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This Arts Directory is a guide to organisations, services and resources for the arts in West Lothian. It has been produced by West Lothian Council's Arts Services as part of its commitment to arts development and support to voluntary arts groups and organisations.

The Arts Directory is published every two years. It is intended to be as comprehensive as possible but is dependent on information being provided directly by individuals and organisations. West Lothian Council, therefore, takes no responsibility for the quality of services listed. If you would like to include new information in the next edition please send it to Arts Services. Contact information is given below.

Should you choose to use any of the contacts listed in the directory it is recommended that appropriate checks are made, including disclosure checks for those working with children and vulnerable adults.

Developments in this edition

Arts Services is always trying to improve the way it works and the quality of the service it offers and delivers. Before preparing this edition of the directory we sought the opinions of users of earlier editions. As a result we have maintained the size and design of the wording and the colour coding to differentiate the different sections. The directory can also be downloaded from **www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk** and **www.westlothian.gov.uk**

If you have any comments about this edition or suggestions for the future of the directory or any other aspect of Arts Services please let us know by returning the comments section at the back of the directory. Alternatively, you can contact Arts Services on **01506 773858** or by emailing **arts@westlothian.gov.uk**

arts services

Arts Services aims to make the arts an integral part of community life in West Lothian. It delivers programmes of arts events, activities, facilities and resources, supports and develops the curriculum in schools, provides instrumental music lessons plus funding and support to voluntary arts groups. It does this directly and by working in partnership with other council services, external organisations and agencies.

Managed by the Arts Service Manager, it employs administrative and operational staff as well as officers working in a range of specialist areas including instrumental music, arts marketing, arts development, arts education, public art and venue management. Arts Services is part of the Council's Education and Cultural Services.

Who are its customers and what can they expect?

- Schools – teachers and pupils – are able to access an arts education programme which supports and enhances the curriculum.
- Pupils can access free instrumental music lessons in schools which support and enhance the curriculum and take part in an exciting range of extra curricular performance opportunities.
- People in communities across West Lothian are encouraged to take part in arts activities. Those who may experience problems accessing the arts programme are targeted using partnership working.
- Customers across West Lothian have a choice of facilities and resources where they can enjoy arts activities. Facilities are developed by Arts Services for performances, rehearsals, exhibitions, workshops and events. Some are managed directly and the development of others is supported. Arts venues include Howden Park Centre in Livingston, the Regal Community Theatre in Bathgate and the Burgh Halls in Linlithgow.

- Throughout the year customers can access a broad programme of high quality arts including performances, exhibitions and workshops.
- Voluntary arts organisations looking to buy equipment, form a club, fund projects or pay professional fees; groups organising arts activities for young people and individuals wanting to develop their arts skills can all access grant assistance from Arts Services.
- Anyone interested in the arts programme can register to receive a free copy of the Howden Park Centre and Community Arts News brochures posted directly to their home address. To register for your brochures please telephone **01506 777666** or email **arts@westlothian.gov.uk**

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arts groups and organisations



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Artlink Edinburgh & The Lothians

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Arts and disability organisation which promotes access to the arts for people with mental health problems in West Lothian. Artlink aims to encourage and develop the participation of local people in inclusive arts opportunities. Key areas of work are in the development of creative writing opportunities, visual art, social inclusion and digital media development within West Lothian.

Broxburn Family & Community Development Centre

Contact: Simon Henderson
Tel: 01506 857158
email: simon@broxburnfamilycentre.org
web: www.broxburnfamilycentre.org

Broxburn Family Centre runs a range of arts groups, activities and projects for local children and adults. Adult activities include creative writing, photography, craft classes and banner making. Adult activities are supported by a pre-school creche. Activities vary from term to term. Children's activities take place after school and during holidays and include art clubs, photography and large scale projects both indoors and outdoors. For further information on the centre's activities please call our visit the website.

Generation Arts Association

Contact: Liz McArthur
Tel: 01506 496364

Generation Arts provides an extensive creative arts programme for older people across West Lothian.

Harburn Festival

Contact: Publicity Officer
Tel: 01506 883517
email: harburnfestival@aol.com

Harburn Village near West Calder runs an annual festival for all the family held on the second Saturday in June. Attractions at various venues in the village include art exhibition of local artists, school art competitions, road art (for children), live music, Harburn open gardens, pony rides, fun and games for all the family, fun dog show, all day catering by SWRI. Courtesy bus operates between attractions.

Home-Start West Lothian

Contact: Kathryn Howieston
Tel: 01506 854529
Mobile: 01506 857710
email: homestartwl@lineone.net

Home-Start is a voluntary organisation in which volunteers offer regular support, friendship and practical help to young families under stress in their own homes, helping to prevent family crisis and breakdown, emphasising the pleasures of family life.

LETS West Lothian (Local Exchange Trading Scheme)

Contact: Martin Cass
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LETS West Lothian holds regular Trade Fairs in West Lothian which enable its members to meet up and exchange their skills and time and to arrange future "trades" or network over coffee. There are several writers, artists, musicians, cartoonist, and craft workers amongst its membership who trade their skills, by teaching or accepting commissions.

Linlithgow Community Arts Association

Contact: John Aitken
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web: www.celebrate-linlithgow.org.uk

An umbrella organisation representing the interests of the voluntary arts sector in Linlithgow. Its purpose is to promote, encourage, and develop participation and support for the arts in Linlithgow. Organises "Celebrating Linlithgow" each year in October.

Scottish Woman Rural Institutes

Contact: Helen Hogg
Tel: 01501 731991
email: secretary@west-lothian-swris.org.uk

Meet monthly in venues across the county. There are 18 local institutes in West Lothian, enjoying speakers on a wide variety of subjects. We bowl and curl. We have classes and demonstrations on cookery and hand crafts.

combined arts

Torphichen 50+ Recreation Group

Contact: Anne Ovens

Tel: 01506 636883

Meet weekly in Torphichen Community Education Centre, Bowyett, Torphichen to learn new skills, make new friends, go on outings, participate in activities including gentle exercise and have variety of speakers on interesting topics.

Tuesday Women's Interest Group (TWIG)

Contact: Jean Notman

Tel: 01501 734181

Speakers, visits to places of interest, Quiz/Games afternoons, Ecumenical Group of Ladies, 50+ meeting for friendship and fellowship. Meet in Armadale Methodist Church Hall on alternate Tuesdays, 2 - 3.30pm. Craft Club: Seasonal. Lunch Club: 1st Wednesday monthly except July and August. Occasional evening events, eg. Harvest supper.

West Lothian Grapevine Twinning Association

Contact: Pauline Connor

Tel: 01506 847569

email: pauline.connor@westlothian.gov.uk

Promotion of International exchanges.

West Lothian 50+ Network

Contact: Joie Robertson

Tel: 01506 635510

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Groups that meet in Bathgate Community Centre:

Art Group 1 - Mon 2 - 4pm. Art Group 2 - alternate Tues 2 - 5 pm

Book Club - alternate Mon 2 - 4pm. Bridge Club - Mon 7 - 9pm

Italian - alternate Tues 2 - 4pm. Music Appreciation - alternate Mon 2 - 4pm

NuYu - Tues 12 - 1pm. Patchwork - Thurs 2.30 - 4.20pm

Pilates - Friday 9.30 - 10.30pm. Scrabble/Canasta - Fridays 2 - 4pm

Groups that meet at the Regal Community Theatre:

Sing & Swing - alternate Wed 2 - 4pm

Social Club - 1st Mon of each month 7 - 9pm

Misc Groups: Lunch Groups - 1st Thurs monthly

5 different walking groups - Mons & Thurs

Bowling Group - Thurs 3 - 4.30pm, Balbardie sports centre (winter) Polkemmet (summer).

Bathgate & District Flower Club

Contact: Joan M Orr
Tel: 01501 751206

Meet 7.15pm on third Monday of the month in Bathgate Guide Hall, Mid Street. Activities include demonstrations, practical flower arranging on a given theme and encouraging an interest in horticulture and allied crafts.

Broxburn Woodcraft Club

Contact: Keith Brown
Tel: 01506 844393
email: keith-lithgow@tiscali.co.uk

The Broxburn Woodcraft Club provides first class woodworking facilities in the Strathbrock Centre, Broxburn. Membership is open to all, experience is not necessary and training in the use of powered machinery provided before use. Club members can learn and practice their skills in woodturning on one of the six modern lathes where even novices soon find that they can make bowls, clocks or ornaments. Stickmakers use a variety of materials such as burr wood, horn and antler to shape and carve intricate handles for walking sticks. General carpentry covers many aspects including making guitars and stringed instruments, wooden toys, tables and pyrography. In addition the club organises demonstrations in all aspects of woodwork, trips to suppliers often offering discounts, social outings and an annual show and competition. New members are assured of a warm welcome. Contact us on 01506 844393 or drop into the club and join us for a cup of coffee.

Greenpark Weavers

Contact: Susan Smith
Tel: 01506 670165
Mobile: 07590 802 660
email: susan_art_yoga@yahoo.co.uk

An informal group where people can learn off loom weaving, or exchange skills, learn new techniques etc. Workshops available. Regular exhibitions.

Jacob Spinners

Contact: Ray Kew
Tel: 01506 883517
email: jacobspinners@aol.com

Hand spinning group. Provides spinning tuition. Beginners welcome.

craft groups

Linlithgow & District Embroiderers' Guild

Contact: Eileen Freebairn

Tel: 01506 845227

Meetings on fourth Wednesday of each month Sept to May at 7:15pm in Low Port Hut, Linlithgow. Speakers, slide shows, demonstrations. Day/Weekend workshops with professional tutors on wide range of embroidery techniques and related crafts.

Livingston Crafts Association

Contact: Isobel Allan

Tel: 01506 511029

email: Via website

web: www.livingstoncrafts.co.uk

An association of craft workers (members meet monthly with a break in the summer) organising craft fairs to sell their work. All members live within a 20 mile radius of Livingston. There is an upper limit on membership & vacancies are selected from the waiting list. The annual fair in November (50+ stalls) is made up of members and visitors and is held in St Margaret's Academy, Livingston. A members only craft Fair is held in September & December at the Masonic Hall, Linlithgow.

