

**SANDWELL
CULTURAL FORUM**

**August 2026
Newsletter**

**Chance Glassworks and Black Country
Touring made it to the BBC online!**



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crrvwrp4ldeo>

Ready to try watercolour?



Images from previous courses

Join me for our next relaxed and supportive block of watercolour sessions.

Starts: Week beginning 13th April

Duration: 6 weekly sessions

Time: Tue/Thur 10am-1pm

Location: The Art Yard, b64 5HX

Block Booking

Early booking rate: £110

Standard block price: £132

Individual sessions: £22 (subject to availability)

All materials included.



Booking the full block guarantees your place and helps with planning.

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SUNDAY All-Day Portrait Art Sessions at **The Art Yard**

DATES

04/01,
01/02,
01/03,
29/03,
26/04,
31/05,



With lead artist:
Chris Partridge

21/06,
26/07,
30/08,
27/09,
18/10,
29/11,
27/12

For details email to: infoartyard@gmail.com



PAPER & PLAY

PLAYFUL MIXED-MEDIA DRAWING CLASS FOR CURIOUS BEGINNERS

PERFECT FOR ANYONE WHO FEELS UNSURE WHERE TO BEGIN WITH DRAWING.

EACH WEEK WE EXPERIMENT WITH PLAYFUL MIXED-MEDIA TECHNIQUES USING PENCIL, INK, CHARCOAL, PASTEL OR COLLAGE. THROUGH SIMPLE OBSERVATIONAL PROMPTS AND STILL-LIFE SETUPS, YOU'LL LOOSEN UP, TRY NEW MATERIALS, AND ENJOY THE PROCESS OF MAKING MARKS AND CREATING.

STARTING TUESDAY 14TH APRIL

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST CURIOSITY.

The Art Yard

B64 5HX
1:30-3:30PM

ALL MATERIALS AND
REFRESHMENTS INCLUDED

TO BOOK OR FIND OUT MORE



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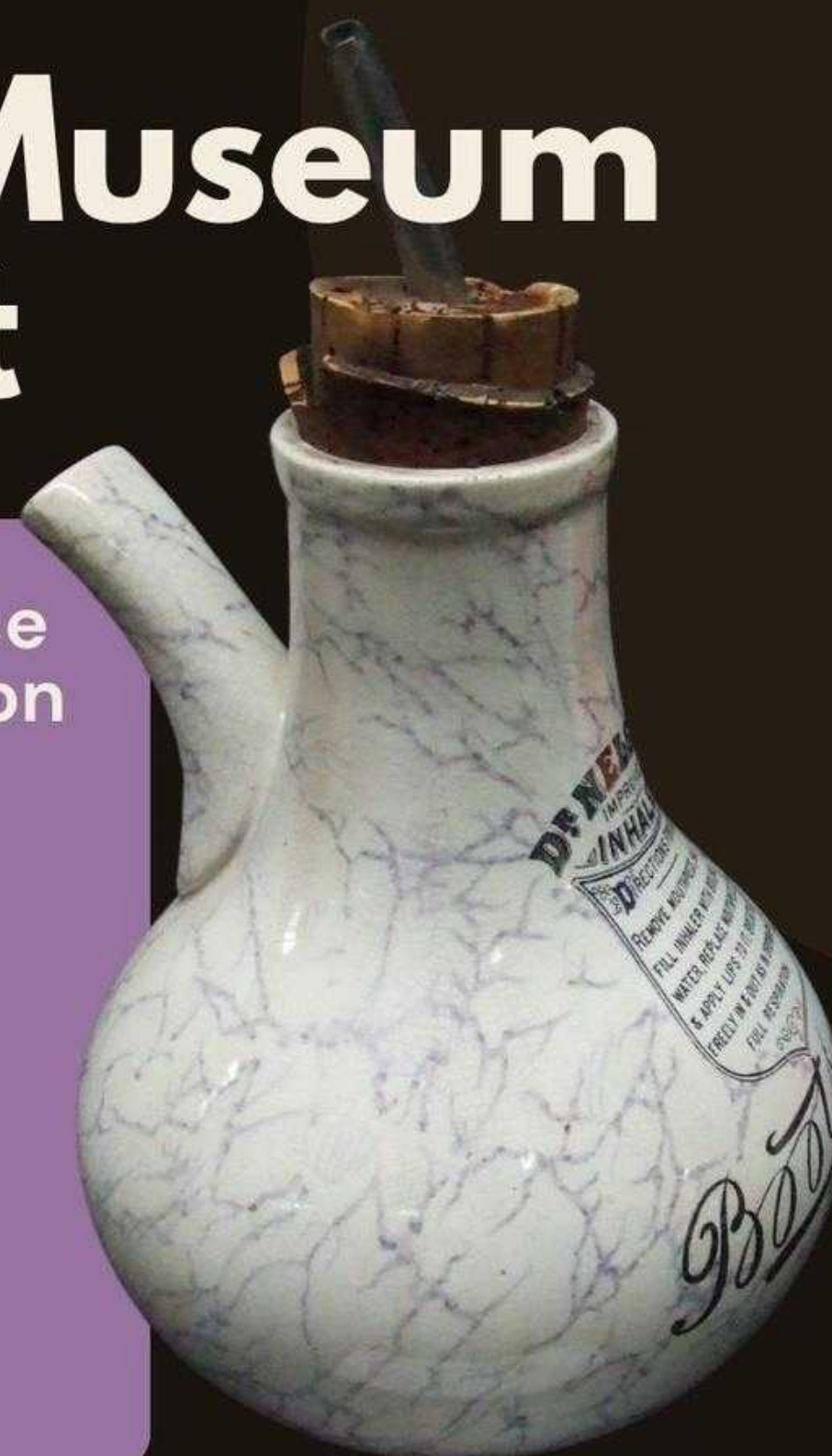
Midland Metropolitan University Hospital invites you to:
Sandwell Libraries and Archives

