

# THE BISCUIT FACTORY

## Creative Workshops

### Gond Painting

Introduction to the famous folk art of the Gond tribal community of central India. During the workshop explore the local flora and fauna, connecting with nature in the North East. Learn about Digna - a traditional geometric pattern and Bhittichitra which are paintings of animals, plants and trees. Learn about the use of patterns and vivid colours, white, red, blue, yellow to portray horses, elephants, tigers, birds, gods, people, as well as everyday objects.

Through painting in natural colours and recycled papers, consider the environmental impact of humans and their relationship with the earth. At the end of the workshop you will have created a beautiful painting to take home.

The workshop is split into two activities, first drawing and designing followed by painting. Templates are provided for animal and plant designs across the North East. .

**Sofia Barton** is a Cultural Activist and Multidisciplinary Artist from the North East who creates contemporary artwork inspired by nature and her Punjabi heritage.

This contemporary artwork is often comprised of bright colour palettes which are influenced by South Asian textiles and architecture to vintage matchboxes. Inspired by everyday objects she creates pieces depicting backgrounds and context of places, merging the traditional with a careful study of a modern society. Her creative practice has developed links with multiculturalism, feminism, and the LGBTQIA+ community.

Clients have included Northern Pride, Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Wild in Art, GemArts, Laing Art Gallery, Durham University, Tyneside Cinema and NEXUS.

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This workshop is designed for all levels of experience.

Participants are encouraged to arrive around 10-15 minutes ahead of their workshop.

There is parking on site and we have 2 free overflow car parks on Bermondsey Street and opposite at The Holy Biscuit.

Attendees will receive a 10% discount card for The Factory Kitchen to use on the day

Please contact [art@thebiscuitfactory.com](mailto:art@thebiscuitfactory.com) with any queries.