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Newsletter

Hi

Welcome to Shelley Wilson!

Hi everyone! I'm Shelley Wilson, the new Creative Arts Coordinator here at Lakeside. I joined in May and have been busy planning workshops, exploring funding, and connecting with our amazing creative community.

One of the highlights so far was completing an art competition with St. James Academy in Crigglestone – such a fun project!

Thanks to everyone who's made me feel so welcome. I'm really excited for what's ahead!



Workshops

We enjoyed two Jesmonite workshops delivered by Gillian Rice from 'Make with Gilly'. Jesmonite is part of the concrete family and sets really quickly - we had a great time mixing the colours. Participants explored different techniques such as gradients, marbling and terrazzo. Take a look at our Facebook page to see more photos!



Keep up to date with Lakeside news by following us on Facebook and Instagram. We regularly post about up-and-coming events too!

Don't forget to follow us and share our posts - it really helps us to raise our profile.

@lakesidecreativeartscentre



Recorder group

We are looking for recorder players to join our brand new recorder group.

Whether you're a total beginner or a seasoned pro, you're warmly welcome.

No pressure – just music in a relaxed setting.

Taster session taking place soon!

To find out more, or to register your interest, email Shelley at

hello@lakesidecreativeartscentre.co.uk

All abilities welcome.

Beetles & Bugs

Our half term craft events provided an opportunity to meet some of our local families. Children created pine cone bees, clay snails and worked together to paint a collaborative butterfly.

We have more family craft sessions taking place during the summer. Look out for our 'Crafty by Nature' sessions on the Lakeside Creative Arts Centre Facebook page.

Get in touch!

Thanks to everyone who has submitted ideas for future workshops, I have enjoyed reading through all of them. If you have a suggestion for something you'd like to see happening at the arts centre, or would like to meet for a chat, please get in touch by emailing hello@lakesidecreativeartscentre.co.uk



New! A Capella Choir

Love to sing? Come and be part of an exciting new A Capella choir starting up in Newmillerdam!

Enjoy making music in a fun, friendly, and relaxed setting – no pressure, just great harmonies and good company. No experience needed.

To find out more, or to register your interest, contact Antony Davis at music4all72@gmail.com



Open to Wonder

We had a great time at our poetry retreat 'Open to Wonder' in June. Celebrating the poet Mary Oliver, participants spent the morning reflecting on what it means to find stillness and peace amid busy lives. Activities included creative writing, collage and a walk around local woodlands. Thank you Julian and Lynne for delivering such a thought provoking and creative session.



Craft and Chat group

Our regular Craft and Chat group takes place each first and third Thursday, 1:30pm - 3:30pm. A perfect opportunity to chat about all things crafty! Free but donations welcome. Look at our Facebook page for updates.



 **Email**

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Exciting news!

Presidential visit

Join us for a morning of reflection led by the President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Richard Andrew, as we journey together through this year's presidential theme: "Our Story, Our Song". Discover how our lives as Methodists are shaped by those who accompany us on our journey, and the experiences that form our shared story of faith.

Friday 5th September, 10:00am – 12:30pm
(Registration/refreshments 9:30am)

This workshop is free, but tickets must be booked in advance. Please visit ticketsource.co.uk/lakeside-creative-arts-centre



News article

Exciting news! Lakeside Creative Arts Centre is featured in a new article on the Methodist Church website, highlighting its vibrant role in the Aire and Calder Methodist Circuit. Check it out and see how creativity and community come together at Lakeside! Visit our Facebook page to read the article in full.



Upcoming Events

- Crafty by Nature - 31st July, 14th and 21st August, 10:30am - 12:30pm and 1:00pm - 2:30pm
- Our Story, Our Song - Friday 5th September, 10:00am - 12:30pm
- A Capella Choir taster session - Thursday 4th September, 10:00am - 11:30am

Book here

ticketsource.co.uk/lakeside-creative-arts-centre



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we begin to offer more events/activities, we are keen to grow our team of volunteers. If you would like to volunteer with us, please get in touch!