Discover our collection!

A hands-on Museum Objects Event

Come to a hands-on experience of our Medical History Collection

- ◆ Hear folktales from our storyteller
- ◆ See medical objects from 1887
- ◆ Join in with discussions and tell us what you think
- ◆ Help shape our Hospital Museum
- ◆ Join our Heritage Audio Trail
- ◆ All ages welcome; children must be accompanied by an adult



Book your free place at::

**ticketsource.co.uk/sandwell-libraries-and-archives
or call: 0121 569 4943**

Thursday 13th August, 2–4pm
Bleakhouse Library

Wednesday 19th August, 2–4pm
Wednesbury Library

Monday 24th August, 11am–1pm
Blackheath Library



Summer activity at The Commons

Sowing hardy annuals Wednesday 22nd July

12:30 - 5:30 PM

It's that time of the year that we're sowing our hardy annuals to give them a head start for blooming next summer – come and help us get corn flowers, marigolds, borage and poppies going!

Harvest festival day – a big celebration of all the work in the garden over the past six months, expect making, refreshments, gardening, and games. Make flags with us, paint patterns, print your own card and more.

Lammass festival Monday 3rd August

3:30 - 6:00 PM

Planting for remembrance

Thursday 13th August
3:00 - 6:00 PM on Level 5

We'd love to hear from you about how plants can remind us of people and help remember them. We're looking at creating a space of remembrance in the garden and want to know what you think – make a printed label and have a chat with us.

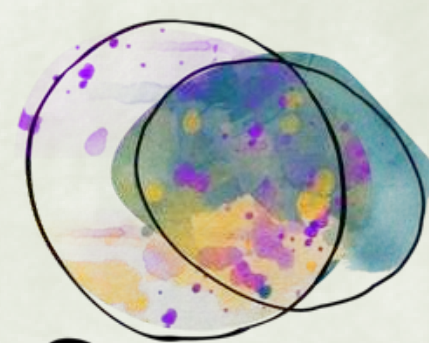
There can never be too many bulbs and if we want even more colour and brightness in Spring now is the time to get them in the ground. Help us plant crocuses, snowdrops, and daffodils – a gift for our future selves.