Newton Community Centre Arts & Crafts Group

Contact: Daisy Wylie

Tel: 0131 335 3176

Meets in Community Centre on second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 2pm to 4pm. Activities include a variety of crafts, e.g., quilting, decoupage, embroidery, patchwork, etc.

North Barn Quilters

Contact: Frances Kemp

Tel: 01506 495531

email: franceskemp@blueyonder.co.uk

Meet on fourth Monday of the month at Carmondean Community Centre at 7.30-9.30pm. New members and visitors always welcome.

Scottish Bonsai Association - West Lothian Group

Contact: David Massie
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To promote an interest in the art and culture of Bonsai within West Lothian. Since reforming in 2000 the West Lothian Group has developed into one of the most active groups within the Scottish Bonsai Association, a fact acknowledged by our hosting of the National Exhibition in 2008 and 2009 Informal Group. No annual membership. £3 on the night. Bring a tree along, have a laugh and learn loads. Meetings in Almond Valley Heritage Centre, 1st Thursday in month from 7.30-9.30pm between September and June.

private dance groups

Academy of Theatre Arts Ltd

Contact: Andrew Livingston
Tel: 01501 745634
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webpage: www.academyoftheatrearts.co.uk

Academy of Theatre Arts Ltd is a professionally run theatre arts school specialising in dance, musical theatre, drama and dance fitness. Classes for ages 2 1/2 to adult. Dance classes include Ballet (RAD), Jazz (UKA and ISTD), Hip Hop, Modern, Tap (UKA and ISTD). Musical Theatre includes L.A.M.D.A syllabus and there are regular opportunities to participate in shows and performances.

Central Scotland Ballet School

Contact: Jacqueline Clark
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webpage: www.centernalscotlandballetschool.co.uk

Central Scotland Ballet School offers expert professional dance tuition for children of all ages and abilities, from age 3+. We run ballet, tap, jazz, acrobatics and cheerleading classes across Linlithgow and nearby Falkirk district. We also have a specialist course in Classical ballet for talented students. Our adult tap dance classes are a popular and enjoyable way to keep in shape. New enrolments are welcome at all levels - call now or visit our website for more details.

Danceworld

Contact: Hazel Saunders
Tel: 01506 655639
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email: hazeldunn27@yahoo.co.uk
webpage: www.west-lothian-danceworld.co.uk

We provide fun classes for age 2 upwards for girls and boys. We have classes in Whitburn, Armadale and Bathgate. We provide exam classes and fun classes in ballet, tap, jazz hip hop and disco for all ages. We do large dance productions every 2 years.

Fame Factory

Contact: Lorna Firth
Tel: 01506 630145
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A new and exciting venture, Fame Factory Theatre Group on Monday evenings at Simpson Primary School, Wester Inch, Bathgate. Singing classes 5.15-6pm, Dance classes 6-6.45pm, Drama classes 6.45-7.30pm also Dance classes held on Thursday's - Juniors 6-7pm, Seniors 7-7.45pm and Adults 7.45-8.30pm.

Gravity Dance

Contact: Angela Moir
Tel: 01506 650245
Mobile: 07879 283397
email: gravitydance@hotmail.co.uk

Meets every Thursday night at Simpson Primary School Community Wing in Wester Inch. Juniors class 6 - 6.30pm, Seniors class 6.30 - 7.15 and an Adults class 7.15 - 8pm. Fully qualified BATD teacher, fully insured with full disclosure. We are currently working towards our first show in October 2009.

Hanson Pilates

Contact: Debbie Hanson
Tel: 01506 201395
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email: hansonpilates@blueyonder.co.uk
web: www.hansonpilates.com

Hanson Pilates offers pilates and yoga on a one-to-one or class basis throughout West Lothian. Classes are graded for beginners, improvers and intermediate. Pilates is recommended by health professionals for back care and posture and helps to improve flexibility, tone, posture and strength. Yoga assists relaxation in addition to offering a mind-body workout to improve flexibility. Taster sessions in pilates and yoga are provided for groups and clubs.

Janice Anne Wilson School of Dance

Contact: Janice Anne Wilson
Tel: 01506 441440
Mobile: 07801 634292

Stage, tap, ballet, national, musical comedy & modern dance. Jazz, majorette & baton twirling, cheerleading, disco, rock n roll. Classes in Bathgate Sports Centre, St Andrew's Church, Deans Community High School and Murieston Village Hall. Age 2 to professional.

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Jangles School of Dance

Contact: Angela Gillies
Tel: 0131 447 7374
email: angelagillies@talktalk.net
web: www.jangleschoolofdance.co.uk

Saturday dance classes (modern and Tap) at Inveralmond High School from 9.20 - 1.30pm (age 3 upwards) fun dance, exam classes and one off workshops available. Also have class for children with special needs ages 3 - 7. All proceeds from class donated to charity.

Jean Shannly School of Dance

Contact: Jean Shannly
Tel: 01506 845508
email: fshannly@hotmail.co.uk

Ballet, Tap and highland dancing available in Central Linlithgow for age 2+. Adult classes in ballet, tap and highland. Annual show in June.

Marion Sweeney School of Dance

Contact: Marion Sweeney
Tel: 01236 720289
email: marion.sweeneydance@virgin.net

Based in Springfield Community Wing and various Linlithgow Venues
Classes in Pre-School, Tap, Ballet, Pointe Work, Modern Dance Jazz, Freestyle Disco, Majorette, Cheer / Pom, Music & Drama, Adult Tap & Modern.

Millennium Stage School

Contact: Millennium Stage
Mobile: 07801 634292

Drama, music, dance, musical theatre.

Pettigrew School of Dance

Contact: Linda Grant
Tel: 01506 852395
email: lindagrants171@btinternet.com

Disco, tap, stage, highland, cheerleading and line dancing, classes in Broxburn, Uphall and Bathgate, Age 2 years to adult.

Stenhouse School of Dance

Contact: Irene Langlands
Tel: 01324 620860
email: irenelanglands@yahoo.com

Classes in ballet, jazz, tap, acrobatic & freestyle, disco for children from 3+. Adult classes in ballet, tap and jazz. Pupils entered for exams (if desired) and take part in displays, cabarets, courses etc. Classes in Linlithgow, Bo'ness, Falkirk, Camelon, Denny & Larbert.

West Lothian Dance Academy

Contact: Hazel Saunders
Tel: 01506 655639
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We provide fun dance classes for age 2 upwards for girls & boys. We have classes in West Calder, Livingston, Broxburn and Kirkliston. We provide exam classes and fun classes in ballet, tap, jazz, hip-hop & disco for all ages. We do large dance productions every 2 years.

Yogabugs

Contact: Debbie Hanson
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email: debbie@yogabugs.com
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Yogabugs is a form of children's exercise designed for tots to P7. Children are taken on magical adventures, which use storytelling alongside movement, yoga postures, rhymes and songs. YogaBabes for tots to two years, YogaBugs for Preschool + Yogabugs Primary. Yoga'dUp is the name of classes for 8-12 years. All are available in Livingston and Linlithgow area. Classes run in Xcite Livingston and Xcite Broxburn, and can be held in schools, playgroups and nurseries.

dance groups

ET Scottish Country Dance Group

Contact: Agnes Macmichael
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Mobile: 07715 720028
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Meet on Monday evenings in Ecclesmachan 7.30 - 9.30pm dancing to Alan Ross on accordion, instructions given, 16+. All welcome.

Linlithgow Scotch Hop

Contact: John Carswell
Tel: 01506 845698
email: johndcarswell@btinternet.com
web: www.scotchhop.co.uk

In its 20th year Scottish dancing for all in Linlithgow Palace for season in July and August. Beating the retreat - first Wednesday in August at 10.30pm. (Now an independent non-profit making organisation).

Linlithgow Scottish Country Dance Club

Contact: John Carswell
Tel: 01506 845698
email: johndcarswell@btinternet.com
web: www.linlithgowscdc.org

Meet from September to May on Friday evenings in Chalmers Hall, Linlithgow at 7.45pm. Also runs dances and dancing classes.

Royal Scottish Country Dance Society

Contact: Sandra Cheyne
Tel: 01506 418491
email: sdcheyne77@yahoo.com

Branch class meets in Connon Hoban Hall, Broxburn on Thursdays 7.30-9.30pm. Children's Festival and adult day school held in March. Annual Dance Held in December age 16+ years. Have fun, exercise your mind and your body.

Torphichen Kirk Dance Club

Contact: Mark Sterrick
Tel: 01506 651185
email: sterricks@tiscali.co.uk
web: www.spanglefish.com/tkdc

Meets on alternate Saturday evenings 7-9pm (January to May; September to November) at St John's Hall, Torphichen. All forms of ballroom dancing (modern, classical, latin). All welcome regardless of experience; demonstrations given. Emphasis is on social enjoyment. Tea and biscuits at interval. Children welcome but must be accompanied by an adult. Wedding Waltz and private lessons available.

West Lothian Independent Dancers

Contact: Bryan McAlister
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WLIDS are an social dance group based in Ecclesmachan near Broxburn whose aim is to display traditional Scottish country dancing and music to the people of other countries and to share their traditional dancing. See website at www.wlids.co.uk for more details.

drama groups

Alternative Company Entertainers

Contact: Elaine Kempik
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Music/Drama group based in Whitburn. We take members from 5yrs and upwards. We hold workshops to give our members extra tuition. We also involve our young members in all aspects of stage work i.e. back stage, props, make-up, costume, front of house, lighting and sound and stage build. Email secretary for more information.

Bathgate Theatre Company

Contact: Margaret Hardy
Tel: 01506 653149
email: inverkirk@yahoo.co.uk
web: bathgateregal.co.uk

Drama group meets weekly at Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate. One production per year in November. All aspects of theatre taught: acting, set design, set building, sound & lighting. New members welcome. Age 18+.

Broxburn Footlights Youth Drama Group

Contact: Keith Bates
Tel: 01506 630303
Mobile: 07903715680
email: bfydg@hotmail.co.uk
web: www.bfydg.info

Youth drama group for young people from Primary 7 to sixth year. Annual performance of musical play or pantomime in Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate each October.

Firefly Arts

Contact: Anwen Sinnett
Tel: 01506 773883
email: info@firefly-arts.co.uk
web: www.firefly-arts.co.uk

Firefly Arts hold a variety of drama and film workshops across West Lothian for young people aged P1 - 25 years. Workshops start back week beginning 24 August 2009 so if you would like to learn new skills and meet new friends please come along. For further information please call or visit our website.

