

ARTS FORUM  
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# HAPPENINGS

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To encourage and facilitate the furtherment and enjoyment of the Arts and Crafts within the community

## WELCOME

Welcome - another busy month for the forum with lots happening on the night of the forum meeting and more upcoming events to get involved in.

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## **PREVIOUS MEETING**

### Speakers

Cath Walshaw an artist based in Whitleybay who has done several artist residencies took us through one of the projects she had been involved with in Yorkshire. The project was located in an old semi derelict mill which the local community had set about to do a challenge Anneka on without Anneka or film crew etc and the theme of the work was based on the history of mill workers and mills. She had worked with several different groups within the community varying in age and ethnicity taking different view points of the mill throughout the ages from its past to the more recent throwing up some suprising parallels as this happened. The method for producing the work was to take old images from archives and then colour these doing rubbings from the old machinery and the like. These images where then edited on a computer using PhotoShop and these images then transferred to large clear sheets which where displayed in the windows.



Cath showing some of the work in progress



Checking out a sample

Brenda Longstaff told us about the group she had visiting us when the Pet shop boys played at the shipyard. The group went to the performance thanks to the forum and had a wonderful time. The forum has now entered the oral history of the group and to show their thanks they have donated several pieces of their tribal art to the forum, which Brenda showed us.



### Pop art workshop

Kelly Newcombe who has contributed with a few workshops now once again delivered an interesting and informative workshop on Pop art. An Andy Warhol theme was followed and the images that were produced although done in a simple manner captured the vibrancy and effect of the original artists work. As already said the production of the images was done very simply instead of screen-printing as in the originals photocopying and paint where the mediums used. Those taking part had brought with them a photograph of themselves or of a loved one this was photocopied and the resulting black and white image was then painted over using simple but bold colours.



Kelly showing an image of original



Starting to paint



Everybody at work



Spot the difference

## **SMALL GROUPS**

The painting group is up and running successfully. The group meets on a Tuesday between 12 and 4 weekly and on the last Saturday of the month from 10 through till 4 at the healthy living center just up from the white house corner it used to be the info point. The group encompasses many differing styles of painting and drawing and lots of different levels of ability form learners through to professionals. A typical session involves people working on there own pieces of work or life drawing and still life where as many as want to can join in. The group is moving along very nicely and have plans for the future such as in depth workshops over one or two days, exhibitions, sketching and painting trips. So if you want a try or are already painting and drawing come along it's a very friendly group and there is a vast expertise in different disciplines so experiment in safety.

The photography group is also away this group is meeting on an ad hoc basis and has done some photographic essay projects. The next planned project is to be a photographic essay on the women's institute see keep an eye open for more details. If anyone is more interested in having a more regular group for the photographers please feel free to get involved.

Drama group Pip Driver and Becky MacCready are helping to setup a group for drama (pantomime has been mentioned) if you are interested in being a thespian or could help with prompting, scenery or any of the jobs needed to run such enterprises please feel free to volunteer.

Every body is welcome to join any of the groups already going and if you have an interest in any particular area of the arts and would like to start a similar group please ask the forum will give all the help it can in setting it up and keeping it going.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

All of the trips advertised at the forum meeting where well subscribed to and will be running so bring along £2.50 per person to the next meeting for each trip.

Newbiggin library reading group has been and are reading Enigma, Small Island and the five people you meet in Heaven. Check out the library for more information.

Events you may be interested in which we have no trips organized to go and see are

On top of the town Northern stage and NNT from the Netherlands present a collaborative work from 16 young people, about the stories we create to explain the cities we live in and the people we are. More info from 0191 230 5151 or [www.northernstage.co.uk/ontopoftheworld](http://www.northernstage.co.uk/ontopoftheworld).

Transition. An exhibition of contemporary visual, digital and text based work by northeastern professional disabled artists. More info 0191 7132 email [the.buddle@northtyneside.gov.uk](mailto:the.buddle@northtyneside.gov.uk)

Son of man by Dennis Potter. More info 0191 230 5151  
[www.northernstage.co.uk/sonofman](http://www.northernstage.co.uk/sonofman)

Launch celebrating the cultural equality of disabled people in the north east of England. More info 0191 222 0780 minicom 0191 261 2238  
Email [info@arcadea.org](mailto:info@arcadea.org)

## **HELP NEEDED**

The forum has a stall that will be present at the upcoming tri town festival and Saint Bartholomews Fayre. If anyone would like to help please come along those who will be manning the stall will need breaks from time to time for food and powdering there noses so if you stop to chat beware you could get roped in but it will be fun so don't be scared.

Help is still needed in distributing the flyers for the forum meetings not just around the village but also if people could take them to there places of work this would be very helpful.

Brenda Longstaff job it is to put art works into Wansbeck hospital has asked if the forum could help out. She needs 10 to 14 pieces of work about A3 size on the theme of community.

If you have any articles reviews or would like to write something for happenings please do and see Keith at the next meeting.

## **NEXT MEETING**

**Monday 4th September 6:30**

At the next meeting we will be taking pre orders for forum T-shirt they will cost about £9 each and are gray in colour.

The closing date for the autumn art competition is October and not September