Autumn bulb planting Monday 17th August

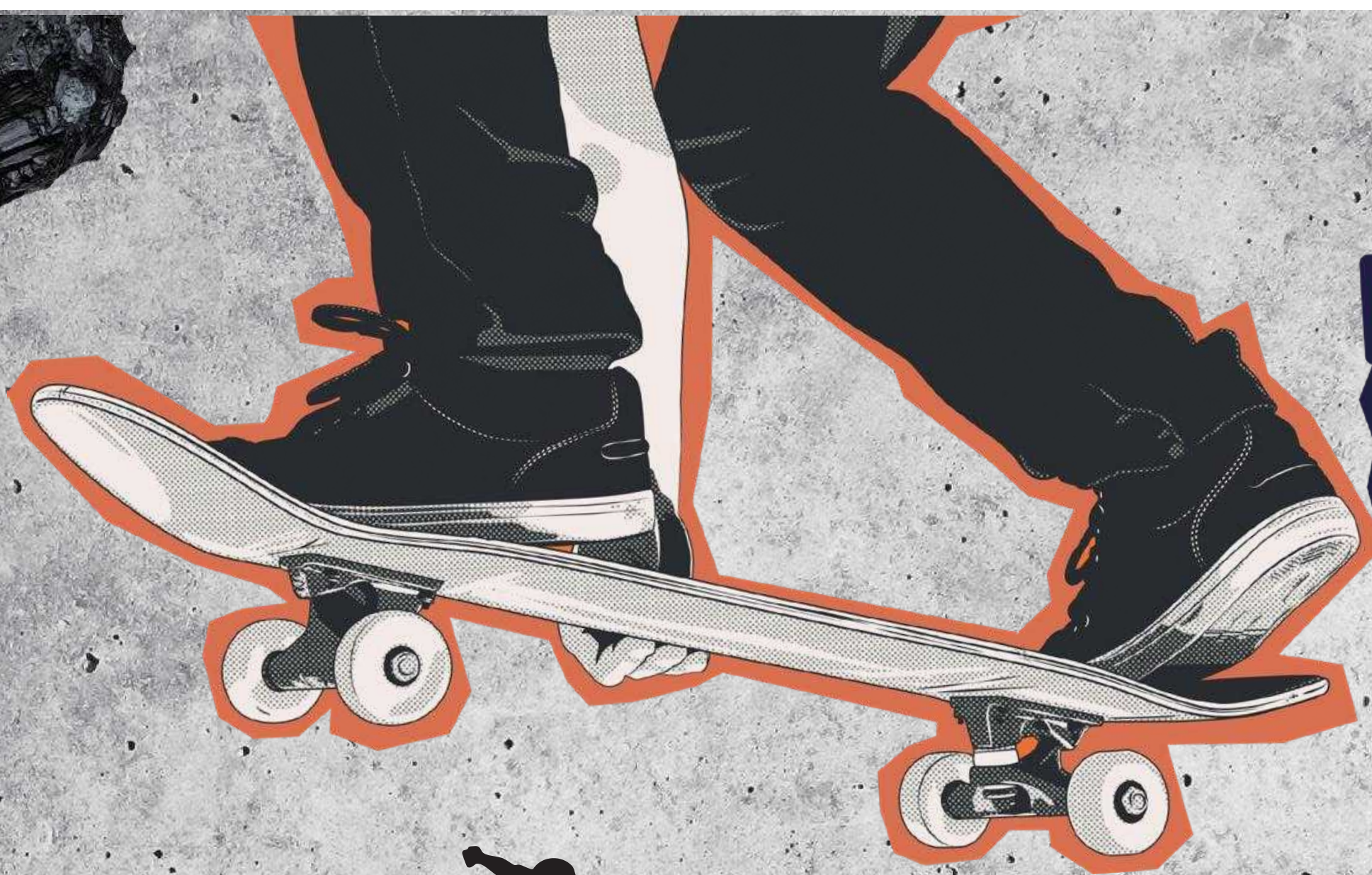
10:00 - 5:00 PM

The community garden can be found outside Midland Metropolitan University Hospital's main entrance, near Greggs and the grass circle.