Harburn Players

Contact: George Stott
Tel: 01506 871634
email: dalcairn.stott@virgin.net

Small local drama group meeting in Harburn Village Hall. Annual pantomime and other plays.

Linlithgow Amateur Musical Productions (Lamp)

Contact: Alison Train
Tel: 01506 631031
Mobile: 0771 047 3951
email: alison.train@ed.ac.uk
web: www.linlithgow-musicals.co.uk

Rehearsals on a Tuesday night at 7.30pm in Linlithgow Bridge Primary School. Adult reherasals from May till show in October. Children's Theatre rehearses from November till show at Easter.

Linlithgow Players

Contact: Barbara Innes
Tel: 01506 845536
Mobile: 07847 408 605
email: secretary@linlithgowplayers.org.uk
web: www.linlithgowplayers.org.uk

Two productions in Autumn and Spring and a traditional Pantomime. Also historical re-enactments in Linlithgow Palace in summer. Rehearsals twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday 7.30-10.00pm in Lowport Centre, Linlithgow . New members welcome both performing and technical.

New Town Entertainers

Contact: Bruce Stewart
Tel: 01506 882880
email: brucekaren136@yahoo.co.uk

Performs annual pantomime in Livingston. Rehearses most Wednesdays at 7.30pm, at Craigsfarm Campus, Livingston. New members over 16 welcome. Age 14 to 15 must be accompanied by an adult. Tel: 01506 431803 for more information.

drama groups

Phoenix Musicals

Contact: Suzanne Hair
Tel: 01501 668042
Mobile: 07731 371 176
email: phoenixmusicals@rocketmail.com
web: www.phoenixmusicals.co.uk

Perform traditional and modern musicals/concerts. Annual performances in March and September. Rehearsals in Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate on Wednesdays 7.30pm.

The Livingston Players

Contact: Carol Collier
Tel: 01506 881398
email: president@livingstonplayers.org.uk

Drama group. Rehearsals are twice weekly, Monday and Thursday evenings, at Carmondean Community Centre, Livingston at 7.30pm. Perform two plays per year in October and January and one musical in May. All productions will be performed in the Brian Duguid Auditorium in Howden Park Centre New members always welcome both on and off stage. For tickets contact the box office on 01506 777666.

Whitburn Amateur Stage Productions (WASP)

Contact: Joyce Forrest
Tel: 01501 741517
email: joyce.forrest89@btinternet.com
web: www.whitburnasp.btik.com

Staging Musicals, Pantomimes, Concerts, Comedy Plays. Tutition in all forms of stage craft, dance, music, drama. Ages from 10 - 60+. Full details of company on website together with joining application details and enquiry form. Next production - Viva Mexico 25-28 November 2009 - Joint show with ACE.

Winchburgh Drama Club

Contact: Effie Bryce
Tel: 01506 890707
email: effiebryce@aol.com

Please contact Effie for further information re future plans.

Bathgate Regal Film Society

Contact: Gail Whyte
Tel: 01506 652623
email: gail_whyte@hotmail.com

Regular showings of recent and classic films. All shows in Regal Community Theatre, Bathgate. Guest tickets available at £3.50.

Linlithgow Film Society

Contact: Peter France
Tel: 01506 847195
email: peterfrance27@hotmail.com
web: www.linlithgowfilmsociety.org.uk

The society shows box office and art house films on Monday evenings at 7:45pm from September to March each year in Linlithgow Academy Theatre. Approximately 15 films per season. Films showing on some Saturdays at 7.30pm. Guest tickets £3 and £2 concession.

heritage groups

Bathgate History Group

Contact: M C Welsh

Tel: 01506 654859

Group meets every second Wednesday from September - April in Bathgate Community Education Centre from 2 - 4pm. Guest speakers present or some weeks there are outings to places of historical interest.

Fauldhouse and Crofthead Burns Club 1174

Contact: Karen McPhail

Tel: 01506 630071

email: karen.mcphail@wled.org.uk

Regular meetings held in Fauldhouse Masonic Second Friday of each month September to May.

Linlithgow Heritage Trust

Contact: Susan Nimmo

Tel: 01506 670677

email: enquiries@linlithgowstory.fsnet.co.uk

web: www.linlithgowstory.org.uk

The Trust collects, maintains and preserves artefacts and memorabilia relating to Linlithgow and its people. The Trust runs a museum and garden and also "The Linlithgow Story", in Annet House, Linlithgow.

Linlithgow Union Canal Society

Contact: Eleanor Carfrae

Tel: 01506 843194

email: info@lucs.org.uk

Museum, boat trips, tearoom. Open Saturday and Sunday, Easter to Sept and every weekday during July and August, others by arrangement.

Scottish Heritage Society West Lothian

Contact: Elspeth Smith

Tel: 01506 652174

Historical and heritage society with particular interests in local people, places and issues. Meeting in the Regal Community Theatre, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm, all welcome.

West Lothian Broadly Scots Society

Contact: Jim McGregor
Tel: 01501 731101
email: mcgregor@gregalach.freemove.co.uk

Promotion of the Scots Language through writing and performing poems, stories and songs.

West Lothian History & Amenity Society

Contact: Sandy Thomson
Tel: 01506 843870
email: am.thomson@blueyonder.co.uk

WLHAS meets monthly from September to May (except December and January) on the third Wednesday of the month in various venues. Talks by historians on varied aspects of Scottish and West Lothian history.

West Lothian Local History Library

Contact: Sybil Cavanagh
Tel: 01506 776331
email: localhistory@westlothian.gov.uk
web: www.westlothian.gov.uk/libraries

Opening hours: Mon-Thurs 9-5pm, Fri 9-4pm and first Sat of each month 9-1pm. Library holds thousands of books, maps and photographs of West Lothian, past and present. Extensive collection of family history resources.

West Lothian Magic Circle

Contact: Bill Nimmo
Tel: 01506 853617
email: ommin1@aol.com
web: www.wlmc.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk

The Circle meets twice monthly between September and June. Its aim is to provide a platform for people interested in magic to further their skills, and to promote magic throughout the community.

music groups

Almond Valley Folk Club

Contact: Anice Gilland
Tel: 01506 873182
Mobile: 07900 121277
email: magjam@hotmail.com
web: www.geocities.com/magjam

A club for acoustic singers and musicians. Budding musicians especially welcome. Meet third Tuesday of the month at the Mid Calder Inn, at 8pm for performances and sessions.

Almondvalley Big Band (Saxes & Sevens Sax Ensemble)

Contact: Michael Farrell
Tel: 01506 418793
email: michael@michaelfarrell.fsnet.co.uk

Meets every Wednesday 7.30-9.30pm Fauldhouse Miners Welfare Club. The group plays swing, jazz and popular standards written specifically for a saxophone group.

Armadale Concert Ensemble

Contact: Margaret Loudon
Tel: 01501 731728

Group meets every Monday in Armadale Methodist Church. Play in charity concerts. A small group of 12 adults and children. New members welcome.

The Bathgate Band & Bathgate Junior Band

Contact: Paul McKay
Tel: 01506 515536
Mobile: 07774 153 009
email: paulmck@walkergroup.co.uk
web: www.thebathgateband.org.uk

The band is a friendly local organisation, who are involved in concerts and competitions. They offer a warm welcome to anyone interested, this includes brass players & percussionists. Younger people are encouraged to join the junior band and training group.

Bathgate Concert Orchestra

Contact: Morag Gent
Tel: 01324 871276
email: morag.gent@btinternet.com
web: www.bathgateconcertorchestra.org.uk

The orchestra seeks to promote live music, whilst encouraging musicians of all ages in their musical development. Rehearsals every Friday night during term time from 7.30 - 9.30pm. New members always welcome.

Bathgate Menzies Choir

Contact: John Burgoyne
Tel: 01506 419904
email: jburgoyne@btinternet.com

Mixed voice choir singing and performing a variety of choral music from classical to modern. Rehearsals in St John's Church, Mid Street, Bathgate on Tuesday evenings. Auditions in September each year. All ages welcome.

Beats of Brazil

Contact: John Dirkie
Mobile: 07745 747550
email: jboydrums@yahoo.co.uk
web: www.beatsofbrazil.com

Come along and have fun learning to play Samba drums!!! A great way to meet new people, keep fit and be part of something different and exciting!!! Led by one of the best tutors of Brazilian Percussion in the UK, we provide all the instruments and everyone is welcome to come along. No experience required. Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent. Thursdays 7-9pm at St. Margarets Academy, Livingston. Our fantastic performance group is available for hire and we also run drumming workshops. Contact us or check our website for more info.

Broxburn and Livingston Brass Band

Contact: Jan Macdougall
Tel: 01506 433151
email: jandam1@blueyonder.co.uk

Practices are held on Sunday and Wednesday evenings from 7.30 - 9.30pm in Broxburn and Livingston Band Hall, Buchan Hall Lane, Broxburn. Training band practices are on Sundays 6-7.15pm at same venue. Everyone over the age of 8 welcome.

music groups

Broxburn Silver Band

Contact: Joseph Cannon
Tel: 01506 854809
email: josephcannon10@talktalk.net

The band rehearse in the Canon Hoban Hall, Broxburn on Friday evenings, 7.30pm (Main rehearsal evening). The band promote and encourage music making and offer opportunities for training, cultural and social activities. All young people welcome.

Calder Bells

Contact: Margaret Ewart
Tel: 01506 881708
email: mwewart@yahoo.co.uk

Play 3 octave sets of handbells, performing for groups and charities. Rehearsals are Mon 7.30-9.30pm, Glenalmond Church Hall, Mid Calder. Beginners welcome, both men and women.

Cantilena Choir

Contact: Shirley Illman
Tel: 01506 462342
email: illman@btinternet.com

Rehearsals every Tuesday evening at St Margarets Academy 7.30pm. New members welcome.

Choral Highlights Ladies Choir

Contact: Janice McKissock
Tel: 01506 437658
email: janicemckissock@googlemail.com
web: www.kirkofcalder.co.uk & follow link to church org

New members welcome. Rehearsals on Wednesday evenings from 7:30-9pm at Kirk of Calder, Mid Calder. Variety of entertaining music including songs from top shows, popular ballads, Scottish selections and musical arrangements from around the world. We hold a summer concert in June, a Christmas concert in December and other concerts throughout the year on request. Contact John Rankin on 01506 880029.

