

Schools
Programme

ARTSPACE

CINDERFORD

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Working With Schools
Under 5's and Families

Who we are:

Artspace is a community arts organisation based at The New Mercury in Cinderford, we are a company limited by guarantee and an independent registered charity. We have over 25 years experience of providing quality arts activities for the community. We are an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation and are a leading provider of community arts both in the Forest of Dean area and further afield. We regularly deliver county-wide projects and initiatives in partnership with other voluntary and statutory organisations and specialise in offering inclusive arts opportunities for people of any age or ability.

We maintain a weekly, term time programme of activities and classes for children, young people and adults at our centre, as well as some regular outreach classes. In addition to our regular programme, we deliver projects and workshops for schools, children's centres, care homes, village events, festivals and many other organisations.

Artspace's work with schools continues to grow and develop and over the past 12 months we have worked with 19 schools both within the Forest of Dean and beyond.

Working in 14 primary schools, 3 secondary schools and 2 special schools we have delivered a wide range of projects; providing arts input into the school curriculum, working with targeted groups of students facing difficulties, undertaking artistic commissions, providing work experience placements and school clubs as well as hosting exhibitions.

Since 2011, Artspace has also become more involved in work with under 5's and their families and we now offer one-off workshops and longer projects to children's centres, playgroups and other under 5's providers. We run arts activities for families for special events, longer specific projects that can help transform inside or outside spaces or workshops just for children that bring in a new activity to focus on specific areas of development.

What we offer:

Artspace can offer a range of digital, visual and performing arts workshops and projects in a wide variety of mediums across all key stages. Including:

- One-off workshops for a small group, a class or whole school.
- Projects over a day, week or term; as a memorable experience or to enhance and enrich topic based learning.
- Delivering INSET days for staff.
- Providing an artist in residence for your school.
- Arranging an artist visit to do a presentation, talk or demonstration of their work.
- Producing murals and displays.
- Assisting school performances or productions.
- Putting on exhibitions either at your venue or at our building The New Mercury.

Workshops can be tailored to provide for individuals or small groups with particular needs, such as those identified through CAFs or ILPs.

Our artists can deliver workshops either at your school or here at The New Mercury; in school time or as an after school activity.

The size of the group we are able to work with will depend on the activity, ages and needs of the children but would not usually exceed 15 for one artist. We can always provide additional trained assistants for larger groups.



Artforms we can offer include:

Circus Skills



Our ever popular circus skills workshops are suitable for all ages and abilities. We provide fully inclusive workshops where children can try their hands at juggling, diabolo, plate spinning, poi, bucket stilts and pedal wheels. We can also provide workshops to include static trapeze, rope skills and acrobalance. General circus skills workshops are a fun aid in the development of gross and fine motorskills, developing coordination, balance and strength and can help children to build relationships with their peers and increase self-confidence. Circus activities can help children who are struggling with weight management issues, ADHD and Dyspraxia. Our involvement in the Gloucestershire County Council funded 'Your Future' project saw notable improvements to the well-being of children affected by domestic abuse.

Stop Motion Animation



We have recently acquired new equipment for use in our stopframe animation workshops. Students can learn how to create their own animations using figures, props & settings they have created. Pupils can experience the whole process of making an animation, from writing and story boarding to animating, filming, recording sound & editing their own short films. Great for literacy, computing, building social skills & confidence or an exciting finale to your topic.

Ceramics (pottery)



We are one of only a few arts organisations in the area to offer traditional ceramics and have our own Kilns here at the New Mercury so pottery work is able to be fired. Pottery is great for developing design and fine motor skills across a wide age range from the under 5s to teenagers and beyond. Clay is a fun, tactile medium that can be used to create beautiful artworks.

Textiles



The term Textiles covers many different processes and techniques including; applique, dyeing and making dyes, weaving, felting and upcycling old materials. Our textiles workshops are great for promoting cultural diversity and introducing young people to cultures different to their own, such as through the exploration of African or Indian textiles.

Leather Work



Leather working is a fantastic traditional craft and is suitable for children of all ages. Children can experiment with a range of techniques to join pieces of leather together to create a range of colourful creations, including leather pouches, pencil cases and even lovely flower brooches.

Printmaking



We are able to offer a wide range of printmaking techniques and can provide specialist printmaking equipment including; a floor standing etching press that can be used here at the New Mercury and a table top etching press that can be brought to your venue. We also have a t-shirt press for screenprinting.

We can also offer many other visual and performing arts including; painting and drawing, puppetry, mosaics, sculpture, drama and storytelling as well as general arts and crafts activities.

Tutors and Artists



We have a number of tutors available who can deliver workshops in a range of specialist art forms as described above. Most of these are artists in their own right, as well as being experienced community arts practitioners with a wealth of experience in working with children and young people. All have Enhanced DBS checks and are covered by our insurance whilst under contract to work in your school/centre.

Costs

The standard cost for our visual arts workshops is £35 per hour for one tutor. Circus skills workshops start at £45 per hour for one tutor. Some activities may require more than one tutor or an additional support worker. Materials are calculated separately and are additional and will vary according to the activity and size of the group. Dependant on your location additional charges for travel may also apply.

Please contact us for a quote for a specific project.

Funded Projects

We receive funding from a variety of sources to enable us to deliver some funded work with local schools. If you would like us to keep you informed of any projects that may be of interest to your school and students please do get in touch to let us know who would be the best point of contact to correspond with in your school or organisation.



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Are You Applying for Artsmark?



Artsmark
AWARDED BY ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

Artsmark is Arts Council England's flagship programme for schools and colleges to strengthen arts in education. It is an award given as a sign of an organisation's commitment to high quality provision and engagement with the arts and cultural sector.

Artsmark recognises all art forms from drawing, music and photography to drama, creative writing and dance within or outside the curriculum. To gain Artsmark, applicants need to complete an online form demonstrating how they meet the Artsmark criteria.

For more information on Artsmark visit: www.artsmark.org.uk

If you are applying for the award, contact us to find out how we can support you.



Arts Awards are nationally recognised qualifications for anyone under 25. The Discover and Explore levels of award are suited to 5 to 11 year olds while the Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards are open to children 11 years and up.

Artspace is a registered National Arts Awards Centre. Our Staff are trained advisers across all levels of the Award from 'Discover' to 'Gold' covering ages from 5 to 25.

We are now in our tenth year as an accredited Arts Award Centre and have a 100% success rate. Our advisers can support individuals who take part in our weekly activities to gain an award, or we can design an Arts Awards programme to suit groups. A great way to explore new art forms and find out more about the arts.

To find out more about Arts Awards visit: www.artsawards.org.uk

If you are interested please contact Khan on 01594 825111 (ext 7) or email khan@artspacecinderford.org

Exhibition Space:



We have a regular exhibitions programme here at The New Mercury, including an annual exhibition of work from local schools. However, our exhibitions space can also be booked if you would like to run your own art exhibition here. If you are interested in viewing our gallery spaces or exhibiting work, please contact Rob on 01594 825111 (ext 1) or email rob@artspacecinderford.org

How can we help you?

We are open to your ideas and suggestions...

If you have your own ideas for an arts project and think we may be able to help you make it a reality, please do get in touch.

Contact

For general enquiries about our work with schools, for visual arts workshop bookings or for information on our gallery space, please contact Rob on 01594 825111 (ext 1) or email rob@artspacecinderford.org

For information about our circus skills workshops or to make a booking, please contact Khan on 01594 825111 (ext 7) or email khan@artspacecinderford.org

For information on our work with under 5's and families or to make a booking, please contact Sally on 01594 825111 (ext 4) or email sally@artspacecinderford.org



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