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dot-art Opens Liverpool's only Public Darkroom

dot-art is delighted to announce the launch of their new, open access darkroom in Liverpool city centre's Cotton Exchange. Building on the continued success of their creative courses and art workshops, the darkroom will offer classes for beginners and the option to hire the space for more experienced photographers. This Autumn will also see the launch of a range of new courses to add to our popular regular sessions, including Introduction to Cartooning, Portrait Painting and Sketching in the Anglican Cathedral.

The dot-art Darkroom is working with professional photographer and analogue specialist Rachel Brewster-Wright to offer one day **Introduction to the Darkroom** workshops and **Analogue Weekends**, where she will take you through the whole process of shooting, processing and developing your own black and white film over 2 days. For experienced photographers and those who have completed one of these courses, we have **Darkroom Membership**. Members have unlimited access to the space via our online booking system and can also choose to book it with a technician if they need a little more support.

dot-art Managing Director Lucy Byrne said: "We are very excited to be opening the dot-art Darkroom and giving the photographers of Liverpool the chance to access facilities that are not available anywhere else in the city. We are keen to engage with anyone interested in analogue photography and encourage enthusiasts to get in touch and arrange a visit."

Away from the darkroom, at **Bluecoat** from October, we have the return of our popular courses in **Life Drawing**, **Beginners Acrylic Painting**, **Abstract Painting and Watercolour**. Joining these is a 10 week **Portrait Painting** course, and a new 3 day course, **Art for Beginners**, for those who want to get creative but don't know where to start – over three Sundays you will get experimental and learn fundamental skills in a range of fine-art media. Also new is a one day **Introduction to Cartooning** workshop, in which you will create your own animated illustrations, learn how to structure characters, denote body language and accentuate features with artist Tommy Graham. These are joined by our ever-popular Sunday workshop in **Festive Feltmaking**.



Over at **the Everyman** we see the return of our **Drawing Techniques** evening course, which is designed to develop observational and expressive drawing techniques and skills, and the 3 day **Drawing for Everyone** course, taking place on Saturdays in November. Also on Saturdays we have single day workshops in **Lino Cut** and **Digital Photography for Beginners**.

Our **NEW** venue for the Autumn is the **Anglican Cathedral**, where we are very pleased to be holding our new **Sketching in the Anglican** workshops on Saturdays in October and November with artist Kathy Dereli.

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 22nd September and 10th November. 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! You can find out more about the dot-art Darkroom at dot-art.co.uk/darkroom/

Course	Dates / Times	Venue	Cost
Introduction to the Darkroom	8th September, 27th October, 8th December 10am-5pm	dot-art Darkroom	£65
Analogue Weekend	28-29th September, 23-24th November 10am-5pm	dot-art Darkroom	£150 for 2 days
Acrylic Painting (Beginners)	Tuesdays from 8th October 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Life Drawing	Tuesdays from 8th October 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.
Drawing Techniques	Tuesdays from 8th October 6.45 - 9pm	The Bluecoat	£160 for 10 classes.

Abstract Painting	Sunday 29th September, 6th, 20th October 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£125 for 3 days.
Watercolour	Sunday 27th October, 3rd, 10th November 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£125 for 3 days.
Art for Beginners	Sunday 17th, 24th November, 1st December 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£125 for 3 days.
Introduction to Cartooning	Sunday 8th December 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£50
Festive Feltmaking	Sunday 15th December 11.30am – 5pm	The Bluecoat	£50
Drawing Techniques	Wednesdays from 9th October 6.45-9pm	The Everyman	£160 for 10 classes
Lino Cut for Beginners	Sunday 2nd November 11am – 5pm	The Everyman	£50
Drawing for Everyone	Saturday 16th, 23rd, 30th November 11am – 5pm	The Everyman	£125 for 3 days
Digital Photography for Beginners	Saturday 14th December 11am – 5pm	The Everyman	£50
Sketching in the Anglican	Saturday 5th October, 23rd November 10am-1pm	Anglican Cathedral	£25
dot-art Club (10-13 years)	Sundays from 22nd September Sundays from 10th November 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.

Find out more: dot-art.com / [@dotart](https://twitter.com/dotart)