Eastfield & Harthill Flute Orchestra

Contact: Yvonne Allan
Tel: 01506 656936
email: eahfo@aol.com
web: www.ehflute.org.uk

A group of 40 or so people aged from 8 to 80. We take part in events such as concerts, competitions and music festivals. We play everything from full orchestral overtures to easy listening and chart music. We meet in our own practice hall on Sundays from 4 - 6pm. Learners classes are on Wednesday evenings from 6pm. Instruments are provided including bass flutes, concert flutes, trebles and orchestral percussion.

Fauldhouse Miners Brass Band

Contact: Michael Farrell
Tel: 01506 418793
email: michael@michaelfarrell.fsnet.co.uk

Rehearse Sunday evenings Fauldhouse Miners Welfare Club. New members welcome. Instruments and tuition available on brass and piano. Brass lessons 6pm -7pm Band rehearsal 7pm - 8pm.

Friends of West Lothian Schools Brass Band

Contact: Joe Kirk
Tel: 01506 413257
Mobile: 07870 791605
email: joekirk@diamonds11.fsnet.co.uk

We are a fund raising group whose efforts give additional financial support to the West Lothian Schools Brass Band.

Fuse Music - West Lothian Youth Music Forum

web: www.fusemusic.org.uk

The Forum provides a mechanism for co-ordinating the wide range of informal youth music throughout West Lothian.

music groups

Linlithgow Arts Guild

Contact: David Lunt
Tel: 01506 842628
Mobile: 07821 017099
email: Davidalunt@aol.com
web: www.linlithgowartsguild.co.uk

We present a series of professional concerts in a broad range of musical styles and also other arts promotions. Annual subscription gives access to all events. Tickets for non-members available for individual events from 01506 844247, or Blast-Off Books, Linlithgow 01506 844645. Visitors welcome.

Linlithgow Folk Festival Association

Contact: Grace Macdonald
Tel: 01506 844392
email: grace_mcclure@hotmail.com
web: www.linlithgowfolk.com

LFFA organises regular sessions on the 3rd Sunday of the month in the Black Bitch Tavern from 2pm. Also concerts throughout the year and an annual Folk Festival in September, 10 -13 Sept 2009 and 9 - 12 Sept 2010. There are also sessions on the 1st Thursday of the month in the "Hole in the Wall" from 8.30pm.

Linlithgow Jazz Club

Contact: Robert McDowell
Tel: 01506 848821
email: jrobmcd@aol.com
web: www.linlithgowjazzclub.co.uk

Listening and dancing to live Dixieland and New Orleans Jazz, two Saturdays in the month in Burgh Halls, Linlithgow 8-11pm. Local musicians plus top names from the Jazz world plus bands from the UK, Europe US and even Australia.

Linlithgow RFC Male Choir

Contact: Jim Cairns
Tel: 01506 843685
email: jc.cairns@blueyonder.co.uk

Male voice choir who perform concerts for old folks homes, visiting Rugby Clubs, Burns Suppers, Charity Functions etc. Songs are traditionally Scottish, songs from shows, films etc. We meet on a Monday night for rehearsals at the Club, 8:30pm. New members always welcome. Season runs from September to March - mainly during the rugby season.

Linlithgow Reed Band

Contact: Seonaid Anderson
Mobile: 0780 815 8985
email: reedbandsecretary@yahoo.co.uk
web: www.linlithgowreedband.org.uk

Main band rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-9.30pm in St John's Church, Union Road, Linlithgow. Cost £1 per week. Training Band meets in ATC hut, Barkhill Road on Sundays from 6-7pm. Tuition available in a number of instruments for beginners and returners.

Livingston Accordion and Fiddle Club

Contact: Arthur Brown
Tel: 0131 312 6176

The club meets on the third Tuesday of each month, from Sept - May (none in Dec), in the Hilcroft Hotel, East Main St, Whitburn. Starting time, 7.15. All fiddle and accordion players are welcome, entry fee £2.50, players free. Guest artist each month.

Livingston Choral Society

Contact: Segun Akintola
Tel: 01506 88002
Mobile: 07931 672353
email: livingstonchorale@yahoo.co.uk

Meet in the Music Room at St Margaret's Academy, Howden South Road, Livingston EH54 6AT on Friday evenings 7-9pm.

Livingston Fiddlers

Contact: Eric McFarlane
Tel: 01506 654189
email: eric@livingstonfiddlers.co.uk
web: www.livingstonfiddlers.co.uk

Regularly play to local groups/nursing homes/women's guilds etc. Meet weekly in St Andrew's Church Hall, Deans, playing traditional Scottish & other music. New members welcome, junior members particularly welcome, not suitable for complete beginners. Mainly fiddle but accordion & other instruments as well.

music groups

The Music Club

Contact: Robert Simpson
Tel: 01324 715157
Mobile: 07841876839
email: robertws52@hotmail.com

The Music Club - Springfield Primary School, Linlithgow. All Musicians and Singers welcome. Original Material and covers of electric and acoustic music. Practice Sessions, rehearsals and performances. Every Tuesday, 7.45pm - 9.45pm.

Newland Concert Brass

Contact: Elspeth Grant
Tel: 0131 554 2528
email: elspethgrant@hotmail.com
web: www.newlandconcertbrass.org.uk

Friendly 4th section band. New members always welcome - any age or ability. Rehearsals - Mondays 8pm, Thurs 7.30pm. Junior Band Mondays from 6.30pm. Twinned with a German Fanfare Korps.

Quern

Contact: David Lunt
Tel: 01506 842628
Mobile: 07821 017099
email: davidalunt@aol.com
web: www.linlithgow.com/quern.htm

Music group offering concerts in the Scottish idiom, and a number of musical presentations on aspects of Scottish life and literary figures. Internationally travelled, Quern aims to help charities in fundraising efforts operating on an expenses-only basis. This group is also available for cultural events, including providing entertainment for twinning, at home or overseas.

Regal Wind Band

Contact: Peter West
Tel: 01506 492088
email: peterwest@blueyonder.co.uk

Informal wind ensemble for adult beginners and returners who perhaps have not played since school. Playing basic arrangements of a variety of music with the emphasis on fun. Brass & woodwind tuition available. Tue 7.30 - 9.30pm, Music department, Bathgate Academy.

Sambalistic - the West Lothian Samba Band

Contact: Liz Temple
Tel: 01506 870130
email: samba@blueyonder.co.uk
web: www.sambalistic.co.uk

Percussion group playing Brazilian style carnival beats, lively, fun, funky. Experienced, qualified tutor. Regularly perform at Gala days, carnivals, festivals, weddings. No musical experience required. Meet Thursday 7.30-9.30pm, Linlithgow Academy during term time.

Sangschule - the West Lothian Traditional Song Group

Contact: Susan Streater
Tel: 01506 843592
email: susan.streater@hotmail.co.uk
web: www.angelfire.com/folk/sangschule

Meets Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm in Linlithgow Academy staff room. Informal group who enjoy unaccompanied singing. Regular tutors. Open to all.

Scottish Bluegrass Association

Contact: John Sheldon
Tel: 01968 670038
Mobile: 07968124582
email: secretary@scottishbluegrass.com
web: www.scottishbluegrass.com

A "not for profit" association promoting bluegrass music through events, festivals and concerts. We mail out a newsletter outlining events.

Seafield & District Novice Juvenile Pipe Band

Contact: Lorraine Hunter
Tel: 01506 871689
Mobile: 0796 971 3328
email: lorraine@comprensione.co.uk
web: www.seafielddistrictpipeband.com

Practice meetings are in Whitburn Miners Welfare on Wednesdays from 7 - 9pm and Sundays at Seafield Community Centre from 6:30 - 9pm. Are you age 8 - 12 years old and would like to learn bagpipes, snare drum, tenor drum or bass drum? Phone Brenda Bennette on 07512495125 or for more information please visit the band website.

music groups

Selah Singers

Contact: Marjorie Watson
Tel: 01506 880660
email: me_watson@tiscali.co.uk

We are a small singing group who love to entertain for your enjoyment. Our repertoire includes songs from shows, Scottish, Classical, Christmas, Spiritual, and light pop. Any venue will be considered.

Toccat Ladies Choir

Contact: Trish Barry
Tel: 01506 435042
email: secretary@toccatladieschoir.co.uk
web: www.toccatladieschoir.co.uk

Toccat is a ladies choir of over 40 singers, who currently meet on Tuesday evenings at 7.15pm at Riverside Primary School, Livingston, during the school year. Auditions are held annually, usually the end of August beginning of September. Our repertoire is very varied, everything from Bach to the Beatles. The ability to read music is not essential. Our year ends with a two night annual concert in May but often perform at other events throughout the year.

Torphichen & Bathgate Pipe Band

Contact: Joliane Philip
Tel: 01506 635902
email: ferguspiper@btinternet.com
web: www.tnbbpb.com

Competing pipe band in RSPBA. Available for private functions. Playing in gala days.

Torphichen Summer Nights Music Society

Contact: Jo Hirst
Tel: 01324 861486
Mobile: 07836 675198
email: jo@hirford.freereserve.co.uk
web: www.torphichensummernights.org.uk

Concerts take place in Torphichen Kirk on 1st Sunday of each month from May till September. Mixed programme of classical, Scottish/Irish, traditional, jazz, acoustic and opera. Concerts start at 7pm, doors open at 6.30pm. Ticket line 01506 635257.

West Lothian Songwriters Group

Contact: Anice Gilland
Tel: 01506 873182
Mobile: 0790 0121277
email: magjam@hotmail.com
web: www.geocities.com/magjam

Support and provide a performance platform for established and aspiring songwriters in an informal, friendly atmosphere. Meets 1st Monday of month at 8pm in the Black Bitch Tavern, Linlithgow. Also workshops, visits and discussions.

Whitburn Band (Brass)

Contact: John Fraser
Tel: 01968 676712
email: whitburnsecretary@hotmail.com
web: www.whitburnband.co.uk

Award winning brass band which practices regularly and is available for concerts by arrangement or negotiation.

photography groups

Armadale Camera Club

Contact: Lindsay Kyle
Mobile: 077840 30910
web: www.armadalecameraclub.co.uk

The Club meets every Wednesday evening in the Craigninn Centre, Main Street, Blackridge at 7.30pm. We have various speakers and guests visit to give talks. The Club is also a member of the GDPU, (Glasgow and District Photographic Union) and enters into photographic competitions with other local and National Clubs.