Email ruby@wearespectra.co.uk to find out more.



Spectra



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FREE SKATING SESSIONS WITH PROFFESIONALS

EVERY FRIDAY
24 July - 28 AUG
YMCA
WEST BROMWICH
Western Gateway 38
Carters Grn, B70 9LG
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



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24 JULY - 28 AUG
YMCA WEST BROMWICH

FREE SESSIONS

Skateboard & Rollerskate and express yourself! Join Black Country skate coaches and street artists to build skills, boost confidence and turn creativity into action through skate culture and street art.

SANDWELL SKATEBOARDS ROLLER SKATE & STREET ART

8 weeks of Skateboard and Street Art sessions

Led by Coach Bobbi & Nine

10 years international experience

Friday

YMCA- WestBromwich
Western Gateway, 38 Carter's Grn
38 Carters Green B70 9LG
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Roller skating and Skateboarding classes. Street Art.

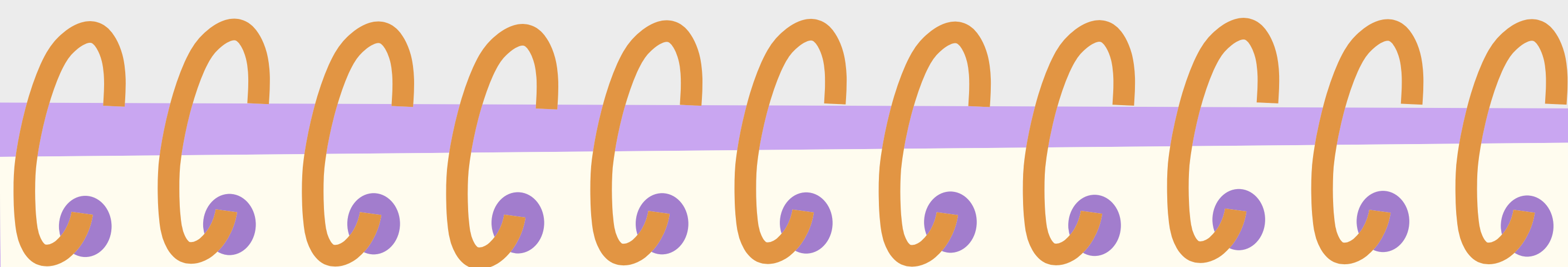
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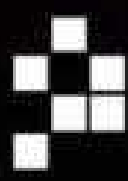
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BLUESHOUSE**

