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Activities for the Half-term Holidays and year round for Nottingham's Children and Young People



Please forward this newsletter to friends and family that may be interested.

Welcome to the ChalleNGe newsletter for the half-term holidays and beyond. It's full of information about events, workshops and classes for children and young people from Nottingham's cultural and heritage organisations. If you'd like to receive this bi-monthly email, please join our mailing list here. Look out for all the free activities!

This newsletter is split into sections, click on the links below to go straight to the section. Or just scroll down and browse. You'll find out about more events and activities on our social media follow us at @ChalleNGeNotts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. You'll also find lots more ideas to entertain your children on our website.

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Makers Of Imaginary Worlds: HOME:ZERO

Ages 6-10 and their families. Thursday 26 May - Monday 30 May, from 10am each day, Lakeside Arts. Free, advance booking required.

From the moment, you enter the fun and exciting HOME: Zero installation you'll be discovering clues, completing challenges and investigating the National Gallery's Collection through the magic of creative technologies that spark the imaginations of children and adults alike. This unique project has been codesigned with local families to help us reimagine how we can each make a sustainable difference in our homes. Find out more here.



National Justice Museum: Bedroom Floor Catwalk Creative Workshop

Ages: KS3- KS4. Tuesday 31 May 10am-12pm. Free, drop in.

In 2021 artist Bruce Asbestos was commissioned to produce his catwalk collection for Spring/Summer 2021 for the exhibition; Power:

Freedom to Create at National Justice Museum. Join Bruce in a drop-in session where you'll be taking basic items and recycled materials to magically and quickly transform them into surprising costumes and sculptures. Free entry and materials are provided, but feel free to bring old clothes for upcycling and reclaiming! Find out more.



Nottingham Contemporary: Half Term Family Activities: Do It Yourself Games

All Ages: 31 May – Wednesday 1 June, 10.00-12.00 and 1.00-3.00. Free, but book in advance.

The family workshops provide the down time; to stop, pause, rest, think, and create. Design and make your own analogue game where you make the rules and play together from tabletop to large floor games. Find out more and book.



Nottingham Castle: Georgian Weekend

All Ages. Saturday 28 and Sun 29 May, 10am - 5pm. Included in the general admission ticket price
Black Knight Historical will bring the Georgian era to life in the grounds of Nottingham Castle. See
Redcoat soldiers in action as they demonstrate musket and cannon fire, explore living history camps, and

find out more about the music, fashion and recipes of Georgian England. Why not see if you can find the Luddites, who are plotting to rage against the machine! There'll also be chance for you to meet infamous highwaymen – but watch your pockets! (Family, 2 adults and up to 3 children: £35.50; Family, 1 adult and up to 3 children: £22.50; Under 5s free). Find out more



Lakeside Arts: The Gingerbread Man

Ages 3+. Thursday 2 June - Sunday 5 June, 11am and 2.30pm. £10.50-£12.00

You can't catch me I'm the Gingerbread Man!
Can he cross a river using a Fox as a raft? Is he faster than a Goose? It's a hard life for such a tasty little biscuit! The Gingerbread Man by Stuff and Nonsense, is a brilliant mix of puppetry, liveaction, great music, humour, and stunning staging in this fast-paced retelling of the much-loved classic tale. Find out more here.



Nottingham Playhouse: Aidy the Awesome

Tuesday 31 May, 10.30am and 1.00pm. Tickets £10.00-12.00

Aidy is a normal 8 year old girl... or so she thinks! One day she discovers a family secret that changes everything. Aidy and her granny embark on an adventure that turns their world upside down. They even begin to question what normal is, who wants to be normal when you can be SUPER! Aidy the Awesome is a stunning aerial theatre show for all the family to enjoy. Book and find out more.

From Home



Nottingham Music Hub: The Great Big Orchestra Project

Friday 22 July. Albert Hall, Nottingham.

To celebrate the visit of RHYO's partner orchestra, the JOK from Karlsruhe, Germany, Nottingham City, instrumental young musicians are invited to play alongside the two orchestras in workshops and an evening concert at Nottingham's Albert Hall. There are parts for most instruments and all levels of playing experience. Register your interest by completing the form, they will then be sent the instrumental parts and backing tracks.