Bathgate Camera Club

Contact: Alex Wilson
Tel: 01506 630651
email: a.f.w@btinternet.com
web: www.bathgatecc.org.uk

Digital photography, Photoshop tutorials & tips, printing, interclub and in-club competitions, photographic practical nights and excursions. New members welcome.

Livingston Camera Club

Contact: Anne Robertson
Tel: 01506 432902
email: anne.m.robertson@blueyonder.co.uk
web: www.livingstoncameraclub.couk.com

Monday night meetings at Crofthead Farm Community Centre, Dedridge. Weekly talks, lectures and competitions. Fully equipped darkroom and studio equipment. Catering for all levels of experience from beginner to advanced in traditional and digital photography.

Mid Calder Camera Club

Contact: Gordon Scott
Tel: 01506 882616
Mobile: 07940 477761
email: gscott3836@aol.com
web: www.midcaldercameraclub.org.uk

Meets Wednesdays from 7.30 - 9.45pm in Institute Hall, Mid Calder, from Sept to May. Small friendly club with a varied programme. New members always welcome.

video film making groups

West Lothian Camcorder Group

Contact: Judith Hanna
Tel: 01506 491559
email: judith.hanna@blueyonder.co.uk

All aspects of video work including editing for individual members, groups and community projects. Meets Tuesdays 7 - 9pm in East Calder Community Centre. New members welcome.

visual arts groups

Bathgate Community Art Group

Contact: Malcolm McCuaig
Tel: 01506 656141

Meet on Friday evenings in Bathgate Community Centre, 7.30 - 9.45pm. Oil painting and any other medium. New Members welcome.

Deans Art Club

Contact: Eileen Griffiths
Tel: 01506 412781
email: kennygriffiths@sky.com

Acrylic, watercolour and oil painting with resident artist James Tripney. Meets Tuesdays 7 - 9pm in Livingston Station Community Centre. All materials provided.

Dechmont 50+ Arts Group

Contact: Jennifer Clark
Tel: 01506 857154
email: clark5sh@btinternet.com

Painting and drawing for pleasure. Meet in Dechmont Community Hall, Wednesdays 1.30-4pm.

Livingston & District Art Club

Contact: Isobel MacRae
Tel: 01506 656216
email: isobel.macrae@hotmail.co.uk

Meet Tuesdays and Wednesdays 7-9pm at the Lanthorn, Dedridge. There is no official art class as such, but friendly advice and help is always available. Visiting speaker invited once a month. Our aim is to hold an exhibition at least one a year.

visual arts groups

Livingston Arts Association

Contact: Linda Lincoln
Tel: 01506 440449
email: liviartassoc@msn.com
web: www.livingston-art-assoc.org.uk

Amateur art association based at Howden Park Centre, with pottery also available. There are day & evening classes available with all levels of experience. Beginners welcome. Demonstrations and workshops.

Low Port Art Group

Contact: Margaret Bruce
Tel: 01506 845805
email: magsbruce1@blueyonder.co.uk

Art Group, Low Port Centre, Linlithgow. Meets Tuesday evenings 7-9pm. To develop individual skills, with professional artist, workshops and tuition. Annual Exhibition April/May.

Murieston Art Group

Contact: Janet Dickson
Tel: 01506 635874
email: janet-dickson@btconnect.com

Thriving friendly group who meet at Murieston Village Hall, on Mondays 10am-12.30pm. Resident tutor who qualified at Edinburgh College of Art. Work with all types of media using watercolour, oil, acrylic, pastel, charcoal and crayon. Occasional field trips to galleries.

Strathbrock Partnership Local Arts Team (SPLAT)

Contact: Gordon Scott
Tel: 01506 882616
email: gscott3836@aol.com
web: www.splat-westlothian.org.uk

SPLAT is a collection of local art and photography groups which has a permanent exhibition space in Strathbrock Partnership Centre, Broxburn.

Time Out Art Class

Contact: Jane Waddell
Tel: 01501 753660

Meets weekly on Tuesdays from 6 - 9pm at Craiginn Community Centre, Blackridge. Working with oils, acrylics, and watercolours. Also card making.

West Calder Art Group

Contact: Doffie Slattery

Tel: 01506 871220

Meets Wednesdays 2 - 4pm in West Calder Community Centre. A small self-help group of around 12 members who work with mixed media and enjoy the social gathering.

Whitburn Amateur Art Club

Contact: Jess McKay

Tel: 01501 740828

email: jess.mckay@homecall.co.uk

Meets in Whitburn Community Centre, weekly 7-9pm on Wednesdays. All art mediums covered. Tutors and organised dates to be arranged.

Winchburgh Art Club (daytime)

Contact: Christine Graham

Tel: 01506 852712

Meets Thursday mornings 9.30 - 11.30am at Winchburgh Community Centre. Occasionally have tutors providing advice and support. To be put on a waiting list, please contact Christine Graham.

Winchburgh Art Club (evening)

Contact: Evelyn McDonald

Tel: 0131 333 3083

email: jimmyevelyn@btinternet.com

Meet Wednesday evenings, Winchburgh Community Centre 7.30 - 9pm. Tutor every other week. Different media used. New members welcome.

visual arts groups

Ironstone

Contact: Ellie Stewart
Tel: 01506 655098
Mobile: 07715 496103
email: ellie@bcftechnology.com

Ironstone is a high quality publication showcasing new writing from and about West Lothian. Please contact us if you would like a copy of the magazine or would be interested in submitting work for future publications.

Quill (West Lothian poetry group)

Contact: DonnieMacneill
Tel: 01506 431389
Mobile: 07770 946593
email: wlquill@yahoo.com

Meet every 2 weeks in the Bathgate Community Centre to read, analyse and enjoy poetry and to encourage each other in our writing.

West Lothian Writers

Contact: Susan Anderson
Tel: 01506 430810
Mobile: 07707 741769
email: secretary@wlw.org.uk
web: www.wlw.org.uk

Group meets fortnightly at South Barn, Nether Dechmont Farm, Deans, Livingston on a Monday to discuss work in progress in a friendly environment. Occasional guest writer. Suitable for writers of all abilities. Alternative contact Eric McFarlane on 01506 654189.

Writers Umbrella

Contact: Barbara Hammond
Tel: 01324 570445
email: barbara@ladysgate.freeserve.co.uk

The Writing Club that comes to you, welcoming anyone with an interest in writing, from established authors to those trying their hand for the first time. Members receive a bi-monthly newsletter with information about the world of writing, eg, information about publishing opportunities, current competitions, hints and tips plus a bit of fun. Members also have access to our "First Draft" initiative, an editorial and comment service for new writers. In addition there is a Writers' Umbrella website where more information is published between newsletters. For a free copy of the current newsletter contact Barbara Hammond.

facilities



venues

Craigsfarm Community Development

Maree Walk, Craigshill, Livingston

Contact: Isobell Darge
Tel: 01506 777690
Fax: 01506 777596
email: darge.isobel@westlothian.gov.uk
Hours: 8am - 10pm
Admission: £7 to £8 per hour

Craigsfarm Campus has a theatre with sound system and lighting rig. Also various sized rooms suitable for all types of events, including meetings / training / workshops / small dance studio.

Disabled Access: Yes

Deans Community High School

Eastwood Park, Knightsridge. Livingston

Contact: Fiona Lynch
Tel: 01506 479090
email: deanscommunityeducation@wled.org.uk
Hours: Mon - Fri 8.30am - 9.30pm, Sat & Sun 9am -4.30pm

Fully equipped theatre available for hire with 250 seats plus an additional 100 seats if required. Full lighting and sound system. Full sized screen and data projector. Available for dance shows, drama productions, presentations. A range of flexible rooms for meetings and workshops. Several art and craft courses, adult classes, most starting Sept and January. Café, creche, 25 metre swimming pool, fitness suite, sports halls and dance studio.

Disabled Access: Yes

Harburn Village Hall

Contact: David McDonald
Tel: 07969 425897
email: david@thedrmcs.fsnet.co.uk

A comfortable venue (5 minutes from West Calder) in a quiet rural location. Ideal for away-days, training sessions, workshops, meetings, leisure & exercise activities, childrens parties. Refurbished hall with modern catering facilities.

Disabled Access: Yes

Howden Park Centre

Howden, Livingston

Contact: Fiona Haldane

Tel: 01506 773853

Fax: 01506 773899

email: fiona.haldane@westlothian.gov.uk

Hours: Mon - Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Recently extended and redeveloped to become one of the most stunning arts venues in the country Howden Park Centre has an auditorium and a range of different sized rooms available for performances, rehearsals, art classes and workshops. These spaces can also be hired for weddings, parties, conferences, training courses and meetings. The venue also presents a year round programme of professional theatre, music and dance performances and classes for adults and children and has a continuous programme of free exhibitions. A free brochure is available from box office. The bistro offers an exciting menu created by the Head Chef, including breakfast, snacks, lunch and dinner in a relaxed, stylish restaurant with views over the park.

Disabled Access: Yes

Inveralmond Community High School

Willowbank, Ladywell, Livingston

Contact: Neil Sharp

Tel: 01506 438093

Fax: 01506 442313

email: neil.sharp@wled.org.uk

Hours: Mon-Fri 8am - 10pm and Sat-Sun 8am - 5pm

Admission: Charges on application

Community School with a range of flexible spaces for meetings, workshops, classes and performances. Several arts and craft courses, most starting in September and January, are included in our Adult Class Programme. New assembly hall provides superb performance venue. Excellent dance facilities. Café services and creche facilities available.

Disabled Access: Yes all areas accessible

venues

Linlithgow Academy

Braehead Road, Linlithgow

Contact: Fiona Law

Tel: 01506 843211

Fax: 01506 848082

email: linlithgow.ac@wled.org.uk

Hours: Mon-Thurs 3:40-10pm, Fri 12:20-10pm, Sat pm only, Sun

Admission: On Application

High quality arts facility ideally suited to dance, drama or theatre, film, music opera or traditional Scottish arts forms. Main auditorium is a 350-seat theatre equipped with quality sound/light facilities and additional flexible space for large-scale business meetings, conferences, shows and festivals. Extra services such as equipment hire, reception, catering, cleaning and janitorial services are available on request. See web site for further details.

