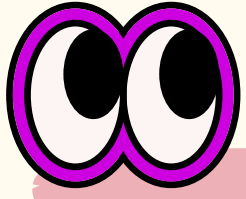


SANDWELL CULTURAL FORUM'S NEWSLETTER

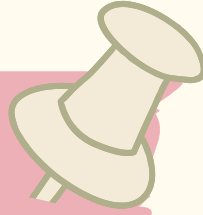
JANUARY 2025



Next meeting date:

Thursday 16th January 2025,
1.00-3.00pm

Kindly hosted by Infamous Arts, Unit 1 IZONS
Industrial Estate, Oldbury Road, West Bromwich
B70 9BS. Agenda TBC



Join in!

Join Word Lounge Theatre Company
(Deadline 13th January 2025)
Word Lounge Theatre Company is our youth
theatre for children who are in care or care
experienced, young carers and young
people with additional educational needs
aged 13 - 17 who are passionate about
theatre and performance. The project will
return to MAC this spring. If you know a
young person who would benefit from this
project [click here to find out more
information and to sign up](#). Word Lounge
Theatre Company is free to attend.



Support for creatives!

Would you like to set up a community arts project or workshop but don't know where to start? Spend the day with Spectra's Creative team and get the guidance and inspiration to start making the work you want with the people you want to work with.

Book now via [Eventbrite](#) and email hayley@wearespectra.co.uk for more information or to let us know how we can make this training accessible for you

THIS MONTH'S FEATURED MEMBER!

ME DANCE!

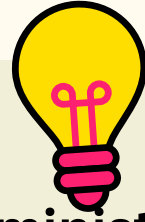
ME Dance Company is the sole professional contemporary dance company in West Bromwich, and is led by a Black-British Caribbean woman. Marcia is a graduate of Northern School of Contemporary Dance and has over 20 years experience as a dancer and teacher. She has worked nationally and internationally.

ME Dance has a few opportunities for youth students aged 11-16 to join classes on Saturday 11th Jan at Central Library West Bromwich 10.30-1.30pm.

They are also looking for individuals to join their existing members for a new youth dance company.

They also have a professional class for students or teachers who have an existing background in dance training and would like to improve or develop their technical skills from Thursday 16th Jan at Sandwell College 5.30-7.30pm. All classes cover the following styles: Contemporary, Commercial, Ballet, Jazz, Salsa, Creative Choreography and Fitness.

Job Opportunities!



Chance Heritage Trust are recruiting an Administrator, details on their website! - click here

To apply; email info@chanceht.org and include a covering letter telling us why you think you can fulfil the role and include a current CV detailing your past experience.

The closing date for applications is
13th January 2025

**Women & Theatre | Critical Friends Panel Facilitator
(Deadline 9am Monday 20th January 2025)**

Women & Theatre is seeking to recruit a freelance facilitator to facilitate two meetings per year of our Critical Friends Panel.

Fee: A day rate in the region of £350 and a minimum of 8 days in the first 12 months [more info and how to apply on our website by clicking here](#)

Funding Success!

Congrats to Sandwell Museums for a successful grant from Museum Development Midlands to develop their Tots in Museums project in 2025!



CALL OUT FOR FREELANCE ARTISTS!

Women & Theatre | Getting to know Freelancers (no deadline)

W&T want to broaden their connections with Freelance Facilitators based in Birmingham, and the surrounding areas, for our projects from 2025. We are looking for Facilitators that have an artistic practice and have experience in working in community, hospitals, and with young people.

The call out is open to all, we are particularly keen to hear from freelance artists who are underrepresented in the industry including those from the Global Majority, the LGBTQ+ community, people who identify as deaf, disabled or neurodiverse and those who are working class.

Please note this is a general call out to widen our knowledge of local freelance artists, and not an application for a current role. Send through your name, CV, or any link to your work to info@womenandtheatre.co.uk

Do you know someone who wants to join the Sandwell Forum?

**Email Stacey via:
stacey_bagdi@sandwell.gov.uk**



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Sandwell Libraries:

- [18th Jan: An Afternoon with Tom Heyes, Stone Cross Library, free but book now!](#)
- [All events coming soon on ticketsource](#)
- [Saturday 25th January at 2.00pm, Fun Time Theatre presents Robin Hood Pantomime at Stone Cross Library](#)

In our community:

- Warm Hub Coffee Morning: every Tuesday 10-12 and Bingo Every Thursday 12-2pm - Both held at the Myra Harris Community Room. Brickhouse Lane, West Bromwich - no need to book.
- [13th January, How To Kickstart Your Creative Arts Project - Book now](#)
- [25th January OUTSIDELEFT NIGHT OUT featuring FREE LIVE MUSIC from Jackdaw with Crowbar with eclectic DJ sets from Woodenhand and Prehistoric Man 1000 TRADES on the Park, Lightwoods House, Bearwood Saturday January 25th at 8pm til 11pm](#)



You're invited to Spectra's January Blues Bash

Friday 17th January 2025, 6pm-10pm

An evening of relaxed fun to boost our spirits through the darker months.

- Free drinks
- Bring & Share Food
- Spectra Style Disco
- Games Corner

Bring a friend, partner, family or just yourself!
Please RSVP to hello@wearespectra.co.uk

We'll provide the space, the sound system, some drinks and samosas. Please feel free to bring food, games and / or music to share - or just yourself!

St Hilda's
269 Abbey Road
B67 5NQ



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**ART
EXHIBITION**

**The Art Yard
Gallery**

Upper High Street
Cradley Heath
West Midlands
B64 5HX

MON 6TH JAN TO SAT 1ST FEB

Submission form:
Email: infoartyard@gmail.com
or visit us
Tel: 01384 910968
www.mfaa.co.uk

**Entry Deadline
SAT 4TH JAN**

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1. 1000 Trades
2. Anthony McFarlane (Artist)
3. Black Country Touring
4. Bear Bookshop
5. Bearwood Community Hub
6. Bearwood Promoters
7. Big Bear Music
8. Birmingham Opera
9. Blue Sheep Books
10. Birmingham Music Archive
11. Canal & River Trust
12. City of Birmingham Orchestra
13. Chance Heritage Trust
14. Curl Girl Productions
15. Creative Black Country
16. Drama AND SOME cic
17. The Art Yard
18. Powered by Can
19. Kickstarts Dance
20. Outside Left
21. Wild Lives Forest School
22. Learn with Lolonyo
23. Luke Perry (Artist)
24. ME Dance
25. Method in Motion
26. Midlands Metro Hospital
27. Multistory
28. Fantastic Journeys
29. Quennie Lim (Artist)
30. Sandwell College
31. Sarah Cole, writer
32. SCVO
33. SIPS
34. Smethwick Heritage Centre
35. Stan's Cafe
36. SWEDA
37. The Parakeet
38. The People's Orchestra
39. We are Spectra
40. West Midlands Heritage Building Trust
41. Women & Theatre

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