

Open Doors Schools Programme



**Developing creative community connections through
the life changing effects of art and culture.**

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What is Open Doors?

Open Doors is an exciting new project that aims to develop creative community connections through the life changing effects of art and culture. Open Doors aims to inspire everyone across Newark and Sherwood through free creative activities between 2023 and 2027. Our programme includes:

- pop-up activities in all corners of our district
- creative arts workshops and events at our sites and across the district
- artists in schools and communities
- professional development for creatives and teachers
- Creative arts sessions in schools across the age and ability range
- opportunities for young people, including Arts Award

Our Mission

We are passionate about bringing high quality creative arts practice to wherever learning happens, in schools, playgroups and other community venues.

Our sessions are flexible, delivered by creative arts experts, tailored to your needs and **fully funded by the Arts Council (at no cost to you)**.



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Our Creative Arts Learning Offer

Outreach sessions: Book a full day, half day, or single lesson session with one of our creative arts team. We can bring exciting performance experiences to your classroom including , storytelling, puppet play, curriculum-linked drama sessions and musical activities.

Theatre Tours: Bring your class to The Palace Theatre and peek behind the curtain to see what goes on back stage!

Loans Boxes: Borrow one of our story bags to resource your classroom storytelling with props, costumes, BSL signs, and music.

Bespoke sessions: looking for creative arts activity that is linked with a particular topic or theme? Contact us to discuss a bespoke package.

Teacher CPD: Need some support to embed creative arts practice across the curriculum? We can provide planning advice, resources and whole staff meetings.

.....gave some of our more reluctant learners an opportunity to become involved in a creative way.

Their performance of the key songs was brilliant. Teacher CPD showed us **how** to teach songs.
Engaging, Powerful,
Exciting!

Amazing introduction to music!
The facilitator was amazing, accommodating our students and meeting all their needs.

The children were engaged and the staff took ideas away to apply in the classroom.

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Our Creative Arts days

Enjoy a creative arts experience in the comfort of your own classroom!

Every Outreach sessions includes:










- A full or half day’s activity for up to 30 children.
- An experienced creative arts officer to facilitate the whole experience.
- Props, costumes, signs and music.
- Top tips for developing the work after the session.



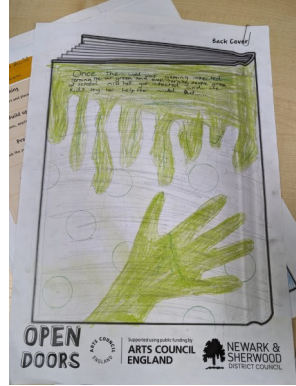
Session Title	Session Content	Outreach session	Digital resource	Loans Box
Pre-school				
Palace Players	<p>Enjoy an hour of music and movement. Discover the musical instruments in our big blue bag of jingles, listen and play along to music from around the world, enjoy parachute games, dancing musical story time, and meet our cuddling friends. Sessions help develop fine and gross coordination skills , active listening, social skills, understanding of pulse and rhythm, and confidence.</p> <p>Suitable for children toddling to 4</p>	●		





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KS1				
Play Box!	Find out all about the people who create theatre and become directors, stage-crew and actors in this this fun interactive introduction to theatre in a day. Look closely at what makes an exciting story, delve into our box of costumes and props and create a production of Room on the Broom to perform to your friends on the day or at your chosen time.			
Puppet Play	A full day of fun, creativity and performance for your classroom in this introduction to scriptwriting. Find out about different kinds of plays and use our three-scene play structure to write your own. Make your own wooden-spoon puppet actors and step into our pop-up theatre to perform for your friends.			
Storybook Choir	Enjoy a magical day of interactive storytelling and singing. One of our brilliant facilitators will join your Key Stage 1 classroom equipped with their magical musical storybook bag, props, costumes and much more to lead a day of learning, singing, BSL signing, and performing songs found in children's literature.			

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KS2				
<p>You CAN judge a book by it's cover!</p>	<p>A half day session of creative writing, design, and art skills.</p> <p>Study different genres of fiction writing and the cover art tools used to tempt readers to pick up a book and buy it.</p> <p>Plot out works of fiction, compose a blurb, and design a front cover.</p>			
<p>Chorus Kids</p>	<p>A full day of singing, music and performance . After physical, facial, and vocal warmups, your pupils will learn two songs to perform later in the day.</p> <p>Perhaps you have a school play, assembly, or concert you are preparing for? We can run Chorus Kids with the songs you need your pupils to learn and perform.</p>			

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KS 2 continued....

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Much Ado about Shakespeare	<p>Burst into the magical storytelling world of William Shakespeare! Choose a play from our list and, using drama studio techniques, you and your pupils will meet the characters and create the scenes from the play. At the end of the day, you and your pupils will participate in an interactive telling of your chosen play.</p> <p><i>This session will require use of the school hall.</i></p>	●		
Arts Awards	<p>A wonderful way to encourage children of 5 and up to create and achieve, Trinity College Discover Arts Award can be delivered as an after-school club at your school. Children identify different art forms , have a go at creating art and share their experience with others.</p>	●	●	





Frequently Asked Questions

How long are the sessions?

Palace Players is an hour long session which can be booked as a one-off event or for multiple visits. Most **KS 1 and 2 sessions** last for a whole school day. The **Egyptian Theatre** session takes place over two days. If you would like to split days or book multiple visits please get in touch us at

opendoors@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk

Can the sessions be adapted for my class?

Yes they can! We are always happy to tailor your Open Doors visit to your requirements.

What happens if we need to cancel a session?

We hope this is a rare event but of course we understand that sometimes plans need to change. If you need to cancel your session please contact opendoors@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk as soon as possible.

What do I need to do in order to prepare for your visit?

Full details on preparing for our visit will be included in your booking confirmation letter.

Are you DBS checked?

All our team are DBS Enhanced checked and will bring their paperwork for you when they visit.

Do you have a risk assessment for each activity?

Every learning session is risk assessed. Risk assessment guidance will be sent in your booking confirmation

How much do these sessions cost?

There is **NO COST** for Open Doors learning programme. We are fully funded by Arts Council England and are delighted to offer our learning sessions free of charge to schools and communities.



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Bring your class to The Place Theatre Newark

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palace@nsdc.info or **01636 655755**



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