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Welcome to Discover, your guide to events and activities at York Art Gallery. Visit our websites to Discover what's on at [York Castle Museum](#) and the [Yorkshire Museum](#) too!

Our exciting talks, tours and workshops are the perfect way for you to discover more about the fantastic exhibitions and collections at **York Museums Trust** venues.

Don't forget, admission to all sites is FREE for 12 months with your YMT Card.

talks

Friends of York Art Gallery Lunchtime Talk

Wednesday 14 February, 12.30pm – 1pm

Dorothy Nott will discuss aspects of the artwork of Paul Nash.

Included in admission. Admission is free to Friends of York Art Gallery. No need to book.

Curator's Talk: Photography and the Uncanny

Wednesday 21 February, 12.30pm – 1pm

Dr. Suzanne Fagence Cooper will be speaking on 'Photography and the Uncanny', works from the Paul Nash exhibition.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Friends of York Art Gallery Lunchtime Talk

Wednesday 28 February, 12.30pm – 1pm

Peter Gibbard will give a preview of the forthcoming exhibition artwork for which the Friends have provided funds for acquisition, conservation and/or display.

Included in admission. Admission is free to Friends of York Art Gallery. No need to book.

Friends of York Art Gallery Lunchtime Talk

Wednesday 14 March, 12.30pm – 1pm

David Alexander will be speaking about a Print by Edmond Barker from the Gallery collection and Prints from his own collection.

Included in admission. Admission is free to Friends of York Art Gallery. No need to book.

Sara Radstone: Corpus

Saturday 17 March, 1pm – 2.15pm

Sara Radstone will discuss her installation 'Corpus' and the sculptured form of her book. Following this she will give a practical demonstration.

SOLD OUT



Curator's talk: Still Life Paintings in the Burton Gallery

Wednesday 21 March, 12.30pm – 1pm

Dr. Vera Pavlova will be speaking about 'Still Life Paintings in the Burton Gallery'.

Included in admission. Admission is free to Friends of York Art Gallery. No need to book.

Friends of York Art Gallery Lunchtime Talk

Wednesday 28 March, 12.30pm – 1pm

Richard Green will be speaking about the study for 'Many Happy Returns of the Day' by William Powell Frith.

Included in admission. Admission is free to Friends of York Art Gallery. No need to book.

Curator's talk: Hear My Voice, Art for Wellbeing

Wednesday 18 April, 12.30pm – 1pm

Assistant Curator of Arts Learning, Gaby Lees, talks about how the Culture and Wellbeing York partnership is working with local communities.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Curator's talk: The Anthony Shaw Collection, Artist's Choice by Per Inge Bjørlo

Wednesday 16 May, 12.30pm – 1pm

Anthony Shaw gives a talk about the latest 'Artist's Choice' curation of his collection by Norwegian sculptor Per Inge Bjørlo.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.



practical workshops

Art for Wellbeing

Sunday 4 February, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Informal practical sessions for adults, just drop-in and release your creative energy in the company of others and with gentle guidance on hand. This is an inclusive session, suitable for all abilities.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Sketchbook Circle

Wednesday 7 February, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

A regular informal drawing group to help you develop your skills and fill your sketchbook.

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Feel Good Friday – Ceramics and Wellbeing

Friday 2 March, 1.30pm – 2pm

Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the city and join Collections Facilitator Fiona Green for a mindful handling session in the Anthony Shaw Space.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Life Drawing (two day course)

Thursday 8 and Thursday 15 March, 10.30am – 4pm

Working with a life model, experienced artist and tutor, Clare Wake will lead these two session courses designed to improve students' drawing skills using a range of materials.

£40 per person for the two day course or free to those on means tested benefits.

Gallery admission included. Book with the WEA: enrolonline.wea.org.uk or call: 0300 3033464.



Art for Wellbeing

Sunday 11 March, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Informal practical sessions for adults, just drop-in and release your creative energy, in the company of others and with gentle guidance on hand. This is an inclusive session, suitable for all abilities.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Sensory Tour for Adults: Paul Nash

Sunday 11 March, 12.30pm – 1.15pm

Everyone over 16 welcome, but especially suitable for partially sighted or blind adults.

Included in gallery admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Sketchbook Circle

Wednesday 14 March, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

A regular informal drawing group to help you develop your skills and fill your sketchbook.

Included in gallery admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

YMT Book Club @ York Art Gallery

Black Dog: The Dreams of Paul Nash by Dave McKean

Saturday 17 March, 3pm – 4.30pm

Join the Book Club with a difference. Black Dog is a graphic novel using powerful illustrations to drive the narrative. After a lively discussion about the book enjoy a chance to get closer to the gallery's collections with a curator's talk and tour exploring Paul Nash's work.

