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Would you like to pick up an old hobby or try something completely new and different? Meet at the Museum is your guide to a range of exciting workshops, courses and activity sessions designed for adults, taking place across Tyne & Wear Archives & Museums' venues.

From traditional craft activities and behind-the-scenes tours to archaeology events and gallery talks, we have something on offer to suit all interests. As well as an opportunity to learn new things, Meet at the Museum is a great way to meet new people in a safe and friendly environment.

Events are added to our programme all the time. Don't forget to follow our Twitter account [@MeetAtTheMuseum](#), like our Facebook page and see our website for up-to-date details: www.twmuseums.org.uk

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CRAFT GROUPS

Second and fourth Wednesdays
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Weaving Group

Shipley Art Gallery

10am - 1pm

Get to grips with warp and weft
amongst fellow friendly weavers.
Beginners welcome.

Cost: Free

No booking required

Thursdays from 2 February

Lace Making Group

Shipley Art Gallery

10am - 12pm

Learn the delicate art of needle
lacemaking. Beginners welcome.

Cost: Free

No booking required

Thursdays from 2 February

Patchwork and Quilting Group

Shipley Art Gallery

1.30pm - 3.30pm

Learn basic patchwork and
applique techniques.
You'll be quilting in no time!
Beginners welcome.

Cost: Free

No booking required

Last Saturday of the month

Northern Guild of Silk Painting

Shipley Art Gallery

10am - 3pm

Develop your creativity and
learn to paint on silk. Beginners
welcome.

Cost: Free

No booking required



CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

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Saturday 11 February
Make a Ceramic Bowl
Laing Art Gallery
1.30pm – 4pm

Make a beautiful ceramic bowl of your own design during this afternoon session.

Cost: £30

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 18 February & 29 April
**Printmaking with
Cindy Robinson-Begg**
Laing Art Gallery
1.30pm – 4pm

Learn the skill of monoprinting with experienced printmaker Cindy Robinson-Begg. Each workshop is standalone.

Cost: £35

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 11 March
**Surrealist Automatic
Art: Frottage**
Shipley Art Gallery
10am – 2pm

Create and experiment with different artmaking materials during this half-day workshop.

Cost: £10

Booking required: (0191) 477 1495
or shipleyartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 25 March
The Big Book Art Project
Shipley Art Gallery
10am – 3pm

Textile artist Ruth Gowland will introduce participants to a range of art materials and techniques to create a collaborative artwork which will be displayed at the gallery.

Cost: £2.50

Booking required: (0191) 477 1495
or shipleyartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 25 March
Ceramic Tea Light Holders
Laing Art Gallery
1.30pm – 4pm

Join Muddy Fingers Pottery for an illuminating tea light holder making session. Create three tall tea light holders, suitable for use with LED tea lights (provided).

Cost: £35

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 22 April
Make a Ceramic Cup and Saucer
Laing Art Gallery
10am – 12.30pm

Decorate, assemble and glaze a beautiful ceramic cup and saucer of your own design.

Cost: £35

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 22 April
Make a Ceramic Teapot
Laing Art Gallery
1.30pm – 4pm

Join Muddy Fingers Pottery at the Laing for a ceramic teapot making session. All materials and equipment are provided.

Cost: £35

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 22 April
Medieval Narrow Braiding
Discovery Museum
1pm – 3pm

Learn to make a range of authentic medieval narrow braids – from lucet cords to trolen braids. All materials provided.

Cost: £8

Booking required: (0191) 232 6789
or discoverymuseum.org.uk

Tuesday 21 & 28 March
Hinnies and Haiku
Discovery Museum (21 March)
Shipley Art Gallery (28 March)
10am – 12pm

Learn to paint a picture with words, following the Japanese short form of Haiku poetry, then embellish them with Japanese inks to make a beautiful decoration. Each workshop is standalone.

Cost: £6

Booking required: (0191) 232 6789
or discoverymuseum.org.uk
/ (0191) 477 1495
or shipleyartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 27 May
Make Your Own Ceramic Buttons
Laing Art Gallery
1.30pm – 4pm

Make your own ceramic buttons and a matching button pot using porcelain clay and underglazes.

Cost: £35

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Thursday 25 February

Self-Portraiture Art Class

Laing Art Gallery

10am – 1pm

Tutor Tracey Tofield will work with you to create your own portrait. The class will take place in the picture galleries surrounded by the Laing's spectacular painting collection.

Cost: £35

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Saturdays 11, 18 and 25 March

The Art of Science

Great North Museum: Hancock

10am – 1pm

In this three-part creative workshop series, you'll work with artist Ruth Sheldon to explore the interconnections between art and science.