**STARTS ON
16TH JAN 26**

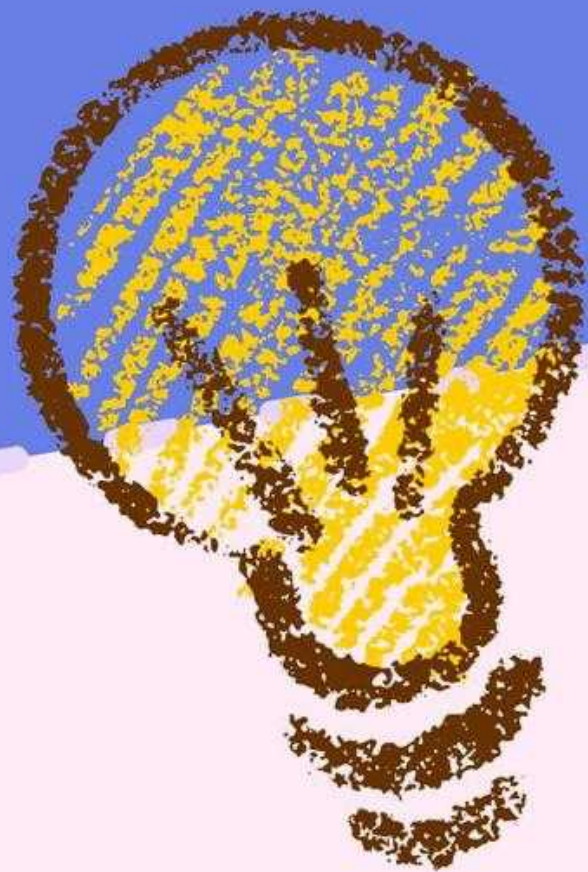
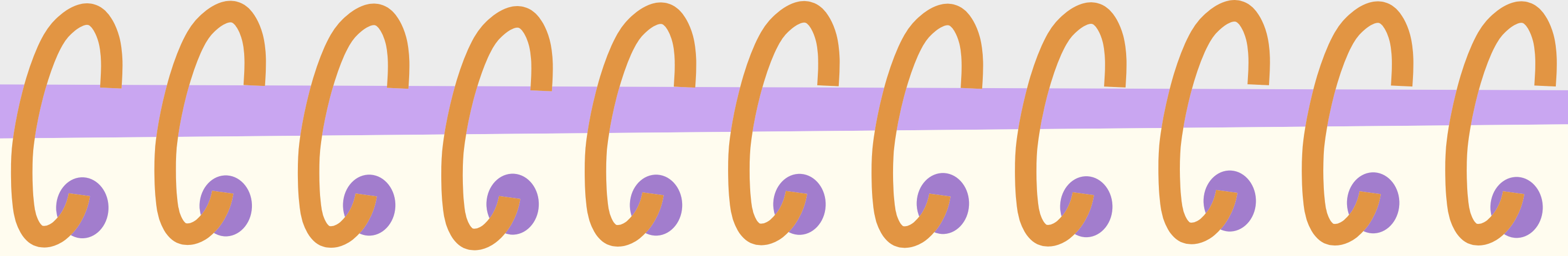
FRIDAYS | TOP-TIER ENTERTAINMENT IN WEST BROM.
7PM-10PM | IN PARTNERSHIP WITH BIG BEAR MUSIC!
LIVE BLUES, STREET FOOD & DRINKS*.

*Cocktail and alcoholic/non alcoholic beverages are available. (alcohol served 5pm-9pm).

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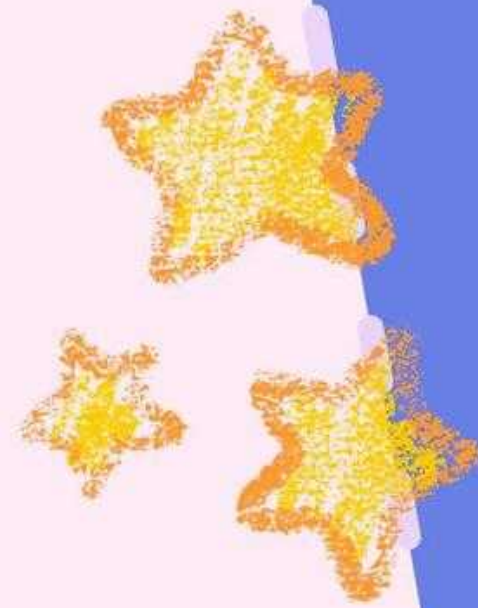
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Children's
activities