Nottingham Music Hub: Voice Connect

Ages: 15-18

A new vocal group for young people in Nottingham. The sessions are for 15-18 year-olds who want to improve their singing and harmonising skills, and will be run by local singer songwriter and vocal coach Ajay Henry. Genres covered will be pop, with elements of R&B, soul and electronic music. Please complete this expression of interest form to have the opportunity to be involved from the start.



Notts Book Arts Competition 2022

Ages: 11-18. Free.

Young people can create a book using the instructions, and then show how creative they can be by adding pop-ups, windows or a add poster on the inside. To enter, photos of the book must be emailed by 31 August 2022 to nottsbookartscompetition@gmail.com Winners will be announced on 11 September and then a prizegiving will be held at the exhibition opening on 24 September. There are prizes for the winner and runner up in each category and the winning artwork will be displayed alongside professional

artists at Wollaton Library Artspace. For further details on how to enter, <u>download the book</u> <u>template and watch the how-to video</u>



RSE Day: Thursday 30 June 2022

All Ages. Free.

The new Resources for parents for RSE Day are live on the website to enable you to plan your RSE Day for 2022. Visit the Resources section of the RSE Day website and you'll find 10 fun and creative ways to engage your children in discussions around relationships and this year's theme, 'Celebrating Differences - Everyone Can Sparkle!'. Find out more.

Outings



New Art Exchange: Art Of Belonging

All Ages. 11 - 25 June. Free.

This vibrant exhibition showcases the art created by students from NEST (Nottingham Education Sanctuary Team), a full-time educational provision for asylum seeker and refugees aged 15-19 years. These young people, many of them unaccompanied children, have worked with artists and the city's cultural venues to consider what it is to 'belong' in a host city. What does it take to feel socially and culturally 'at home' and can the arts help in this process? Find out more.

Refugee Awareness Week Events at National Justice Museum

All Ages. Saturday 18 June. Sneinton Market. Free.

The National Justice Museum in Nottingham will be at the at opening day of the Refugee Awareness week, in Sneinton Market on Saturday 18 June. Come along and see some of the art projects local children have created, you'll have the opportunity to create your own artistic message of healing with the education team. All work created at the launch event will be displayed at the National Justice Museum for the entire week-long event!





Nottingham Contemporary: Assemble + Schools of Tomorrow: The Place We Imagine

All Ages. Until 4 September 2022. Free.

More than three years in the making, a series of large-scale play sculptures, one of which was developed in dialogue with children from three local schools. At each school Assemble worked closely with a resident artist and children over time to explore themes around play. Children's actions, ideas and responses were at the heart of this conversation; Assemble have created a design for and by the city's children. Find out more.



Nottingham Playhouse And Lakeside Arts Present:

A Midsummer Night's Dream

Ages 7+. Saturday 25 June, 3pm & 6pm, Sunday 26 June, 1pm and 4pm. £12 (£8 concessions) Join Lakeside and Nottingham Playhouse for more Shakespearean fun this summer. It's the turn of Puck, Bottom, Titania and four deeply confused young lovers to perform this much-loved magical and comic tale. Four fabulous performers, merry music and much mayhem is promised as we bring Shakespeare's classic tale to life. Find out more here. Also showing at Nottingham Playhouse,13-16 July 2pm and 6pm (13 6pm only).



Nottingham Contemporary: Laura Eldret, Reach, 2022

Fri 6 May – Sun 4 September, 12 - 1pm. Every Saturday throughout the exhibition. Free.

Reach is a living installation of gold leaf pasted directly on the gallery wall. The work is enacted by young people, where they use thin sheets of gold to create an index of their furthest reach. The installation, like children themselves, is always growing, as more and more imprints are added. Visitors are invited to leave their own fingerprints in gold as part of the installation. <u>Find out more</u>.







Lakeside Arts: Eye to Eye: Selected Works from the Lambirth Collection

All Ages. 2 July - 28 August. Free.