11 March: Botanical drawing and painting from plant specimens.

18 March: Microscopic cells and macro perspective drawing.

25 March: Science-inspired abstract painting on canvas.

Cost: Workshops can be booked individually for £15 or book all three for a discounted price of £40

Booking required: (0191) 208 6765
or greatnorthmuseum.org.uk

Saturday 18 March

Line Drawing in Illustration

Laing Art Gallery

10am – 1pm

A practice-led session investigating focus, vision and expression in line drawing as part of the Quentin Blake: Inside Stories exhibition programme. This will include Tracey's infamous Drawing Boot Camp.

Cost: £35

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Thursdays 27 April – 18 May

Salty Scenes

South Shields Museum

and Art Gallery

1pm – 4pm

In this 4-week course, learn to stretch paper on boards to create salt water paintings with watercolour. Sessions include tutorials on a range of painting techniques, gallery exploration, and a class visit to the beach to prepare boards using sea water.

Cost: £40

Booking required:

Contact (0191) 211 5599
or southshieldsmuseum.org.uk

Saturday 20 May

Drawing in Watercolours

Laing Art Gallery

10am – 1pm

This class is based around a popular course run by Tracey Tofield called 'Subversive Watercolour.' The addition of fluid watercolour to drawings can make the notion of watercolour painting much more understandable.

Cost: £35

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Wednesdays 1 February, 1 March,
5 April, 3 May

Arcs and Sparks Store Tour
Discovery Museum
11am

Enjoy this behind-the-scenes,
curator-led tour exploring
the fascinating collection of
historic electrical inventions at
Discovery Museum.

Cost: £4

Booking required: email
discoveryevents@twmuseums.
org.uk quoting 'Arcs and Sparks'

Wednesday 8 February
Tuesday 21 February

Out of Chaos Exhibition Tour
Laing Art Gallery
12.30 – 1pm

Enjoy an informative tour of the
Out of Chaos exhibition with
curator Sarah Richardson.

Cost: £3 + price of
an exhibition ticket

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Thursdays 16 February,
9 March, 30 March,
20 April, 11 May

**Modern Visionaries: Van Dyck
and the Artists' Eye**

Laing Art Gallery
12.30 – 1pm

Gain insight into the genre of artist
self-portraiture on this curator's
tour of the exhibition which
features Sir Anthony Van Dyck's
last self-portrait.

Cost: £4

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Tuesday 7 March

**World Treasures - Natural
History Society of Northumbria**
Discovery Museum
11am – 12pm

Explore the Natural History
Society's treasure trove of amazing
objects stored in the basement of
Discovery Museum.

Cost: Free

Booking required: (0191) 208 2790
or nhsn@ncl.ac.uk

Wednesday 8 March
Fossil Collections Tour
Discovery Museum
2pm – 3pm

Get a behind-the-scenes peek
at the fantastic fossil collections
kept in Discovery Museum's
basement stores.

Cost: Free

Booking required: (0191) 208 2790
or nhsn@ncl.ac.uk

Thursday 9 March

Rare, Extinct and Unusual Specimens
Discovery Museum
2pm – 3.30pm

Curator Dan Gordon will showcase
the rarest and most unusual
items from the zoology collections
in the Discovery Museum's
basement stores.

Cost: Free

Booking required: (0191) 208 2790
or nhsn@ncl.ac.uk

Tuesday 14 March, 2pm

Thursday 4 May
Curator's Tour
**South Shields Museum
& Art Gallery**
11am

Discover hidden historical gems
on this special curator's tour.

Cost: £2

Booking required: (0191) 211 5599
or southshieldsmuseum.org.uk

Thursday 4 May
Stitches in Time Tour
Discovery Museum
11am – 12pm

This curator-led tour will give
you a sneak peek into the vast
vintage costume store at Discovery
Museum, with a look at fashion
through the decades.

Cost: £4

Booking required:

Email
discoveryevents@twmuseums.org.uk
quoting 'Stitches in Time'

Thursday 4 May

Tuesday 16 May
Behind-the-Scenes Tour
Shingley Art Gallery
1.30pm

Join members of Gateshead
University of the Third Age as they
take you behind-the-scenes at the
Shingley Art Gallery.

Cost: £2.50

Booking required: (0191) 477 1495
or shingleyartgallery.org.uk

TALKS

Friday 3 February

Curlew Recovery Programme
Great North Museum: Hancock
7pm – 8pm

The Curlew is an iconic species of the British uplands and coastal estuaries. Learn about the ambitious conservation efforts of the Curlew Recovery Programme.