Disabled Access: Yes

Linlithgow Palace - Historic Scotland

Contact: Ruth Abrahams

Tel: 0131 668 8850

Fax: 0131 668 8888

email: ruth.abrahams@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

The magnificent ruins of Linlithgow Palace are set in their own grounds overlooking Linlithgow Loch and offer an atmospheric and historical location for events. The palace provides a unique setting for a range of events including weddings, dinners in the Undercroft and the open air courtyard is ideal for a pre dinner drinks reception. Both religious and civil ceremonies can be held on site as well as wedding receptions.

The Pitstop

Main Street, Addiewell

Contact: Margaret Pow

Tel: 01501 763354

Hours: Open Mon-Fri 9am-10pm. Sat/Sun 10am-4pm

"Loganlea Miners Welfare Charitable Society" hire hall with stage which holds 160 people for hosting charitable and social events. Also have soft play area which can be used for children's parties. Fitness Suite and Sauna available at very reasonable rates.

The Regal Community Theatre

24-34 North Bridge Street, Bathgate

Contact: Heather Smart

Tel: 01506 632558

Fax: 01506 632558

email: office@bathgateregal.org.uk

Hours: 9am - 5pm Mon - Fri

Admission: Hire charges on application

200 seat auditorium, dressing rooms, dance floor, café/bar and box office. Has its own programme of performances and is available for hire by community arts groups, dance companies, bands etc. Other spaces, including the dance studio (60 capacity) are available for hire. Suitable for all types of community and social functions.

Disabled Access: Wheelchair access. Lift to all floors.

Artlink Functionsuite Project

St John's Hospital, Livingston

Contact: Kirsty MacDonald

Tel: 0131 229 3555

Fax: 0131 228 5257

email: info@functionsuite.com

Hours: Hospital Hours

St John's Hospital gallery shows exhibitions programmed by Functionsuite - Artlink's Hospital Arts Project which reflect the project work and the hospital community as a whole. The Gallery also shows artworks by invited artists, group exhibitions, staff and patients. Open submission shows. Functionsuite also run events and artist residencies/projects within St. John's Hospital. The St John's Gallery is located on the 2nd floor of St John's Hospital next to the dining room.

Howden Park Centre Gallery

Howden, Livingston

Contact: Howden Park Centre

Tel: 01506 777666

email: arts@westlothian.gov.uk

website: www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk

Hours: 9am to 9pm Mon to Sat, 11am to 5pm Sun

Admission: Free

A regularly changing exhibition programme of dynamic and exciting contemporary arts and crafts from national and international artists.

Disabled Access: Yes

Strathbrock Partnership Centre - SPLAT

198a West Main Street, Broxburn

Contact: Gordon Scott

Tel: 01506 200474 or 07944 090861

Admission: Free

As well as giving the community easy access to a range of health and information services, this unique centre has an art gallery with continuing exhibitions of more than 100 original paintings, drawings and photographs by artists from five local arts groups.

Disabled Access: Yes

Almond Valley Heritage Centre

Millfield, Livingston Village, Livingston

Contact: Robin Chesters

Tel: 01506 414957

Fax: 01506 497771

email: info@almondvalley.co.uk

Hours: 10am - 5pm 7 days a week

Admission: Adults £5, Children £3.50 Family £17

An innovative museum packed with activities to be enjoyed by every member of the family. Crawl through tunnels, hunt for fossils, explore secret works & invest your savings in Scotland's famous shale oil industry. Blow oily bubbles, become a sanitary inspector, and explore a microscopic universe. Meet the friendly animals and lots, lots more. Discount for community groups.

Disabled Access: All areas

Armadale Community Museum

Library Services, Connolly House, Hopefield Road, Blackburn

Contact: Elizabeth Henderson

Tel: 01506 776347

Fax: 01506 776190

email: museums@westlothian.gov.uk

Hours: As Armadale library

Based at Armadale library - A changing display of historical and community related exhibitions. Temporary display space available to members of the local community.

Bennie Museum

9-11 Mansfield Street, Bathgate

Contact: Bill Millan

Tel: 01506 634944

email: bennie.museum@virgin.net

Hours: 11am - 3.30pm, Mon - Sat (winter) 10am - 4pm, Mon - Sat

Admission: Free

A row of terraced cottages, one dating from 1700, housing a comprehensive collection of memorabilia relating solely to Bathgate. Group visits are supervised by the Education Officer and are suitable for nursery pupils to mature students. The museum promotes one public lecture a year in autumn.

museums

Blackridge Community Museum

Library Services, Connolly House, Hopefield Road, Blackburn

Contact: Elizabeth Henderson
Tel: 01506 776347
Fax: 01506 776190
email: museums@westlothian.gov.uk
Hours: As Blackridge Library

Admission: Free

Based at Blackridge Library - Permanent exhibitions on the history of Blackridge and a changing programme of local exhibitions.

Disabled Access: Yes

Broxburn Community Museum

Library Services, Connolly House, Hopefield Road, Blackburn

Contact: Elizabeth Henderson
Tel: 01506 776347
Fax: 01506 776190
email: museums@westlothian.gov.uk
Hours: As Broxburn library

Admission: Free

Based at Broxburn library - Permanent exhibition on the history of Broxburn and Uphall alternating with a changing programme of local exhibitions.

Disabled Access: Yes

Linlithgow Community Museum

Library Services, Connolly House, Hopefield Road, Blackburn

Contact: Elizabeth Henderson
Tel: 01506 776347
Fax: 01506 776190
email: museums@westlothian.gov.uk
Hours: As Linlithgow library

Admission: Free

Based at Linlithgow library - A changing display of historical and community related exhibitions. Temporary display space available to members of the community.

Disabled Access: Yes

The Linlithgow Story

Annet House ,143 High Street, Linlithgow

Contact: Susan Nimmo

Tel: 01506 670677

email: enquiries@linlithgowstory.org.uk

Hours: 11am-5pm Mon-Sat, 1pm-4pm Sun

Admission: £1.50 & £1 concession

Museum of local history telling the story of Linlithgow and its development during the reigns of the Stuart Kings of Scotland. The Museum also has displays depicting the life and occupations of local people. The story is told using objects, audio & Video presentations. The museum has an extensive garden which contains herbs, fruit trees & bushes.

Disabled Access: By arrangement

Museum Service

Library Services, Connolly House, Hopefield Road, Blackburn

Contact: Elizabeth Henderson

Tel: 01506 776347

Fax: 01506 776190

email: museums@westlothian.gov.uk

Hours: Mon - Thurs 8.30 - 5pm, Friday 8.30 - 4pm

Admission: N/A

Manages West Lothian Council Museum venues throughout area. Cares for, collects and displays objects relating to history of West Lothian. Provides resources for education and reminiscence work. Funds independent museum activity. Objects from the collection may be viewed by appointment.

Disabled Access: Yes

West Lothian Local History Library

Library Services, Connolly House, Hopefield Road, Blackburn

Contact: Sybil Cavanagh

Tel: 01506 776331

Fax: 01506 777345

email: sybil.cavanagh@westlothian.gov.uk

Library holds thousands of books, maps and photographs of West Lothian, past and present. Extensive collection of family history resources.

Whitburn Community Museum

Library Services, Connolly House, Hopefield Road, Blackburn

Contact: Elizabeth Henderson

Tel: 01506 776347

Fax: 01506 776190

email: museums@westlothian.gov.uk

Hours: As Whitburn library

Admission: Free

Based at Whitburn library - Permanent exhibitions on the history of Whitburn and a programme of temporary exhibitions.

Disabled Access: Yes

entertainment



ceilidh bands

Auld Reekie Ceilidh Band

Contact: Sally Thompson
Tel: 0131 334 5044
email: sallyjmt@aol.com
Web: www.auld-reekie-ceilidh-band.com

Auld Reekie Ceilidh Band has been playing great ceilidhs for over 10 years, we are experienced at playing weddings, parties and just about any other celebration you may have in mind. We consist of fiddles, mandolin, piano, acoustic guitar and dance caller.

Bella McNab's

Contact: Mairi Campbell
Tel: 0131 669 8824
email: dave@bellamcnab.com

5-6 piece string driven band, (2-3 fiddles, guitar, double bass) piano, guitar . with caller. Highly experienced musicians - radio, TV, Touring. Connecting you with the Scottish dance tradition.

Broomielaw Ceilidh Band

Contact: Gordon Bruce
Mobile: 07826 845561
email: bothypiper@hotmail.co.uk
Web: www.myspace.com/broomielaw

Vibrant young ceilidh band available for all occasions. Graduates from the Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama (BA Scottish Music degree course). Line up is accordion, pipes, piano and drums. Available as a 3 or 4 piece band. Also supply disco and piper if required. Can cater for any occasion.

Cockleroy

Contact: Neil Macdonald
Tel: 01506 844392
email: nmacdonald123@hotmail.com

Cockleroy are an experienced 2-piece band (guitar, accordion, vocals, harmonica and bodhran). If required, the band can be extended to 3 or 4 piece with the addition of fiddle, keyboards, mandolin, etc. The band includes experienced dance callers. We specialise in Scottish / Irish traditional music but have a wide repertoire. Available for ceilidhs, concerts, weddings, parties, pubs/clubs, etc. Also St. Andrew's, St Patrick's and Burns Nights. Demo CD available.

Pentlands Ceilidh Band

Contact: Derek Rae
Tel: 01501 734818
Mobile 07973 703360
email: derek.rae@btopenworld.com
Web: www.pentlandscb.com

Lively three piece band comprising two accordions and drums with midi piano and bass. A fiddler can be added and disco and dance caller can be provided on request. Suitable for weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and general ceilidhs. The band play a mix of lively Scottish and Irish music and wear full Highland Dress on request. Recently broadcast on BBC Scotland's "Take the Floor" and have been quoted as "The absolute Top of the Ceilidh Pops".