An exhibition of 125 works by seventy 20th-century and contemporary British artists selected from the private collection of Andrew and Sarah Lambirth. The works are in a range of materials - oil paintings, watercolours, drawings, prints – and feature a number of different subjects. Andrew is a University of Nottingham alumnus who went on to a successful career as a writer, art critic and curator. For twelve years he wrote a weekly column as art critic for *The Spectator*. The exhibition includes some famous names such as Maggi Hambling, Eileen Agar and John Craxton, as well as arists who are less well

known. Andrew particularly championed artists who he felt had been unjustly overlooked by the art establishment and many of the acquisitions have resulted from the friendships he's formed with the artists he wrote about. Find out more.



Lakeside Arts: Arts And Nature Summer School

Ages 8-12. Monday 1 August - Friday 5 August, 10am - 3pm. £125 (5 bursary places available)

Explore the Highfields Park from new viewpoints, with a chance to access areas and buildings that are not usually open to the public. Then use a range of techniques and materials, including drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking, to create artwork inspired by the spaces and your experiences. Find out more.



Lakeside Arts: Fabularium Summer School

Ages 9-14. Monday 29 August - Friday 02 September, 10am - 4pm. £125 (5 bursary places available)

Create a piece of outdoor theatre with the fabulous Fabularium team. Help design and build puppet characters and bring them to life in a walk-about theatre piece to share with park visitors and guests at the end of the week. <u>Find</u> out more.



Lakeside Arts: Luminarium: Dodecalis - Celebrating 30 Years Of Architects Of Air

All Ages. Saturday 06 - Sunday 14 August. 11am-5.15pm (last admission). Priority Access: £6, Standard Entry: £5, Under 18 months free.

Following a three-year gap, and in their 30th anniversary year, this Nottingham-based, internationally renowned company has a Nottingham premiere of a new luminarium. Dodecalis cleverly draws visitors through its labyrinthine shapes and three domes where they'll enjoy stunning, neon-like, vibrant colours. Architects of Air's luminaria are always sensory, always magical, and truly make for a truly memorable experience. Suitable for all, under 16s must be accompanied by a paying adult. Find out more.



Broadway: BFI Film Academy activity for 16-25's

Illustrated talks for 16-25s exploring the world of film, followed by a film screening. Find out more about the Midday Movie Masterclass + Screening season.



Broadway: Monthly Ticket Tombola

Broadway invites film lovers aged 16-25 to enter the monthly Ticket Tombola to see a film and Q&A for free. Enter at Ticket Tombola.

Pre-School



Free Parenting App for Nottingham Families

Ages: 0-5. Free.

Download the *EasyPeasy* app today and get thousands of tips and activities to try with your 0-5 year old! Parents can enter the age of their child and topics of interest to get content tailored to their needs and tackle specific problem areas. For more information and to download, visit the Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) website.



Small Steps Big Changes: Ideas Fund

(covering Aspley, Bulwell, Hyson Green, St Ann's and Arboretum). Free.

The Small Steps Big Changes (SSBC) Ideas Fund offers local community groups and organisations funding to test new and existing ideas for expectant parents and children aged 0-4 years in SSBC wards (Aspley, Bulwell, Hyson Green, St Ann's and Arboretum) to grow happy, healthy and confident! Find out more about joining in with the groups and the Ideas Fund. All sessions are free for residents of the named

areas.

- · City Arts: Early Years Family Festival
- · Education FC: Grow Together
- Freedom Foundation: Funky Tots
- · Ignite Futures: Curious Tots
- · Makers of Imaginary Worlds: Outdoor Adventures an exploration of nature, arts and wellbeing
- · Shifting Your Mindset: Nurturing Fatherhood Project
- · Sisters of Noor: Boogie Mites
- · Windmill Community Gardens: Outdoor Fun for the Under 4's
- · The Toy Library: Twigglets
- · St Ann's Allotment: New Shoots
- · Framework: Pregnancy Yoga
- · Literacy Volunteer's: Learning to Love Books
- · Belong Nottingham: For Pre and Ante-natal ESOL for migrant mums

Find out more about all the projects.

Drama



New Art Exchange YARD Young People's Theatre

Ages 8-12 Tuesdays 4.15-6.15pm. Ages 12-18 Wednesdays 5.15-7.15pm. Term Time. Free. YARD is a creative and supportive hub for young people to come together, develop their skills in theatre and performance, devise their own work and explore new ideas and approaches with a diverse range of professional artists.

