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Creative Courses for the Spring from dot-art

Spring is just around the corner! Take advantage of the longer and lighter days and treat yourself to a creative course or art workshop in an inspiring location in Liverpool's city centre. Our fun, friendly evening and weekend courses are open to everyone and take place in a range of great locations across the city. This season we are very excited to announce a new partnership with the EVERYMAN THEATRE as well as expanding our range of courses once again.

At **Bluecoat** from May, we have the return of our popular 10 week evening courses in **Life Drawing** and **Beginners Painting (Acrylics)**. Joining these is a 10 week **Drawing Techniques** course, which is designed to develop observational and expressive drawing techniques and skills. This course is suitable for beginners or those wishing to explore aspects of their own practise. We have 3 day courses in **Abstract Painting**, taking place on 3 consecutive Sundays from June, when you can delve into the imaginative world of abstract painting, learning about layering, materials, composition and texture, **Watercolour**, the most popular medium for people who take up art, and **Essential Art History**. This **NEW** course, starting in May, will allow you to delve into the world of art history with art historian Sara Riccardi and is suitable for art lovers and appreciators wishing to learn and explore the essential chronology of art history. These are joined by a single Sunday workshop in **Creative Textile Art**, in which you will learn a variety of skills such as hand painting and printing, batik (wax resist), Japanese shibori (resist dye) and hand stitch.

Our **NEW** venue for this season is Hope Street institution, **the Everyman**. Here on Wednesdays evenings we will be holding our popular course in **Digital Photography for Beginners**, for those who would like to move from being a keen beginner to a competent intermediate photographer, as well as a **NEW** one day introductory workshop in **Lino Cut** on Saturday 11th May and a **NEW** 3 day course, **Introduction to Pastels**, taking place in Saturdays in May. In these sessions you will work with professional artist Mia Cathcart to learn the fundamentals of using soft pastels. Finally, we see the return of our 3 day **Drawing for Everyone** course, taking place on Saturdays in June.



At **Faith Bebbington's Studio**, we have a **Wood Carving** for beginners course, led by Faith herself across 3 consecutive Sundays in June. This is a hands-on course with an emphasis on the creative design process and learning through practising the process of carving. The tuition is tailored to support and guide each individual through their own wood carving project in the informal atmosphere of the artist's studio.

We are also returning to the **Friends of Williamson Tunnels** on Sundays 16th June for **Sketching in the Tunnels**, a unique opportunity for both beginners and experienced artists to spend a Sunday morning drawing and learning new skills in this fascinating location.

Finally, our **dot-art Club** for creative children takes place at the fantastic **Baltic Creative** on Jamaica Street. We run afternoon sessions for 10-13 year olds, in two six week blocks, starting 28th April and 16th June. Every week our young artists will be encouraged to develop their drawing skills and build a lifelong love of art under the expert guidance of artist Sarah Jane Richards.

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

Course	Dates / Times	Venue	Cost
Acrylic Painting (Beginners)	Tuesdays from 7th May 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Life Drawing	Tuesdays from 7th May 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Drawing Techniques	Tuesdays from 30th April 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Creative Textile Art	Sunday 12th May 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£50
Essential Art History	Sunday 19th, 26th May, 2nd June 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£125 for 3 days.

Abstract Painting	Sunday 9th, 16th 23rd June 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£125 for 3 days.
Watercolour	Sunday 30th June, 7th, 14th July 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£125 for 3 days.
Digital Photography for Beginners	Wednesdays from 8th May + 15th June 6.45-9pm / 11am – 5pm	The Everyman	£160 for 8 classes
Lino Cut for Beginners	Sunday 11th May 11am – 5pm	The Everyman	£50
Introduction to Pastels	Saturday 18th, 25th May, 1st June 11am – 5pm	The Everyman	£125 for 3 days
Drawing for Everyone	Saturday 15th, 22nd, 29th June 11am – 5pm	The Everyman	£125 for 3 days
Wood Carving	Sunday 2nd, 9th, 16th June 11am – 4pm	Faith Bebbington Studio	£125 for 3 days.
Sketching in the Tunnels	Sunday 16th June 10am-1pm	Friends of Williamson Tunnels	£25
dot-art Club (10-13 years)	Sundays from 28th April Sundays from 16th June 1.30pm – 3pm	Baltic Creative	£90 for 6 classes

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High resolution images available on request.

Notes to editors.

dot-art supports visual artists and champions art as an integral part of everyday life.

We do this by selling locally sourced, affordable art, working with businesses to put art in the workplace and public realm, running art classes and working with schools and community groups.

All this is underpinned by our unique membership scheme for artists in the North West which gives access to all the activities above and a package of support and advice, creating and developing artists' careers.

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