Robert Fish Ceilidh Band

Contact: Stan Reeves
Tel: 0131 229 5633
email: sarah@therobertfishband.co.uk
Web: www.therobertfishband.co.uk

Sounds Braw Ceilidh Band

Contact: Douglas Kerr
Tel: 01383 732205
email: music@scottish-harp.co.uk
Web: www.scottish-harp.co.uk

3/4 piece ceilidh band available for all types of functions including weddings, dances etc. Can play small harp (clarsach) for special recitals.

The Gallivanter's Ceilidh Band

Contact: Brian Cowing
Tel: 01738 783 585
Mobile 07970 034697
email: info@thegallivanter's.com

5 piece Ceilidh band, accordion, fiddle, guitar, bass guitar, mandola and whistles. We call and show the dances so everyone can join in. Play at weddings, functions, dances and much more. We make every event in to a party with the emphasis on FUN, FUN, FUN. Can provide laptop disco free of charge. Full disco on request.

ceilidh bands

The Reel Thing Ceilidh Band

Contact: Ian Shepherd
Mobile 07967 635590
email: ianmshepherd@tiscali.co.uk

Award-winning Ceilidh Band with an ever increasing number of followers both at home and abroad. Two accordions, one fiddler and a drummer who explains the dances, proves you can't beat the Reel Thing. Can also arrange a disco for your reception.

family entertainment

Alexander The Great Entertainments

Contact: Craig Alexander
Tel: 01506 205119
Mobile 07881 780 793
email: alexanderthegreat76@yahoo.co.uk
Web: www.alexanderthegreatest.com

Alexander the Great Entertainments provides award-winning entertainment for children and adults alike, as featured on ITV's GMTV and Channel 4. The company offers magic, balloon-modelling, disco, karaoke, face-painting, acrobatics, circus workshops, stilt-walking, juggling, fire-eating, bouncy-castles, etc. Alexander the Great Entertainments is fully disclosure checked and holds Public Liability Insurance. Please phone, email or check out web for further details.

Beats of Brazil

Contact: John Dirkie
Mobile 07745 747550
email: jboydrums@yahoo.co.uk
Web: www.beatsofbrazil.com

Let our infectious samba rhythms bring a fantastic vibe to your event!!! Our drumming group is perfect for club nights, product launches, galadays or anywhere you want to create a great atmosphere!!! We have a Brazilian singer and can arrange an incredible Brazilian Dance troupe for glamorous events. We also run energetic drumming workshops that have been enjoyed by thousands of people over the last 6 years and are suitable for any age group.

Close Harmony

Contact: Joy MacIntyre
Tel: 01506 842940
email: jm011a5590@blueyonder.co.uk

We are a singing group of 4 ladies who sing in close harmony. Our wide repertoire includes Scottish songs from the musicals and many other popular and well known songs. Any venue will be considered.

Clydebuilt Puppet Theatre

Contact: Leigh McCalister
Tel: 01337 860337
Fax: 01337 860337
email: leigh@clydebuiltpuppet.co.uk
Web: www.clydebuiltpuppet.co.uk

Shows specially designed for a variety of age groups. Puppet types - life sized body puppets, rod puppets and shadow theatre. Puppet making workshops available. We are flexible to your needs and requirements.

Dennis Alexander

Contact: Dennis Alexander
Tel: 01592 592379
Mobile 07774 722631
Fax: 01592 641782
email: dennis@chickenshop.co.uk

Folk and comedy, very experienced entertainer. Phone for a chat about your event.

Hopscotch Theatre Company

Contact: Susan McGregor
Tel: 0141 440 2025
Fax: 0141 440 2025
email: info@hopscotchtheatre.com
Web: www.hopscotchtheatre.com

Hopscotch Theatre Company have been touring theatre to primary schools and small venues for over twenty years. Our performances are fun and inclusive – bringing learning to life! Our shows are multi-leveled and therefore suitable for the whole school. We also offer drama workshops to complement the performance.

family entertainment

Libretto Jazz Band

Contact: Ruth Brady
Tel: 01501 735252
Mobile 07876 027409
email: ruth.brady@kwik-fit.com
Web: www.librettojazz.co.uk

Scottish-based Jazz Band with a large jazz repertoire from jazz standards to music from the great American Songbook and current tracks from artists including Norah Jones and Katie Melua. The band is ideal for receptions, dinners and corporate events.

Mousetale Puppets

Contact: David Stewart
Tel: 0845 458 9779
Mobile 07740 980481
email: david@mousetalepuppets.co.uk
Web: www.mousetalepuppets.co.uk

Touring puppet theatre offering shows for schools, theatres, playschemes and community groups. Workshops are also available and full details can be found on the website. Ages catered for: 4-11 years (nursery and primary).

Paul Temple Magic

Contact: Paul Temple
Tel: 01506 870130
Mobile 07946 748434
email: templemagic@hotmail.com
Web: www.paultemplemagic.com

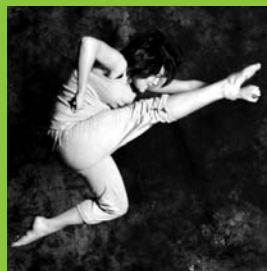
Magic for restaurants, hen nights, staff night outs, weddings, cabaret, table hopping, children's parties, kids groups, nurseries, etc.

Peter Merlin Entertainments

Contact: Peter Merlin
Tel: 01501 742534
Mobile 07761 523456
email: peter_merlin1@yahoo.com
Web: www.petermerlin.co.uk

Magic shows, walkabout and close up. Balloon modelling, music and game shows, juggling, magic and balloon modelling workshops. All events & venues.

tutors



arts and crafts tutors

Kirsty Muir

Tel: 01506 813851
Mobile 07795372061
email: kirstymuir68@yahoo.co.uk
web: www.bebodacious.co.uk

Basic jewellery making workshops for all ages, community groups and staff development days etc. Also available for "Girls Birthday Bracelet Parties". Will also take stall to events and workplaces.

Jill Lezmore

Tel: 01506 834329

Individual students only. Learn to spin in a day. Half day sessions with drop spindle, spinning wheel. Fleece provided. Commissions undertaken.

Lorraine Robson

Tel: 01506 834233
email: info@lorrainerobson.co.uk
web: www.lorrainerobson.co.uk

Practicing artist and art tutor with sculpture background specialising in hand-built ceramic work, either 3D or relief. Experience in working with teachers and children from nursery, primary, secondary and schools for children with additional support needs. Can offer CPD workshops.

Margaret Elphinstone

email: margaret.elphinstone@dircon.co.uk

Reading, writing workshops.

Millie Gray

Tel: 0131 657 3366

email: millie.gray@btinternet.com

I have in-depth experience of running several community groups. These include Generation Arts, Choose Life, Survivarts, Intergeneration school, sheltered housing and children's work. My aim is to reach out to both adults and children so they feel encouraged to develop their creative ability. Benefits of interacting in this way are several, ie. builds confidence, combats loneliness and exclusion - especially for those experiencing mental stress. It gives a sense of self-worth, recognition and assists people to communicate individually and in the wider community.

Diana Hendry

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web: www.dianahendry.co.uk

Creative writing - adults & children, particularly poetry. Also readings/talks. Diana has published 3 collections of poetry and more than 30 books for children.

Alanna Knight

Tel: 0131 667 5230

email: alanna.knight@virgin.net

web: www.alanna.knight.com

Crime writer, biographer, playwright, water colourist. Talks, workshops to libraries, writers clubs etc. Competition adjudicator (Except Poetry) all genres. Plays available for murder mystery evenings. Authority on R.L.Stevenson.

dance tutors

Yolanda Aguilar

Tel: 01383 831999
Mobile 07944 454 031
email: yolagui@aol.com

A practitioner with a vast experience in teaching and choreography with mainstream and special needs youngsters and adults. Worked with South Lanarkshire Council as Dance Artist in Residence in 2008 2009. Presently working as Dance Development Artist at MacRobert Centre, Stirling.

John Edmiston

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Freelance breakdance tutor and martial arts specialist. Experienced in delivering workshops to children and adults. Teaches regularly throughout West Lothian.

Fiona Grossart

Tel: 0131 332 4079
Mobile 07930 359 902
email: fionagrossart@hotmail.com
web: www.yogadancetherapy.co.

Experienced teacher/ performer & choreographer of all aspects of Arabic dance. Also teaches yoga (SYTA qualified) & a wide range of therapies including aromatherapy, Reiki & Indian head massage.

Debbie Hanson

Tel: 01506 201395
Mobile 07889716005
email: hansonpilates@blueyonder.co.uk
web: www.hansonpilates.com

Hanson Pilates offers pilates and yoga on a one-to-one or class basis. Classes are graded beginners, improvers and intermediate. Taster sessions in pilates and yoga are provided for groups and clubs. Hanson Pilates offer YogaBabes for tots to two years, YogaBugs for Preschool + Yogabugs Primary. Yoga'dUp is the name of classes for 8-12 years. Children are taken on magical adventures which use storytelling alongside movement, yoga postures, rhymes and songs. All are available in Livingston and Linlithgow area.

Louise Hendrie

Tel: 07923 838 373

email: louisehendrie@hotmail.com

Ballet (Royal Academy of Dance Registered Teaching Status)

Eva Kennedy

Tel: 07810 824 195

email: evaom@f2s.com

Classes available for adults or children aged 2 - 15. Adults classes, tailored to needs, building up to strong practice developing stamina, flexibility and effective relaxation techniques. Children's classes generally incorporate storytelling and/or a topic (i.e. school project) which postures are built around. One off classes, block bookings and private lessons available.

Nico Major

Mobile 07941 474 123

email: nicomajor@gmail.com

web: www.drbeat.moves.it

Hip hop/breakdancer tutor and performer.

Kirsty Muir

Tel: 01506 813851

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Tribal style belly dance is a vibrant interactive dance that helps build self esteem and encourages better posture. It uses basic Egyptian moves and also incorporates moves from other dance cultures such as Indian and Flamenco. Workshops, talks and demonstrations. All ages, community groups, staff development etc.

Isobel Ross

Tel: 01506 434496

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Teacher and choreographer can provide classes for community groups and organisations classes in street dance, creative, choreography, Contemporary and Tap.

dance tutors

Sarah Stuart

Tel: 0141 552 7712
email: info@scottishyouthdance.org
web: www.ydance.org

Ydance is a leading provider of quality dance education that encourages young people to get active and develop their creativity through dance. National company whose age remit is 3 - 21yrs

Hilary Thacker

Tel: 0131 556 7976
email: hilary@hilarysbazaar.com
Egyptian Dance Workshops, regular classes and performances.

drama tutors

Naomi Breeze

Mobile 07949 029 676
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Breeze Productions is a professional touring theatre company based in West Lothian that also specialises in writing and performing issued based live theatre from statutory, voluntary and corporate organisations. As well as offering customised drama, confidence building and public speaking workshops.