Younger YARD aged 8-12 years develop confidence, communication and creative skills through games, story-making, and drama exercises. As well as making new friends, they explore new ways to express themselves and share their own stories. Sessions are safe, fun and stimulate the senses!

Older YARD aged 12-18 years develop performance skills, explore different styles and devise their own work. Working closely and collaboratively they explore the issues that matter to them and develop their own style as performers and theatre-makers. They create exciting, thought-provoking, and original work..

FREE and open to all, we welcome new members, come along and try a session anytime. To find out more contact.



Take part at Nottingham Playhouse

Sessions take place at Nottingham Playhouse. Find our more on the <u>website</u> or <u>email</u>. There are plenty of free bursary places available for each of these programmes.

Nottingham Playhouse: Infant Young Company Ages 5-7. 10am—11.15am Saturdays, Term-time.

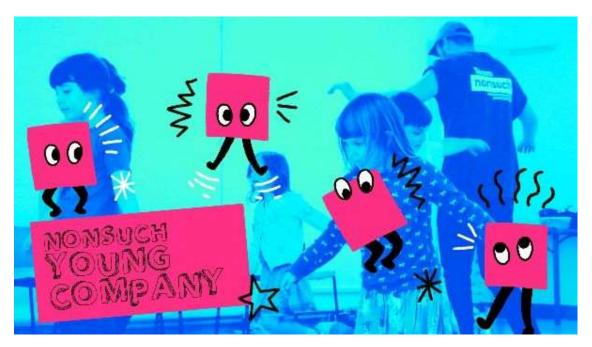
Sessions are playful, imaginative, experimental and fun. The emphasis is not on performance at this age but in allowing young people to be creative and curious in a safe and fun environment.

Nottingham Playhouse: Junior Young Company Ages 8-11. 11.45am-1.15pm Saturdays, Term time.

Sessions are designed to develop creative play with lots of games, teamwork, skills building and loads of fun. To further explore using bodies and voices to learn how to tell stories and to turn them into exciting theatre. The emphasis is not on performance at this age but in allowing young people to develop their creativity and curiosity in a safe and fun environment.

Nottingham Playhouse: Senior Young Company Ages 12-16. 6-8pm Mondays, Term time.

Sessions focus on developing as a performer and on working effectively and collaboratively with fellow artists/performers/theatre-makers. The sessions are fun and challenging in equal measure. Many aspects of performing will be covered including acting techniques, improvisation, physical performance, voice, characterisation and script work. Sessions have a professional ethos and it is a key part of the Senior Young Company that there are opportunities to perform the work created for an audience.



Nonsuch Young Company

Nonsuch Studios from 19 April until 28 July

Advanced Young Company: Ages 12-15. Thursdays, 5.30-7.00pm. £9.00 per week.

Senior Young Company: Ages 8-11. Saturdays 11.15am-12.45pm. £8.00 per week or £80 per term.

Junior Young Company: **Ages 5-7**. Thursdays 3.30-4.15pm, Saturdays 10.00-11.00am. £7.00 per week or £70 per term.

Little Creators: Ages 2-4. Thursdays 9.00am-9.45am, Saturdays 9.00-9.45am. £6.00 per week or £60.00 per term.

Have fun trying out a broad range of high-energy drama, dance, musical theatre, singing, improv and acting exercises that are both fun and challenging. NYC sessions are all about creating together, building confidence, developing skills and having fun. <u>Find out more.</u>

Nonsuch: Home Rangers

Ages 6-11. Fridays 10am-12pm £9.60 per week or £84.00 for 10 weeks.

A creative drama session tailored for the Home Educated Community. Participants engage in a wide range of skills and theatre approaches such as mime, puppetry and acting to camera. Working within a safe environment, the group will feel supported in developing themselves as creatives as well as individuals. <u>Find out more</u>.

Dance



Dance4: Jump Start

Ages 7-11. 4.15pm – 5.15pm each Monday during term time.

Creative dance experiences to enthuse and excite children to get involved in dance and develop new skills. Cost per session is £3/£1.50 (concessions for those living in or attending primary schools in Sneinton and St Ann's). Find out more on the <u>website</u>.