Cost: Suggested donation £3

No booking required

Friday 10 February

Mara Mammals – Up Close
Great North Museum: Hancock
7pm – 8pm

Wildlife photographer and writer Alan Hewitt will present an illustrated talk about his work as a safari guide in Africa and speak about the 'ethical side' of safari tourism.

Cost: Suggested donation £3

No booking required

Friday 17 February

Genetic Insights into Plant Diversity
Great North Museum: Hancock
7pm – 8pm

Professor Pete Hollingsworth will speak about how DNA data is helping scientists to identify plant species and give an overview of the International Barcode of Life project.

Cost: Suggested donation £3

No booking required

Saturday 18 February

Meet the Author – Sydney Padua
Discovery Museum
2pm – 3.15pm

Join cartoonist and visual effects artist Sydney Padua, who will speak about her webcomic and bestselling graphic novel, *The Thrilling Adventures of Lovelace and Babbage*.

Cost: £2

Booking required: (0191) 232 6789
or discoverymuseum.org.uk

Thursday 23 February

Diaspora and Post-War Painting
Laing Art Gallery
12.30pm – 1.15pm

Art historian Stephen Moonie will discuss Jewish identity and displacement in relation to painting from the post-war period, including important works by R. B. Kitaj, Leon Kossoff and Frank Auerbach.

Cost: £4

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Friday 24 February

The Cyprus Ophiolite
Great North Museum: Hancock
7pm – 8pm

This illustrated talk by Dr Paul Williams will explore the geology of the Oceanic Lithosphere against the scenic backdrop of the Troodos Mountains in Cyprus.

Cost: Suggested donation £3

No booking required

Friday 3 March

Arctic Terns on the Farne Islands
Great North Museum: Hancock
7pm – 8pm

There are around 6,000 pairs of these seabirds nesting on the Northumberland coast. Join Dr Chris Redfern to learn about their migration routes and behaviour in the Antarctic summer.

Cost: Suggested donation £3

No booking required

Friday 10 March

Thomas Bewick and His Dogs
Great North Museum: Hancock
7pm – 8pm

This talk by Dr Leslie Jessop will examine *A General History of Quadrupeds* and other books illustrated by Thomas Bewick, with a focus on his lively and lifelike depictions of dogs.

Cost: Suggested donation £3

No booking required

Friday 17 March

The Wildlife and Habitats of the North Pennines
Great North Museum: Hancock
7pm – 8pm

Explore the vast range of habitats and diverse wildlife found in the North Pennines, while learning about the projects associated with their management.

Cost: Suggested donation £3

No booking required

Thursday 9 March

Artists Talk: Louise Wilson
Laing Art Gallery
6pm – 7pm

The Turner Prize nominated artist, from renowned artist duo Jane & Louise Wilson, discuss their work False Positive, False Negative, addressing themes of self-portraiture, identity, and the role of the artist in contemporary society.

Cost: £5

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
 or laingartgallery.org.uk

Tuesday 4 April

Staging the Self: Vézelay and McBean
Laing Art Gallery
1pm – 1.45pm

Art historian Hazel Donkin will discuss two works from the Modern Visionaries exhibition by British artists Paule Vézelay and Angus McBean.

Cost: £4

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
 or laingartgallery.org.uk

Self-portrait, Paule Vézelay c.1927 – 1929
 © National Portrait Gallery, London

Tuesday 2 May

Picasso's Self-Portraits
Laing Art Gallery
1pm – 1.45pm

Professor Elizabeth Cowling, curator of the National Portrait Gallery's acclaimed recent exhibition 'Picasso Portraits,' will share insights into Picasso's unique engagement with self-portraiture throughout his career.

Cost: £4

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
 or laingartgallery.org.uk

Saturday 6 May

An Architect's View
Shingley Art Gallery
2pm – 4pm

Discover the history of the Shingley Art Gallery through an architect's eyes. Allan White, who recently retired as Senior Director of Faulkner Browns Architects, will explore the architectural aspects of the gallery.

Cost: Free

Booking required: (0191) 477 1495
 or shingleyartgallery.org.uk

Wednesday 17 May
Gateshead's Jewish Community
Shingley Art Gallery
2.30pm – 3.30pm

This talk, by Joseph Schleider of the Jewish Community Council of Gateshead, will include an overview of Anglo-Jewish history, including migration between the 1880s and 1914. Since then, provincial Jewish communities across the UK have generally contracted, with the notable exception of Gateshead.

Cost: Free

Booking required: (0191) 477 1495
 or shingleyartgallery.org.uk

Tuesday 23 May
Genius, Creativity and Disease
Laing Art Gallery
1pm – 1.45pm

Professor Clark Lawlor will discuss the fascinating cultural history of ideas of genius and creativity, and their complex relationship to theories about melancholia and disease.

