

ART SHape

Art Without Barriers

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Summer Newsletter June 2023

Welcome

Welcome to the first issue of Art Shape's newsletter.

Every two weeks we will share our exciting updates, stories, and keep you up to date with everything Art Shape.

You can also find out about our new courses, and meet some of our current participants.

Dates for your diary

Teaching Community Arts
Online course
Starting 23rd June

Arts Inc studio session
Starting 24th June

We are very excited about our two upcoming summer festivals.
We'd love to see you there!

Hi!Street Fest in central
Gloucester
1st July – 4:00pm

Happy Fest at Bournside
school
29th July



Recent events

Art Shape return to Big Health Day for its 15th anniversary!



Festival season is here!



Art Shape are very excited to be part of **Hi!street fest on the 1st July in Gloucester city centre**. We are working on a gift of performance depicting the abundance of the river for these two very special visitors.

**Come along on 1st of July
3.30pm-6pm!**

The parade will travel from Kings Square to Westgate Street.



On Saturday 29th July, Aim Up and Art Shape will be taking over Bournside School's sports field to bring you Happy Fest, an inclusive Music and Carnival Arts festival.

Find out more about Happy Fest including ways you can get involved by visiting:

<https://aimup.co.uk/happyfest/>

Starting soon



Arts Inc

Inclusive studio sessions

For ages 8-18

*we work with you in small,
age appropriate groups



Every Month!

Starts Saturday 24th June

11.30 -2.30pm

At the Art Shape studio,
Brockworth

In this session:

- **Needle felt a cactus**
- **Badge making**
- **Paper mache a withy lantern**

Arts Inc will run on the following dates:

June 24th, July 29th, August 26th, Sept 30th, Oct 28th,
and Nov 25th

To find out more, contact **Harriet** at

Art Shape on

harriet@artshape.co.uk

or call the office **01452 863855**



Starting soon

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Teaching Community Arts

With tutor Nina Kirkwood

June 23, 30, July 7, 14, 21

Online

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Learn online

Have you thought about sharing your arts practice with others through teaching but don't know where to start? This course will give you a taste of what teaching community arts involves and support you to identify the skills you will need to lead and teach others.

To find out more or book your place,
please get in touch 01452 863855 /
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Recent events

Big Health Day 2023

Art Shape had wonderful time at this years very hot and sunny Big Health Day last Friday at Oxstalls Sports Centre.

This year the Big Health event celebrated its 15th anniversary! This action packed event is aimed at helping people with disabling barriers and those in need of mental health support stay active and healthy.



Open Call

Between Sky and Earth - Landscapes of the Lark

Deadline for applications: Friday 7th July 2023

Artists are invited to submit work for a group show in the SVA project space, Stroud. Artists at all levels; all mediums welcome including painting, drawing, sculpture, film, installation (size restrictions may apply), printmaking, photography etc.

When: 22nd September – 1st October

Payments: All selected artists will receive a copy of the exhibition catalogue. Support for delivery of artworks may be provided on application.

DETAILS

This group show is part of the 'Landscapes of the Lark' project (April-September 2023) led by SVP (Stroud Valleys Project), who are a campaigning organisation supporting people of all backgrounds and abilities to connect with and nurture green spaces. The 'Landscapes of the Lark' project includes citizen science, walks, talks and other cultural events celebrating skylarks and raising awareness of the importance of the grassland ecosystem that supports them.

Periscope welcome work that touches on themes of commons and common land; sky and earth; liminal spaces; our relationship to place; grassland ecologies; connections, networks and responsibility of care; cultural representations of larks and what they symbolise; works that explore voices of those who inhabit and work in close relationship to land; works that elevate other-than-human experiences.

In keeping with Periscope's ethos of non-hierarchical inclusivity we will not be asking artists to submit a CV. **Submission process: submissions via this link:**

<https://www.curatorspace.com//opportunities/detail/open-call-for-exhibition--between-sky-and-earth/7340> or by email to periscopics@hotmail.com

Please include: up to three images each under 2MB (jpg, png, pdf), a supporting document detailing title, medium and dimensions for each piece (word, pdf) with a short statement to support your work (up to 200 words).

Deadline for submissions: Friday 7th July 2023

Artists will be notified of selection by the 21st July

Delivery date: Selected work should be delivered to Periscope during August, date tbc.



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Support Us

Donation info



Art Shape is a unique and inspiring Gloucestershire charity. **We've been proud to work throughout Gloucestershire for over 30 years.** We strongly believe in the power of the arts to change lives and improve health and wellbeing - our vision is that all people can chose to engage with the arts as equals.

As a charity, Art Shape relies on donations and charitable funds to be able to reach the people we work with. Even a small donation can make a big difference and all donations are very gratefully received.

If you would like to make a donation to Art Shape

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