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Get Creative Grants Project Summary 2024

A grant award from the West Midlands Combined Authority's and HM Government's **Commonwealth Games Legacy Enhancement Fund** has enabled Birmingham City Council's **Cultural Development Service** to support **nine creative projects** across Birmingham amplifying the positive impact of Birmingham 2022.

Get Creative Projects

Driven by the passions and interests of Birmingham's communities collectively these creative projects:

- Tell unheard histories of Birmingham residents
- Celebrate Birmingham's diversity
- Support underrepresented voices
- Actively involve children and young people (under 18 years)
- Help to strengthen the identity of individual neighbourhoods
- Connect different communities, practically or socially

Key Project Celebration Dates - 2024

Project	Arts Organisation/Group	Key sharing/celebration dates
Stryx Children and Families Activities	Stryx Projects CIC	Saturday 28 September – Sunday 27 October
Little Dreamers	LouDeemY Productions	Monday 28 October - Friday 01 November
Light Up Fest	Autin Dance Theatre	Saturday 30 November
St Basil's Pop-up Theatre	Sudden Productions	Thursday 05 December
Stories from the Shed	Northfield Arts Forum	Tuesday 10 December
Making for Climate Change	Craftspace	Wednesday 11 December
Bethak	Raqs Art	Saturday 14 December
Make Me Visible	West Midlands Circus Centre	Saturday 14 December
Sewing Solidarity	The Gap Arts Project	Saturday 14 December



Stryx Children and Families Activities

Saturday 28 September – Sunday 27 October 2024

A varied programme of creative activities and events for children and families promoting self-expression, independent exploration, development of motor skills and cultural awareness.

In celebration of the activities and artworks created Stryx Autumn Family festival will coincide with a Stryx Kids Community exhibition produced and co-curated by workshop participants and their families.

Delivered by Stryx Projects

Little Dreamers

Monday 28 October - Friday 01 November 2024

Little Dreamers is a series of fun and creative Art & Storytelling workshops for 5–11-year-olds.

The project focuses on teamwork, holistic well-being, and developing transferable skills and will culminate in a show/sharing event, where participants can celebrate their creativity and growth.

Delivered by LouDeemY Productions





Light Up Fest

Saturday 30 November 2024

Light Up Fest is proudly delivered by Autin Dance Theatre, commissioned by Midlands Arts Centre, and supported by Birmingham City Council Get Creative Grants Programme.

A series of weekly lantern-making workshops will take place at Midlands Arts Centre to craft glowing lanterns from willow and paper which will be part of this spectacular celebration.

The festival will culminate in a beautiful procession around Canon Hill Park, ending with a celebratory gathering at MAC's outdoor theatre, complete with music, lights, and hot chocolate to warm your soul!

Delivered by Autin Dance Theatre



St Basil's Pop-up Theatre

Thursday 05 December 2024

Young people (16-25) living in temporary accommodation are inspired to create original, innovative & spontaneous theatre telling their unheard stories and experienced of youth homelessness in Birmingham

The project participants will be involved in all aspects of the production which promises to be full of life, colour and emotion.

The project will be celebrated through a community performance and a podcast recording to document their individual journeys and life stories.

Delivered by Sudden Productions

A green rectangular poster for 'NAF Stories from the Shed'. At the top left, 'NAF' is in a large, bold, serif font, with 'Northfield Arts Forum' in a smaller font below it. To the right, 'Stories from the Shed' is written in a large, elegant serif font. On the left side, there is a detailed illustration of a small wooden shed with a gabled roof, a single window, and a door. A small bird is perched on the roof, and a small plant with purple flowers is in a pot next to the shed. Below the illustration, the text reads: 'Join Northfield Arts Forum for free creative workshops using life experience, community connection and stories to create signs of positivity for Northfield.' At the bottom, the location, time, and dates are listed: 'Where: Northfield Community Garden, Opposite Northfield Sainsbury's, Lockwood Road, B31 1PZ (off Northfield High Street)', 'When: Thursday's 12.30 - 2.30pm', and 'Dates: September 12th, 19th, 26th, October 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, November 7th, 14th plus a celebration event, date TBC'. A note at the very bottom says: '(You can also join us on Friday's as part of the Community Garden Session 10am -1pm.)'.

NAF Northfield Arts Forum

Stories from the Shed

Join Northfield Arts Forum for free creative workshops using life experience, community connection and stories to create signs of positivity for Northfield.

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(off Northfield High Street)

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Stories from the Shed Tuesday 10 December 2024

Stories from the Shed will create sustainable public artworks celebrating the Northfield community.

These artworks will be developed through a series of creative workshops using life experience, community connection and stories to create signs of positivity for Northfield.