Cost: £4

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
 or laingartgallery.org.uk

Lunchtime Talks
at Segedunum Roman Fort
1pm – 1.45pm

15 February:

Wallsend 5000 Years Ago

Come and learn from a local archaeologist and historian what life in Wallsend would have been like long before the Romans arrived.

15 March: Wallsend
1000 Years Ago

The second of three lunchtime talks will look at Anglo-Saxon life on North Tyneside. What happened after the Romans left?

12 April: The Roman
Beauty Regime

How did the Romans pamper and preen? From tooth care to eyeliner, learn their secrets, with a chance to test them for yourself!

17 May: Wallsend 200 Years Ago

Our final talk exploring life around Segedunum since the time of the Romans looks at the early 1800s. What was Wallsend life like at the start of the industrial revolution?

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Cost: £4 per talk

Booking required: (0191) 236 9347
 or segedunumromanfort.org.uk



SPECIAL EVENTS

Thursday 23 February
**Late at the Laing: Genius
and Chaos**
Laing Art Gallery
6pm - 9pm

A last chance to see the Out of Chaos exhibition alongside Modern Visionaries: Van Dyck and the Artists' Eye, both of which give insights into the creative process of some of the greatest artists of the twentieth century. Grab a drink at the bar and enjoy after-hours tours of the galleries, live art, and hands-on activities inspired by the exhibitions.

Cost: £10 (includes entry to both exhibitions)

Booking required: (0191) 278 1611
or laingartgallery.org.uk

Friday 31 March
Museum Mini Bites
**South Shields Museum
and Art Gallery**
3.30pm - 5pm

Get to know the museum in bite size chunks with our Museum Mini Tours and fun craft activities. Come on down with friends and family after school.

Cost: Free, donations welcome

Booking required: (0191) 211 5599
or southshildsmuseum.org.uk

Tuesday 18 April
How to Spot Our Local Amphibians
Great North Museum: Hancock
6pm - 9pm

Learn how to identify our native amphibian species and find out how you can help protect them by logging your sightings. This evening event will consist of an indoor session and a field trip.

Cost: Free

Booking required: (0191) 208 5158
or ericnortheast.org.uk

Saturday 13 May
**Birdsong ID at Rainton Meadows
Nature Reserve**
Great North Museum: Hancock
10am - 3pm

Learn how to identify common birdsongs and find out how you can help protect the birds by logging what you hear. This event will consist of an indoor session and a field trip.

Cost: Free

Booking required: (0191) 208 5158
or ericnortheast.org.uk

Saturday 13 May
Gateshead on Film
Shingley Art Gallery
2pm - 3.30pm

Whether you know Gateshead well or wonder what it looked like in the past, come down to this big screen presentation of archive film of the area.

Spanning the 1930s to the early '70s, these films were originally researched to provide short clips for the Shingley's Saltwell Park Museum gallery.

Cost: Free

Booking required: (0191) 477 1495
or shingleyartgallery.org.uk

PLATINUM

The Platinum Programme is a culture and heritage programme of inspiring activities and experiences for people aged over 55 to get involved in. It's about lifelong learning, keeping active, having fun and socialising, while having access to a huge collection of objects.

For more information, please contact:
Joanne.charlton@twmuseums.org.uk or 0191 277 2297

SPOTLIGHT ON... STEAMPUNK

This special events programme has been designed to complement **Fabricating Histories**, the exhibition at Discovery Museum that turns history on its head and takes a closer look at the raggedy edges, broken ends, and the alternative threads of history that might have been.

Saturday 4 March
Steampunk Comic Book Day
Discovery Museum
11.30am - 3.30pm

In this full-day workshop, you will learn how to create your own steampunk-themed comic book, drawing inspiration from a range of steampunk graphic novels and the Fabricating Histories exhibition.

Cost: £10

Booking required: (0191) 232 6789
or discoverymuseum.org.uk

Saturday 11 March
**Grandville and the
Anthropomorphic Tradition**
Discovery Museum
2pm - 3.15pm

Graphic artist and author Brian Talbot will be discussing his renowned Grandville steampunk detective graphic novel series.

Cost: £2

Booking required: (0191) 232 6789
or discoverymuseum.org.uk

Saturday 1 April
**Fabricating Histories
Curator's Talk, plus live
drawing with Dr Geof**
Discovery Museum
1.30pm - 2.30pm

Dr Claire Nally and artist Dr Geof will illuminate the topic of 'steampunk narratives', exploring the almost, might-have-been world of Fabricating Histories. Be sure to drop in before the talk to have your likeness drawn by Dr Geof himself.

