



Come & Try

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The Primary Arts Come & Try programme offers a series of four evening twilight sessions delivered by the Crafts Council, the national charity for craft.

Each twilight offers a stand-alone evening of creativity, peer conversations and refreshments, and is designed to support playful exploration, reimagining craft for the classroom as well as for personal enjoyment and enrichment.

No prior experience is needed for any of these sessions, which will be suitable for complete beginners as well as for those interested in rekindling past interests. We aim for these sessions to be fun, supportive and enjoyable, as well as beneficial to your creative classroom practice.

Participants at each session will:

- Work with experts in each craft discipline and craft educators.
- Gain confidence in the use of craft.
- Enjoy conversations with peers over drinks and snacks.
- Take away resources to use in the classroom and craft materials to practice with.

Access & Inclusion

These twilights will take an inclusive approach and are suitable for teachers working in primary mainstream and SEND settings. An access budget is available to support participant engagement in this programme, for example for transport, BSL interpretation or other costs.

Eligibility

Primary Arts Come & Try twilights are aimed at **staff working in any role in state primary mainstream and special schools in London.**

This may include teachers, Teaching Assistants, SENCOs, support staff, admin staff. The programme is designed to support your own personal enjoyment and enrichment through the arts, as well as supporting learning.

Your school must be **in a London borough** to be eligible for the programme.

If your school or a member of your school staff is participating in another area of the Primary Arts programme, **you are still eligible** to take part in this strand of the programme. **Places will be limited to two participants per school.**

How to Book

There are 25 places available at each Come & Try twilight. You are welcome to book to attend more than one session; each must be booked separately.

Please book your place using the booking links given in the session descriptions on the pages that follow.

Please note that while these sessions are free of charge to attend, we may charge a fee of £40 per participant for no-shows or cancellations with less than 48 hours' notice.

If you have any questions about the Primary Arts Come & Try twilight sessions, please email schools@anewdirection.org.uk and put 'Primary Arts Come & Try' in the subject line.

Crafts Council



The Crafts Council is the national charity for craft. We inspire making, empower learning and nurture craft businesses. We believe craft skills and knowledge enrich and uplift us as individuals, and, in doing so, will change our world for the better.

We promote life-long learning in craft, working closely with our networks to secure the future of craft in the classroom and support learning nationwide.

Twilight 1: Explorations in Colour from Plants

Suitable for:

Class teachers (EYFS-KS2)
Teaching Assistants (EYFS-KS2)
SENCOs
Support & admin staff
Senior leadership

Date: Tuesday 19 March 2024

Timings: 5pm to 7pm

Venue: Crafts Council Gallery,
44a Pentonville Road, London N1 9BY

About the session

Relaxed evening twilight.

Come and join us in the Crafts Council Gallery for a fun and relaxed evening working with **textile designer and artist Zoe Burt**. Try something new for your own enrichment, as well as learning how to use your new-found skills to support classroom learning.

🕒 2 hours

Detail of activity

Through the session you will learn about botanical dyes and inks – both those made from plants grown specifically for the purpose and those made from kitchen waste. You'll explore some of the techniques used to create dyes and inks including solar dying and simple kitchen chemistry. There will be opportunities to have a go at mark making using botanical ink and even start off your own pot of dye, and you'll leave with some great ideas about how to take this back to your classroom.

Book now

Book your place at this Come & Try twilight at this [link](#)

Please note: while this session is free of charge, a late cancellation fee may be charged for no-shows or cancellations with less than 48hr notice.



Twilight 2: Exploring Cloth and Textiles

Suitable for:

Class teachers (EYFS-KS2)
Teaching Assistants (EYFS-KS2)
SENCOs
Support & admin staff
Senior leadership

Date: Wednesday 24 April 2024

Timings: 5pm to 7pm

Venue: Crafts Council Gallery,
44a Pentonville Road, London N1 9BY

About the session

Relaxed evening twilight.

Come and join us in the Crafts Council Gallery for a fun and relaxed evening working with **textile artist Halina Edwards**. Try something new for your own enrichment, as well as learning how to use your new-found skills to support classroom learning.

🕒 2 hours

Detail of activity

Through the session you will learn a variety of textile techniques including patchwork, appliqué, stitch textiles, pull thread, fabric analysis and weaving. You'll develop your practical making skills through trying these techniques and leave with some textile pieces that you've made yourself. During the session you'll also explore ideas around sustainable craft and creative upcycling and take away some great ideas about how to use what you've learnt in the classroom, including how to translate these techniques into working with other materials such as paper.

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Twilight 3: Making with Remnants

Suitable for:

Class teachers (EYFS-KS2)
Teaching Assistants (EYFS-KS2)
SENCOs
Support & admin staff
Senior leadership

Date: Tuesday 21 May 2024


Timings: 5pm to 7pm

Venue: Crafts Council Gallery,
44a Pentonville Road, London N1 9BY

About the session

Relaxed evening twilight.

Come and join us in the Crafts Council Gallery for a fun and relaxed evening working with **material designer and artist Ella Bulley**. Try something new for your own enrichment, as well as learning how to use your new-found skills to support classroom learning.

 2 hours

Detail of activity

Through the exploration of found objects including fragments of ceramic, trinkets and gems, shells and other natural materials, you will create a 3D object which reflects your own story and creative vision. You'll sketch and plan your design and then use mosaic and assemblage techniques to create your object, building up multiple layers and playing with shape and form as well as decoration. You'll be encouraged to revisit and refine your design as you go along and your final object may or may not resemble its original shape.

You're encouraged to bring along some of your own small objects, keepsakes, and fragments to incorporate into and personalise your creation. You'll take it away at the end of the session along with some great ideas about how to take this back to your classroom.

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