ST*ART Club

ST*ART is a Norwich Castle initiative led by artist and arts educator Ali Atkins (see more about Ali in 'About the Artist'). ST*ART Club is designed for children aged approximately 8-12, and aims to develop children’s confidence and creativity through fun activities which are inspired by the castle’s art galleries. We aim to deepen children’s knowledge and understanding and equip them with the means for self-expression.

ST*ART runs three times a year on Saturdays mornings over the course of 6 weeks. Each course focuses on a different art form:

- **ST*ART Drawing**, Autumn Term: introduction to drawing media, wire drawing, portraits and identity and 3D landscapes.
- **ST*ART Painting**, Spring Term: introduction to different painting methods, colour theory, textile art, collage, print making and panoramic painting.
- **ST*ART 3D**, Summer Term: introduction to creating 3D work, wire sculpture, clay and plaster casting and scrap box sculptures.

Throughout the year we also run several ST*ART Junior Masterclasses which are often led by a guest artist. These Masterclasses take place over the course of one day and are aimed at new and returning ST*ART Clubbers.

ST*ART Volunteering

**Why volunteer with ST*ART?**

This is a great opportunity to gain experience of art education by working with children on creative projects within a museum. Volunteering will allow you to see how sessions are developed, how we are inspired by our collections and how we integrate museum objects and artworks. You will also gain practical experience of working creatively with young people in an educational setting. It’s also loads of fun.

**What will I be doing?**

As a ST*ART Club Volunteer your role will be to assist Ali, our lead artists, and Rachel, the ST*ART Club Coordinator, in the running of the session. This will include setting up the space, preparing materials, demonstrating techniques, helping children interact with artwork and objects on display and supporting them to create their own work. In the final week you will help them prepare for and set up their final exhibition ready for a private view with friends, family and museum staff.
How often can I volunteer?
You can volunteer for as many or as few weeks as you wish to.

When should I arrive?
You will need to be at Norwich Castle on Saturday morning for 9:30am and the session will finish at 1pm.

What should I wear?
Please ensure that you wear comfortable and suitable clothing that you don’t mind getting dirty. We will provide aprons, etc. as appropriate, but cannot guarantee that clothes will not be dirtied.

Upcoming course dates and Information

ST*ART Drawing

**Week 1:** Sept 28th  
Get Started! Getting you in the picture and the ‘human camera’

**Week 2:** Oct 5th  
Get in the Galleries! - Do you see what I see? Drawing from memory

**Week 3:** Oct 12th  
Step Inside! - Landscape and drawing techniques using mixed media

**Week 4:** Nov 2nd  
Portraits Alive! - considering scale, proportion and context

**Week 5:** Nov 9th  
Treasure Box - It’s all about you - looking at personality and identity

**Week 6:** Nov 16th  
Exhibition and Private View 11am-12noon

About the Artist

Ali studied at the Norwich School of Art and gained a First (distinction) in Fine Art. Her practice is in sculpture and painting and she has exhibited her work nationally. As well as being a longstanding and passionate arts educator in Norfolk where she has worked with many of our schools, Ali has been selected to develop work for the Yorkshire Sculpture Park, The Broads Authority and is part of the Artists for Climate Change Collective. [www.aliatkins.co.uk](http://www.aliatkins.co.uk)

Contacts, Questions and Queries

If you are interested in taking part or would like to know more about volunteering please contact:

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