Cost: Free

No booking required

Saturday 13 May
**Steampunk: A Role-Playing
Experience**
Discovery Museum
11.30am - 3.30pm

Enter a world of H.P. Lovecraft-esque horror, set in a reimagined Victorian Newcastle. Create your own character and role play through an adventure of mythic proportions, inspired by traditional role-playing games like Dungeons and Dragons.

Cost: £10

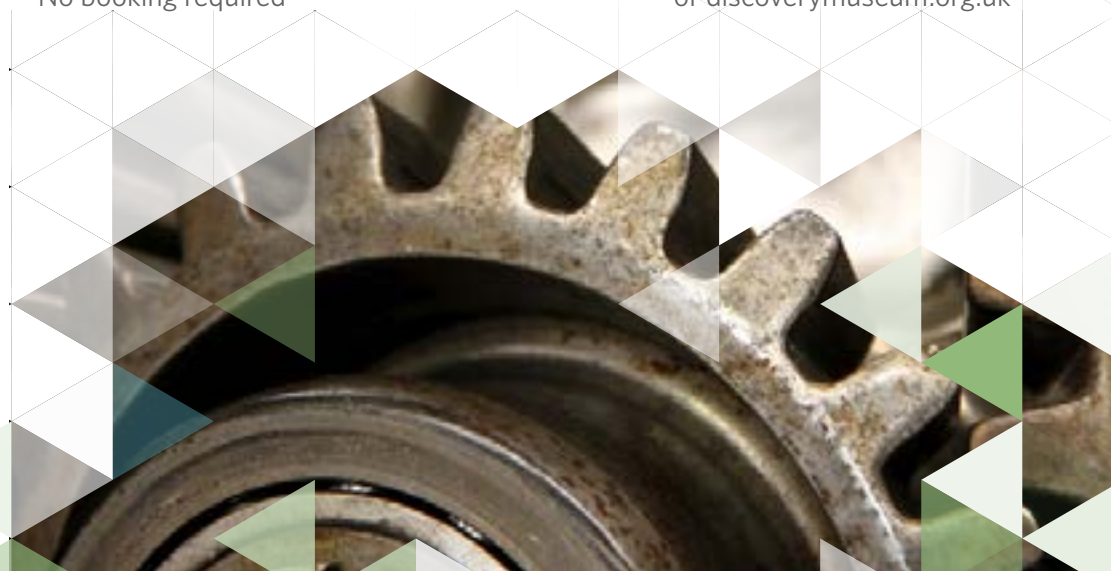
Booking required: (0191) 232 6789
or discoverymuseum.org.uk

Tuesday 16 May
**The Spark of Life: Frankenstein
and Electricity**
Discovery Museum
1pm - 1.45pm

Why did Mary Shelley's Frankenstein harness electricity to create his monster? This exploration of the early nineteenth century obsession with electricity as a force of life takes in frogs' legs, executed criminals, the Anatomy Act, steam intellect societies, a spontaneously generated mite and more.

Cost: £4

Booking required: (0191) 232 6789
or discoverymuseum.org.uk



CONTACT DETAILS

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www.arbeiaromanfort.org.uk
Free entry



Discovery Museum

Blandford Square
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 4JA
Tel: (0191) 232 6789
Textphone: 18001 0191 232 6789
www.discoverymuseum.org.uk
Free entry



Laing Art Gallery

New Bridge Street
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 8AG
Tel: (0191) 278 1611
Textphone: 18001 0191 278 1611
www.laingartgallery.org.uk
Free entry



Great North Museum: Hancock

Barras Bridge
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE2 4PT
Tel: (0191) 208 6765
Textphone: 18001 0191 208 6765
www.greatnorthmuseum.org.uk
Free entry. Charges apply for the Planetarium.



Segedunum Roman Fort

Buddle Street
Wallsend
NE28 6HR
Tel: (0191) 278 4217
Textphone: 18001 0191 278 4217
www.segedunumromanfort.org.uk
Under 16s free
£5.95 Adults
£3.95 concessions



Shingley Art Gallery

Prince Consort Road
Gateshead
NE8 4JB
Tel: (0191) 477 1495
Textphone: 18001 0191 477 1495
www.shingleyartgallery.org.uk
Free entry



South Shields Museum & Art Gallery

Ocean Road
South Shields
NE33 2JA
Tel: (0191) 211 5599
Textphone: 18001 0191 211 5599
www.southshieldsmuseum.org.uk
Free entry



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www.twmuseums.org.uk

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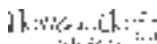
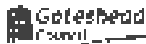
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