Art



New Art Exchange: Saturday Art Club

Ages 4-7 (0-10 welcome) 18 June, 2, 16, 30 July, 13, 27 August 10.30am–12.30pm. Drop-in, Free Kickstart your Saturday with these free drop-in creative workshops. These bi-weekly family sessions make space for creative learning and lots of fun, the perfect chance to get creative as a family! Find out more.



Nottingham Contemporary Family Activities

Play and Learn: In Gallery, at Home, and Outside! Join the free family workshops at Nottingham Contemporary or enjoy the activities on the website to keep you busy at home and outside. You can use objects from around the home and for others you might need a few art materials. Free material packs are available for collection from the reception in Nottingham Contemporary, or they can post them out to you! Please email for free material packs.



Open Call: 1525 Collective New Members

Ages 15-25. Nottingham Contemporary. Free. 1525 Collective are looking for new members to join them. 1525, are a group of young creatives who gather regularly at Nottingham Contemporary. They strive to be a proactive collective sharing resources, discussing ideas, and mutually supporting each other's creative interests. More information can be found on the website.



Nottingham Trent University: Saturday Art Club

Ages 13-16. Launching in November, Saturdays 10am-1pm, term-time. Free.

Members will try their hand at a variety of different art forms in our free weekly workshops and masterclasses with professional artists. With access to Nottingham Trent University's excellent Art and Design facilities, they'll make new friends, and have the opportunity to exhibit their artwork nationally! The club also looks great on their CV if they decide to apply to college or university later on. The club is run in partnership with Nottingham Trent University and the National Saturday Club. To find out more please email.

Music



Nottingham Music Hub: Robin Hood Youth Orchestra (RHYO)

Ages 11-19. Saturdays 9am-1pm, Nottingham City centre.

RHYO plays a diverse range of music from classical to film to jazz. For 11-19 year olds in Nottingham City who can play their instruments to around Grade 4+. They rehearse once a week on Saturdays in the city centre (currently at the Nottingham Cathedral). The annual fee is £48 for pupils living within Nottingham City boundaries, £90 for pupils living in the county and £11 for young people eligible for pupil premium. For more information visit the NMH website.



Nottingham Music Hub: RHYO InterConnect

A great place to meet new people, make friends and become a better musician. Young people get performance opportunities throughout the year and the chance to work with professional musicians.

Strings Folk Connect

For pupils who play the violin, viola and/or cello and can play around Grade 1+ Level. The group will meet once a week on Monday, 4.30-5.30pm.

Guitar Connect

For pupils who play the acoustic guitar at around Grade 1+ Level. The group will meet once a week on Wednesday, 4.30-5.30pm.

Salsa Jazz Connect

For pupils who play brass and woodwind instruments at around Grade 1+ Level. The group will meet once a week on Fridays, 4.30-5.30pm.

For young people living or studying in the city, the annual cost of joining any music hub ensemble will be £54 (£15 concessions). Please note that you only have to pay one annual fee but can be part of more than one Music Hub ensemble. For young people living AND studying in the county, please note that the annual cost of joining a music hub ensemble is £110. For more information visit the NMH website.

Reading and Literature



Fair Play: A six part postcard adventure for children and families

Ages 5-11

When puzzling postcards start arriving through your letterbox asking for help, only you can crack the code and figure out who the mystery writer is. Following a successful postcard drama format, New Perspectives' latest series, Fair Play, is a six-part postcard adventure for families with children aged 5-11 to enjoy together. Plus there's

a QR code on each postcard to download with an activity sheet to explore a variety of creative challenges. For more details and book please email.



Nottingham UNESCO City of Literature: Rainbow Library

All Ages. Free.

The Rainbow Library is a pioneering initiative to make more books for young readers that include LGBTQ+ identities and experiences. In summer 2023, they'll publish eight LGBTQ+ inclusive titles for young readers of all ages, including picture books, fiction and nonfiction, poetry and comics. These books will be developed through consultations with LGBTQ+ young people in Nottingham. The aim is to get these books into every school and library in the UK and Ireland. If you're interested in supporting the project get in touch by email.



