 4pm
Sat: 10am – 4pm
Sun: 10am – 4pm
Open other hours, contact artist
Artist Talks available
MAP: 22
Exhibitions

Throughout August, Ards Arts Centre in Newtownards plays host to the principal Creative Peninsula exhibition featuring exclusive works by the finest Artists and Makers from the Ards and North Down Borough.

North Down Museum in Bangor, the Loft Gallery in Portaferry and Artspace @ Haptik in Newtownards are also hosting exhibitions as part of the Creative Peninsula programme.

Map: 1  THE CREATIVE PENINSULA EXHIBITION 1 – 29 August Ards Arts Centre The Georgian and Sunburst Galleries
The principal Creative Peninsula exhibition featuring exclusive works by the finest Artists and Makers from the Ards and North Down Borough.

Map: 14  THE CREATIVE PENINSULA EXHIBITION 1 August – 1 September North Down Museum The Long Gallery
A Creative Peninsula exhibition featuring exclusive works by selected Artists and Makers from the Ards and North Down Borough.

Map: 21  THE DINNER PARTY BY CERAMICIST ANNA SMYTH 1 August – 1 September Portaferry Visitor Information Centre The Loft Gallery
This exhibition is the artist’s interpretation on aspects of contemporary living. Anna will create a table setting with dinner plates which she has hand thrown and decorated to attach meanings.

‘Each plate is a metaphor for the person using it, enlightening us about the interplay of temperaments....’

Map: 2  CREATIVE COAST BY THE COPELAND COLLECTIVE 1 – 31 August Artspace @ Haptik Frances Street, Newtownards
12 Artists. 115 miles of coast. For their 5th show, the Copeland Collective group come together to create an exhibition that celebrates the inspirational Ards and North Down Coastline.

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August 2019
FREE

visitor network
Professional Development Opportunities

Throughout August a series of practical and inspiring development sessions have been organised for creative practitioners. These sessions will cover the creative process through to online sales.

All facilitated by experts in their field.

These professional development sessions are organised in partnership with Visual Artists Ireland and the Economic Development section of Ards and North Down Borough Council.

As spaces are limited, advance booking is essential

Telephone/in Person:
Ards Arts Centre 028 9181 0803
Online at: visitardsandnorthdown.com/creative-peninsula

DEVELOPING SALES THROUGH E-COMMERCE

Boom! Studios
Tue 13 August
2pm – 5pm
FREE

Having an online presence offers creative industries an opportunity to both showcase and sell products and services. But being online is not enough – you need to be on the right platform whilst driving the appropriate quantity and quality of traffic to your profile to generate actual sales.

This informative workshop will feature Des Mulholland demonstrating how to generate profits from effective digital marketing. With a strong proven track record in designing and managing the digital marketing plans for a host of clients to utilise online resources that result in transnational sales.

As an active Northern Ireland representative of the online craft platform Etsy, Jenni Robinson will be available to provide an overview of how the platform can potentially benefit local creatives as well as how to best set up a strong effective profile.

Delegates will learn the theory to selling online and obtain a better understanding of some of the online resources for the purposes of generating actual sales in support of a profitable business.

INTRODUCING THE PENINSULA’S CREATIVES

Ards Arts Centre
Thu 15 August
7pm
FREE

Art Organisations working in our Creative Peninsula will talk about the work they are doing within the creative fabric of Northern Ireland and beyond. This will include artists collective, Bishops’s Mill, Seacourt Print Workshop and Boom! Studios.

This relaxed event will give time for networking after Q and A and will be followed with a short show and tell from local artists and craftspeople in the fun 10 slides in 10 mins format!

Join us to be inspired, find out more and network with your peers.

BEING CREATIVE WITH MIRIAM LOGAN

Ards Arts Centre
Thu 22 August
10am – 4pm
£20 (includes light lunch)

Do you ever have those times when creativity seems to have left the room? The muse is on holidays and the blank paper/canvas/screen in front of you becomes a daunting prospect? If so, then this workshop is for you.

The workshop offers highly practical methods, tips, and techniques that support creativity. It emphasises discipline and commitment to ongoing learning and focuses on both Process and Structure in the act of creating. Miriam Logan facilitates participants through the following aspects of her creative empowerment course which she has adapted from her practice as both an artist and an empowerment trainer.