Delivered by Northfield Arts Forum

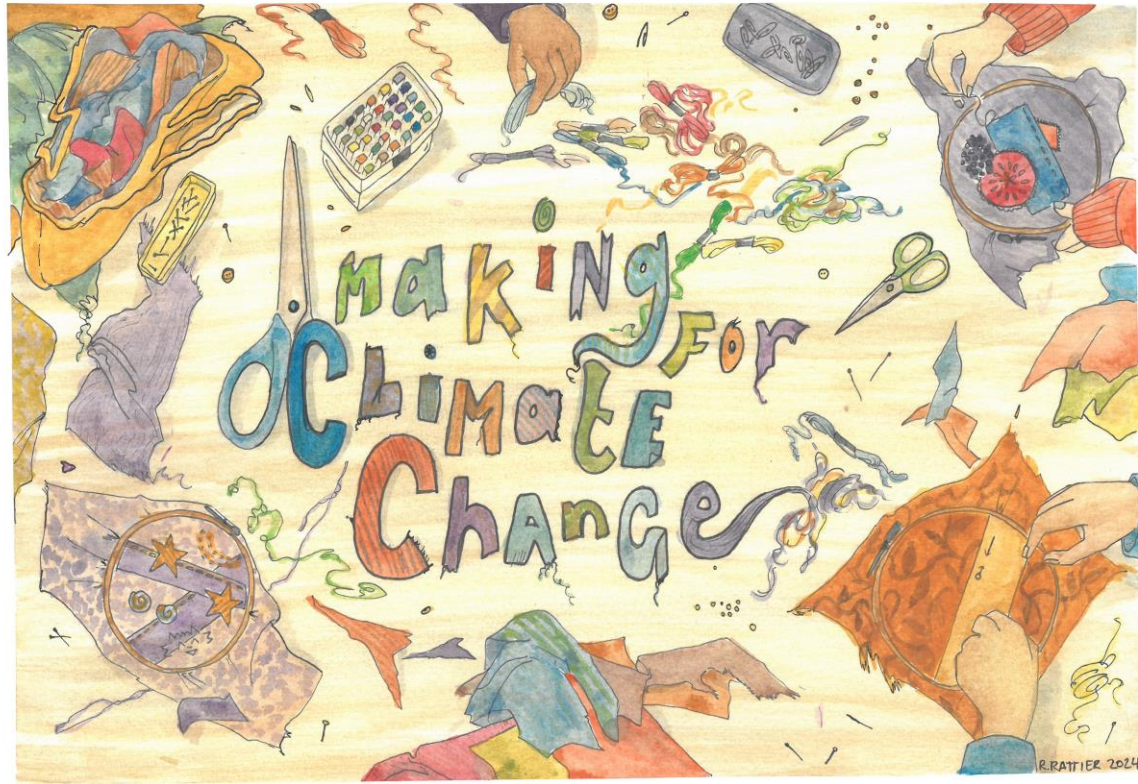


Illustration by Rosie Rattier – Making For Climate Change

Making for Climate Change

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Building on their current project Making for Climate Change Craftspace are supporting a young LGBTQIA+ creative facilitator to develop a series of craftivism workshops sessions in collaboration with an artist, to be delivered to young people with special educational needs and/or autism.

These artist-led, action-focused workshops enable young people to experience the mindful benefits of making, connect to global issues through creative action and play a stronger role in their local community.

The project will culminate in a sharing event/showcasing of collective action.

Delivered by Craftspace





RAQS Presents BETHAK
Empowering Cultural Preservation
and Intergenerational Bonding through
Storytelling and Folk Songs

Join Us For Workshops

- Storytelling
- Folk Songs
- Creative Art and Craft
- Bethak Studio Sessions

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Bethak

Saturday 14 December

Bethak: Empowering cultural preservation and intergenerational bonding through storytelling and folk songs.

Bethak is an extraordinary cultural initiative that brings the rich traditions and vibrant heritage of the Mirpuri and Pakistani communities to the heart of Birmingham.

This project is set to create an enduring legacy for future generations

Delivered by RAQS Art



Make Me Visible!

Saturday 14 December 2024

Make Me Visible is a project for and by young people with disabilities.

Aerial and movement workshops all brought together by the young events team: The Culture Crew.

All of which will culminate in a day of shows, workshops and celebrations for all on December 14th.

Make Me Visible specifically engages those aged 5-25 who have learning difficulties, hearing and visual impairments, are from refugee backgrounds and/or those labelled as having Profound and Multiple Learning Disabilities or Complex Disabilities.

Delivered by West Midlands Circus Centre

SEWING SOLIDARITY

A banner-making project for Balsall Heath



Sewing Solidarity

Saturday 14 December 2024

An exciting creative banner-making project for young people combining textiles, activism, local history and working-class customs.

Through a series of workshops project participants will co-design and create a range of beautiful, sumptuous banners and pennants, creating lasting pieces that manifest pride in Balsall Heath.

Delivered by The GAP Arts Project

Contact Us

For more information about the Get Creative Grants Programme or supported projects please contact Birmingham City Council's Cultural Development Service.

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