Sharon Dobbins

Mobile 07713349339
email: sharon@greatshakes.net
web: www.greatshakes.net

Drama workshop service for schools and community groups/settings. Services include: one-off and weekly/term based workshops, Shakespeare 'Play in a Day' - learn and perform an entire play in one day. Play in 1/2 a day, Play in 1 hour sessions. CPD & training sessions provided for teachers and business in drama skills, personal development, presentation skills and confidence building. All workshops designed to meet your needs. Qualified & experienced teacher & dramatherapist. Work with all ages and groups.

Eve Melrose

Tel: 07867 982 997
A puppet workshop tailored to meet the age, needs and capabilities of the children involved. The aim is to stimulate imagination and encourage creativity to promote positive self-esteem and achievement.

Mark Feeney

Tel: 01501 753189
Mobile 07833 044 720
email: feeney.mark@yahoo.co.uk

Patient, friendly tuition at an affordable rate. Guitar and drum kit tuition, beginner to Grade 8 level All ages welcome .Guitar lessons cover: reading music, music theory, chords, scales, playing /writing songs, playing riffs, licks & tricks drum kit lessons cover: reading music, music theory, snare drum rudiments, playing drum grooves, fills & solos. Various musical styles are covered in lessons including pop, rock, reggae, jazz, blues, metal etc. Help with preparing for SQA exams and university/college auditions. (Rock School Debut Level Grade 8)

Aldona Kaim

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Mobile 07933361206
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Teach students of any age or nationality. Teach both piano and keyboard. Can travel to meet students in their own homes. Students will command an ability to play classical music, popular music and jazz.

Linda Miller

Tel: 01506 200440
Mobile 0776456 8326/07530581926
email: music@telco4u.net
web: www.lmmusic.net

Piano and keyboard tuition for exams or pleasure. Beginners welcome. Adults and children over 5. Close to Broxburn shops. Accompaniment, transposition for singers or musicians. Music for weddings and funeral ceremonies. Home visits may be considered.

Calum McLean

Tel: 01506 435017
Mobile 07758853364
email: calummclean@btinternet.com

Individual and small group guitar tuition. Acoustic/electric : Rock, blues, folk, pop, rock'n' roll. From beginner, age 10+ to performing level. Rockschool grades and individual programmes.

music tutors

Sarah Naish

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Mobile 07711956308
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Drum Kit and Percussion tuition (xylophone /snare drum / timpani) tuition.
Individual and small groups welcome, for exams or pleasure.

James Robertson

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web: www.upbeatdrumschool.spaces.live.com

Upbeat run weekly drum & percussion lessons in Livingston. Classes are for all age groups & Courses available for beginners, intermediate & advanced players using styles such as Rock/Pop/Blues/Jazz/Hip Hop/Heavy Metal.

Stewart Young

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Mobile 07834815571
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web: www.pipetime.co.uk

PipeTime is a private service providing highland bagpipe tuition for both new and established players. Founded and developed by professional pipe tutor Stewart Young, PipeTime strives to offer choices, opportunities, and benefits beyond any other pipe tuition service or organisation. Staying at the leading edge of innovation, PipeTime constantly adapts and enhances to suit the individual's needs, making the experience of learning more and more enjoyable. Whether you are a complete beginner or an advanced player, PipeTime can take you where you want to go.

Kenny Bean

Tel: 0131 476 2501
email: mail@kennybean.co.uk
web: www.kennybean.co.uk

Mobile photography workshops and projects for community groups. Digital image training, Schools photographic arts and science workshops. Photographic events for festivals and open days. Photographic artist residencies arranged.

Theresa Connelly

Tel: 01506 635276

Variety of arts and crafts activities:- suitable for pre-school children, nursery, schools, adults, groups with special needs, birthday parties etc. Drawing, painting, collage techniques, craft activities. Duration flexible.

Robert Couper

Tel: 01506 653728
Mobile 07717582941
email: robert.couper@talktalk.net
web: http://communityartist.co.uk

Specialist in community and public art. Painting and drawing in all media, digital art and photography including video. Paper craft, ceramics and sculpture. Full Disclosure

Manna Dobo

Tel: 01501 751931
Mobile 07764212692
email: mannadobo@hotmail.com

Weekend workshops with model, focusing on drawing, painting & mixed media work. Natural ability to draw not essential. Inquisitiveness and determination to see truthfully is. Individual tuition & portfolio advice for art college entrance available.

Leo du Feu

Tel: 01506 670165
Mobile 07709857178
email: leodufeu@hotmail.com
web: www.leodufeu.co.uk

Community Arts. Painting tuition, particularly the basic techniques of acrylic landscape painting.

visual arts tutors

Yvonne Hutchinson

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email: yvonnehutch@btinternet.com

Painter and printmaker exhibiting in art galleries in the UK and showing work with Perth Open Studios, crossing Borders Art Trail and Network Artists in Northumberland with the Art Tour. I am available for workshops in painting/printmaking, demonstration and presentations. Tutor at Livingston Art Association and member of VAS, SSA, D&GFAS and Northern Print Studios.

Ewan John

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web: www.ewanjohn.com

I am an exhibiting, mixed media artist and art tutor specialising in portfolio preparation. My classes cover everything from Illustration, bookbinding, badge-making, packaging design life drawing, painting the landscape, painting the human form and concentrate on personal development and the discovery of new techniques. I teach portfolio preparation at Forth Valley College and can give group and individual tuition to anyone looking to experiment with interesting materials and have fun along the way.

Nico Major

Mobile: 07941474123
email: edge23arts@gmail.com
web: www.edge23.create.it

Graffiti/visual artist tutor and commissions.

Michele Mathieson

Tel: 01506 825115
Mobile: 07845942433
email: michelemathieson@blueyonder.co.uk

Professional artist and community education tutor running regular art classes for adults and children in West Lothian. Experienced in working in schools, youth groups, after school clubs etc. Available for workshops in a wide range of art and craft techniques and also for larger projects such as murals.

June McEwan

Tel: 01764 656347
Mobile 07771875443
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web: www.junemcewan.biz

Professional artist with extensive experience of providing art workshops for children and adults of all abilities. Taster sessions in all arts & crafts from junkart and kite-making, plaster casting & mosaic to traditional natural crafts. Specialist in traditional artists materials. mural painter, partner in "Metamorface" (face painting team) NB Disclosure Scotland continuously updated since 1996, public liability etc.

Stewart McPherson

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Graduated from Gray's School of Art in Aberdeen in 2000 with a BA Hons Degree. Work primarily with oil, acrylic and collage inspired by Pop art and abstract expressionism, my work is bright bold and colourful.

Antonia Palmer

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Creative craft & design workshops including: hand & machine stitching, felt, fashion, 3D textiles, mixed media, textile dying and printmaking, Classes suitable for adults, children and those with special needs.

Terry Quinn

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Mobile 07887748401
email: terence.quinn@wled.org.uk

Landscape and still life painting in acrylic. Landscape drawing in conte. Commissions in both undertaken. Group activities in clay and paper mache for 5-14 year olds.

visual arts tutors

Susan Smith

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Mobile 07590802660

email: susan_art_yoga@yahoo.co.uk

Qualified art teacher, working in schools/community, experienced at working with adults and children. Workshops - off loom weaving, use of textiles, willow lanterns/structures, puppet making, mosaic, paper mache, other general art & crafts available, practicing artist. Work for Sale.

Alastair Sutherland

Tel: 01506 636227

Mobile 07546066047

email: saltywestfield@aol.com

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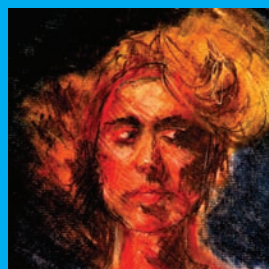
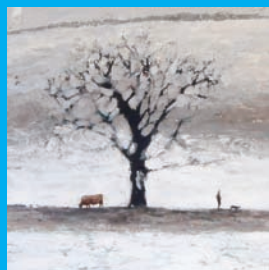
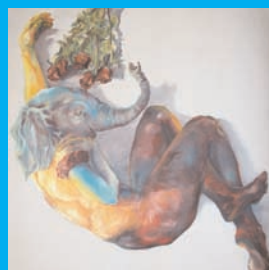
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art for sale



Leo du Feu

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Winner of the prestigious RSW Alexander Graham Munro Travel Award 2008. Leo du Feu's paintings of the Scottish landscape can be seen at galleries nationwide and at www.leodufeu.co.uk. Private and corporate commissions undertaken.

Linda Lincoln

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Original artwork in a variety of media and subject. Projects have included murals, free standing artwork and children's items. Demos in acrylics and oil pastel.

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Look into her paintings to take you to another place, to another time, to touch your 'soul', reflect your spirit, express your energy and match your mood. Acrylic or oil on canvas. Commissions accepted. Excellent value. Check our website, look out for local exhibitions and arrange to visit her studio, you can even hold a party with your friends!

Stewart McPherson

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Graduated from Gray's school of Art in Aberdeen in 2000 with a BA Hons Degree, I work primarily with oil, acrylic and collage. Inspired by Pop Art and Abstract expressionism, my work is bright, bold and colourful.

Wendy Randall

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Paintings for sale and available for commissions. Please call or email for further details, prices and viewing.

Susan Smith

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Drawings, paintings, prints, mixed media work.

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Priory Woodcrafts is the hobby of Keith supported by his wife, initially a surplus of items such as bowls, clocks, pens, vases and lamps etc. led to these being sold at local craft fairs, but as experience and confidence grew commissions are now taken. All work is still undertaken for pleasure so the cost of items can be kept low meeting the cost of the wood and other consumables. As an active member of many different organisations, including the Broxburn Woodcraft Club, The Livingston Craft Association and the Association of Woodturners of Great Britain, Keith is happy to offer tuition in woodturning at minimal cost. So for a gift with a difference visit - www.priorywoodcrafts.co.uk - and hopefully be inspired.

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