Included in gallery admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Poetry Workshop with Robert Powell

Sunday 18 March, 10.30am – 4pm

Drawing inspiration from the work of Paul Nash and John Stezaker, poet Robert Powell will lead a series of creative approaches to writing in the beautiful setting of York Art Gallery.

Included in gallery admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Restating Clay Conference

Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 March

The Restating Clay conference will bring together potters, artists, curators, academics, students, collectors, gallerists and enthusiasts from the UK and beyond, to share experience and knowledge about the issues that matter to the sector. An exciting and engaging programme of activities is being planned, including discussions, object handling, demonstrations, talks, workshops, films, store and exhibition visits. In partnership with: University of York, York College, Contemporary Studio Ceramics Subject Specialist Network.

Full Price: £110 (concessions and 1 day tickets available).

Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Outdoor Sketching (5 week course)

Tuesdays from 24 April, 10am – 12.30pm

Following an introductory session at the gallery, the group will go out into the city to do some sketching. With experienced tutor Clare Wake.

£50 per person for the 5 day course or free to those on means tested benefits.

Gallery admission included. Book with the WEA: enrolonline.wea.org.uk or call: 0300 3033464



Sketchbook Circle

Wednesday 11 April, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

A regular informal drawing group to help you develop your skills and fill your sketchbook.

Included in gallery admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Art for Wellbeing

Sunday 15 April, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Informal practical sessions for adults, just drop-in and release your creative energy, in the company of others and with gentle guidance on hand. This is an inclusive session, suitable for all abilities.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Muddy Fingers Teapot Workshop

Saturday 5 May, 1pm – 4pm

Join Muddy Fingers Pottery in the learning room to create a two cup teapot from scratch! There will be two professional potter tutors to help guide and advise. At the start of the class there'll be a demo to show you how it's done, then over the course of the workshop you will learn how to decorate and assemble the various parts of your teapot. You can use our large collection of stamps and found materials to decorate your pot or you can even draw your own design on! The teapot will then be taken back to Muddy Fingers Pottery to be fired and glazed in a glaze of your choice, ready for collection in approx four weeks from CoCA.

All materials, equipment and firings are provided for you to create a handmade teapot and enjoy an inspiring and creative session!

£35 per person, including all materials. Gallery admission applies. Over 16s only.

Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Sketchbook Circle

Wednesday 9 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

A regular informal drawing group to help you develop your skills and fill your sketchbook.

Included in gallery admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

Art for Wellbeing

Sunday 13 May, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Informal practical sessions for adults, just drop-in and release your creative energy, in the company of others and with gentle guidance on hand. This is an inclusive session, suitable for all abilities.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Painting from Life - Form & Flesh Tones

Saturday 19 May, 10.30am – 3.30pm

A practical workshop with experienced artist and tutor, Sue Clayton.

£42 per person. Book with York Learning, tel: 01904 552 806, email: york.learning@york.gov.uk.

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Art for Wellbeing

Sunday 10 June 1.30pm – 3.30pm

Informal practical sessions for adults, just drop-in and release your creative energy, in the company of others and with gentle guidance on hand. This is an inclusive session, suitable for all abilities.

Included in gallery admission. No need to book.

Sketchbook Circle

Wednesday 13 June, 1.30pm – 3.30pm

A regular informal drawing group to help you develop your skills and fill your sketchbook.

Included in gallery admission. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

early years & family events



York Museums Trust provides a range of activities and events for children under 5 to help them engage with the collections and exhibitions.

We currently offer two types of **Museum Monkeys** sessions – **Museum Baby** for under 2s and **Early Years Explorers** for ages 2 – 5.

Museum Baby, Animals in Art

Friday 2 February, 10am – 11am

Spot the animals in the art gallery, play with the animal toys and listen to animal sounds.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Museum Baby, Flowers

Friday 9 February, 10am – 11am

Find the flowers, make flower print paintings and listen to the flower story.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Early Year Explorers, Wood

Thursday 19 April, 10am – 11am

Feel the textured wood in the sensory area and play with traditional wooden toys.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Early Year Explorers, Cloth

Thursday 26 April, 10am – 11am

Discover the different texture cloth, play with rag dolls and make a den with the materials.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Early Year Explorers, Fur & Feathers

Thursday 3 May, 10am – 11am

Make a parrot with feathers, play in the fur feely area and make a feather collage.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Early Year Explorers, Clay

Thursday 10 May, 10am – 11am

Feel the different textures of clay, and play with pots.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.



Early Year Explorers, Paper

Thursday 17 May, 10am – 11am

Play in the shredded paper area and investigate how to crinkle, rip and roll paper.

Sessions are now **FREE!** Museum admission applies. Click [here](#) to book through our events page.