Nottingham City Libraries for Families

All ages. Branches across the city. Free.

Nottingham City Libraries have a wealth of resources and activities for children and their families. The brand new website makes it easy to find information about libraries, resources, book recommendations, events and more. Whether you are looking for stories and rhymes for little ones, code clubs, after school home work sessions or holiday activities, it's all covered. You can find out more by signing up to our enewsletter on the <u>webpage</u>.

Wellbeing



Enabling young people to reach their potential

Base 51 Youth Project

NGY MyPlace, 29-31 Castle Gate, Nottingham NG1 7AR

Ages 11-15. 6 days a week Mon-Fri: 3.30-8pm, Saturday: 1-3pm. (Almost all) free.

Base 51 is a safe and welcoming place for Nottingham's Young People.

Facilities include: A gym (50p per session), a dance studio (rates vary), kitchen, bouldering wall, table tennis, computers, games, arts and crafts.

The Hangout is a universal afterschool club for 11-17yr olds 3.30pm- 6.00pm on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri.

Mondays: Art in Mind 6.00pm-8.00pm for ages 11-17

Tuesdays: **F-Word**, 6.00pm-8.00pm, a young women's group for ages 16-24 Wednesdays: **OutBurst** (LGBTQIA+ group) 6.00pm-8.00pm for ages 15-19

Thursdays: Youth Talk (Podcast) 6.00pm-7.00pm

Saturdays: OutBurst Juniors (LGBTQIA+) 1.00pm-3.00pm for ages 11-15

There's also a counselling service, C-Card, 1:1 support, showers, laundry and food parcels.

Find out more on the website.



Creating Connections

Ages 8+ Free.

The Creating Connections learning activities have been designed by NAE Associate Artists Shamila Chady and Elaine Winter for use at home or school. Creating Connections is designed to help young people make positive connections with others their age where there is a feeling of disconnection due to cultural and other differences. Download the activity pack.



Base 51: OutBurst

Ages 11-14 Saturdays and 15-19 Wednesdays at Base 51. Free.

LGBTQ+ group - a safe space for young people to express themselves and make friends and join in with a wide range of activities. Book spaces through the <u>Base51 website</u>.



Empowering Your Young People, Steering Them Towards Success

Monday-Friday after school, across Nottinghamshire. Free.

The Pythian Club (TPC) offer a comprehensive timetable of after school activities taking place at venues across Nottinghamshire. Activities include basketball, football, fitness boxing and multi-skills sessions, music and drama. TPC aspire to support the development of our young people by progressing them onto further initiatives such as a coaching opportunities, TPC

young leader's academy, vocational courses and accreditation and/or employment opportunities via our new Jobs Club. For more details visit the <u>website</u> or <u>email</u>.

Event Production



New Art Exchange: Younique Producers

Ages 14 years+ first Thursday of each month 5pm-6.30pm. Free.

What matters to you and what do you think needs changing in this world right now? YOUnique is an exciting arts and activism programme organised by, and for, young people. Join to become a Younique Producer, be part of a small and dedicated team and learn all aspects of event production. You will produce events and opportunities you want to see for young people in your city. No previous experience needed just plenty of ideas, enthusiasm, and some commitment. All specialist skills and training are provided. To get involved or find out more please email.

Directories and Websites

Activities for Children and Young People

Visit the ChalleNGe website for hundreds of activities for children and young people.

ASKLION

Find activities and support in Nottingham with the LiON directory.

HashtagNg

Nottingham Youth Network have a website www.hashtagng.co.uk with information, events, signposting etc for young people in Nottingham. They create social media videos and are working to develop youth services in the city. Issues connected to domestic violence, exploitation in relation to poverty, isolation and mental health are all covered and there's interest in working together with the arts sector.

Next Gen Online Platform

The Next Gen Platform is an online hub for young people to access a range of workshops and seminars, covering various subjects such as mental health, business and social media marketing. Regular workshops include:

- Nottingham Inspired Mondays 6pm-7pm
- Social Media Marketing Tuesdays 6pm-7pm
- CV and Cover Letter Writing Wednesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm
- DJ Classes Every Thursday 5pm–6pm
- Next Gen Monthly Focus Group

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