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dot-art Announces New Courses for Spring and New Partner Ness Gardens

dot-art has launched its spring programme of art classes and courses, which for the first time offers Wirral residents the chance to learn a new creative skill closer to home at Ness Gardens. The new venue will sit alongside current Liverpool based courses at Bluecoat, Sefton Park Palm House, Hope Street Ltd and, also new for this season, at the dot-art Gallery.

At Ness, starting from 3rd May, there will be three new 10 week classes; **Drawing at Ness Gardens** which is based on the highly successful Drawing in the Palm House and led by artist Josie Jenkins, using the gardens as direct inspiration and subject matter and allowing participants to experiment with new materials and processes, **Beginners Digital Photography** led by current BIPP Photographer of the Year Bryn Davies and **Introduction to Pastels**, focusing on drawing images using pastels, focusing on the flowers and plants of Ness as inspiration. The first two courses will be on a Tuesday evening, with the third taking place in the afternoon.

In addition there will be three new one day courses at Ness, taking place on Sundays throughout the spring. **Beginners Drawing and Painting** will offer the chance of people to try their hand at these skills, perhaps for the first time in many years. **Adventures in Analogue Photography** will introduce participants to the use of traditional photographic techniques as a way of creating unique artistic images in response to the beautiful surroundings of Ness Gardens. Finally **Introduction to Wet Felting** will introduce students to this unusual media, focusing on the basic techniques to create a felted panel based on plants and flowers.

Back in Liverpool, Bluecoat will once again host the popular 10 week evening courses in **Life Drawing**, **Beginners Painting (Acrylics)** and **Jewellery Making in Metal**, as well as one day workshops covering **Beginners Digital Photography**, a **Photography Masterclass in Exposure** and for those who wish to continue their jewellery making journey, **Jewellery (Soldering)**. Hope Street Ltd will be again be hosting Richard Meaghan's 10 week evening course in **Intermediate Painting (Oils)**, designed for those with some painting experience, or as a follow on to his Beginners Painting course.



Over in south Liverpool, we continue our series of **Sketching in the Palm House** events at Sefton Park Palm House. We are again running Sunday morning sessions but have also added Wednesday mornings for those who would prefer a week day. Spring is also the perfect time to try a **6 Week Drawing in the Palm House** evening course, starting on Wednesday 4th May, also led by award winning artist Josie Jenkins. Both the one day and 6 week courses will give you the opportunity to learn or recap basic techniques to help you draw from observation, try different materials and express what you see through drawing, in unique and inspiring surroundings.

Finally, the dot-art Gallery will be the meeting point for a new series of **Photowalks**, beginning on Saturday 14th May. Start your weekend with a walk around Liverpool's world famous waterfront and landmarks during which your tutor, BIPP Photographer of the Year 2016 Bryn Davies, will guide you through finding the best angles and perspectives.

Full details, prices and booking information can be found here: www.dot-art.co.uk/art-classes. These courses often sell out, so don't delay!

Course	Dates / Times	Venue	Cost
Acrylic Painting	Tuesdays from 3rd May 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Life Drawing	Tuesdays from 3rd May 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Jewellery Making in Metal	Tuesdays from 3rd May 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£170 for 10 classes.
Photography Masterclass - Composition	Sunday 22nd November 11am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£40
Jewellery Making (Soldering)	Sunday 22nd May 11am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£70
Beginners Digital Photography	Sunday 29th May 11am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£40

Photography Masterclass (Exposure)	Sunday 12th June 11am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£40
Oil Painting (Intermediate)	Mondays from 2nd May 6.45 – 9pm	Hope Street Ltd	£160 for 10 classes
Sketching in the Palm House	Sunday 19th June & 10th July 10am - 1pm	Sefton Park Palm House	£25
Sketching in the Palm House	Wednesday 11th May & 17th August 10am - 1pm	Sefton Park Palm House	£25
Drawing in the Palm House (6 weeks)	Wednesdays from 4th May 6-8pm	Sefton Park Palm House	£120 for 6 classes
Drawing at Ness Gardens	Tuesdays from 3rd May 6 - 8pm	Ness Gardens	£175 for 10 classes.
Beginners Digital Photography	Tuesdays from 3rd May 6 - 8pm	Ness Gardens	£175 for 10 classes.
Introduction to Pastels	Tuesdays from 3rd May 2 - 4pm	Ness Gardens	£175 for 10 classes.
Beginners Drawing and Painting	Sunday 15th May 10am - 4pm	Ness Gardens	£50
Introduction to Wet Felting	Sunday 5th June 10am - 4pm	Ness Gardens	£50
Adventures in Analogue Photography	Sunday 19th June 10am - 4pm	Ness Gardens	£50

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High resolution images available on request.

Notes to editors.

dot-art was founded in Liverpool in 2005 and specialises in **affordable, high quality, locally sourced art**. We work with over 100 artists to provide an unrivalled choice of **original art and limited edition prints** for home or business, as well as offering a range of complementary services including; commissions, art rental, art consultancy, exhibition planning and implementation, bespoke framing, art valuation and restoration and artist sourcing. **See: dot-art.com / [@dotart](https://twitter.com/dotart)**

All our work supports our **not-for profit arm, dot-art Services CIC**, which exists to support North-West based visual artists, both emerging and established, through a range of services and opportunities designed to help them develop their careers and gain exposure and promotion for their work, as well as delivering a programme of **art classes** at Liverpool's creative hub the Bluecoat (see: dot-art.co.uk/art-classes.php); and **dot-art Schools**, our innovative inter school art competition, launched in 2012 (see: schools.dot-art.com). **See: services.dot-art.com / [@dotartServices](https://twitter.com/dotartServices) / [@dotartSchools](https://twitter.com/dotartSchools)**