Sandwell Archives Art Club

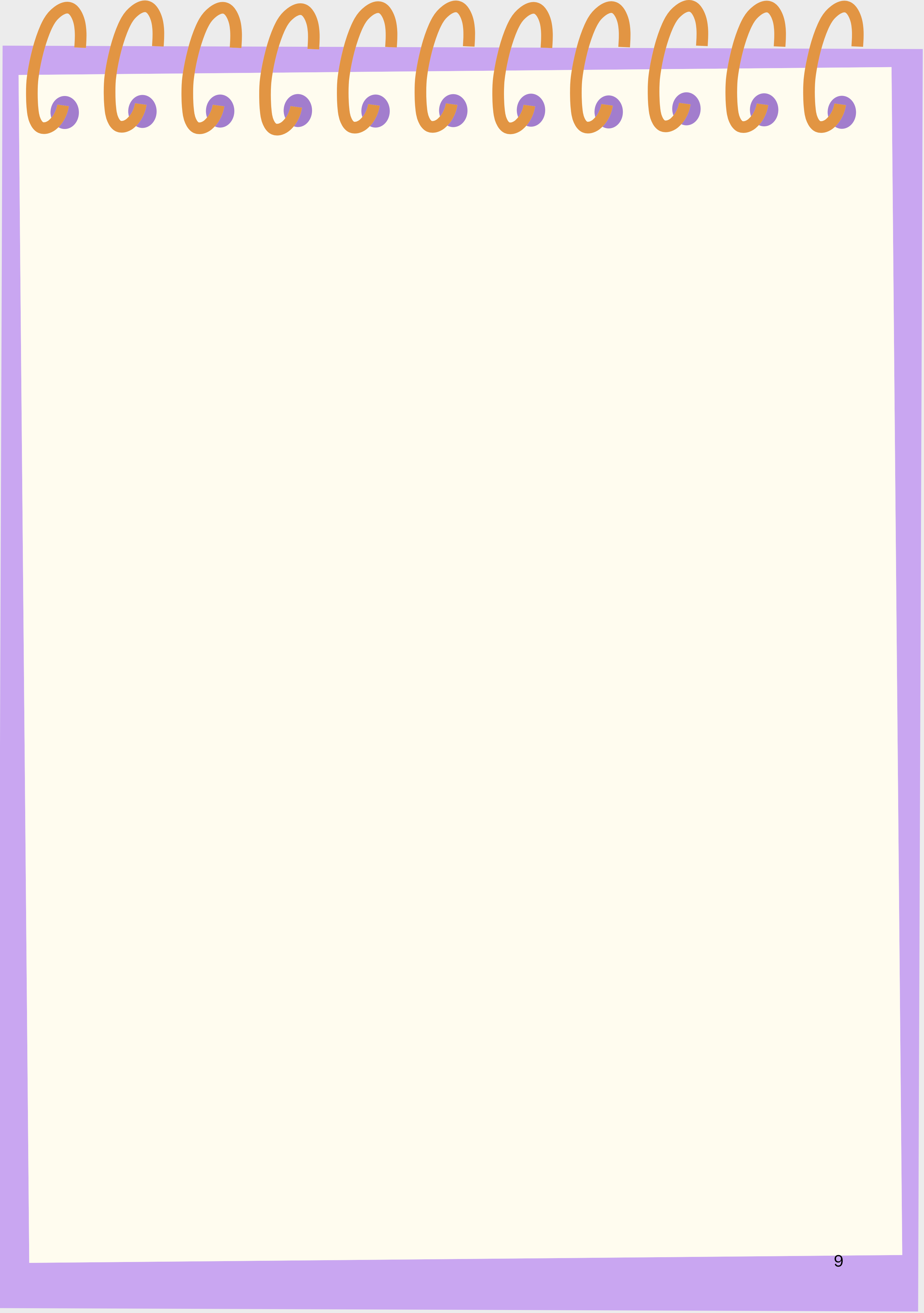


Create art inspired by our archive
collections!

**Thursday 13 August and Thursday
20 August. 11:30am- 12:30pm.
Smethwick Library**



Sandwell Libraries & Archives





Children's Participations and Engagement Officer

Job Summary

To lead on strengthening young people's (8-12) voice, ensuring they are meaningfully involved in shaping services, projects, and decision-making across the organisation and in the community. The role will build and sustain effective engagement opportunities, support young people's participation in governance and advocacy, and develop inclusive and empowering practices.

Duties

- Design and deliver programmes, workshops, surveys and forums to increase children's participation and influence as well as identifying strengths, resources & barriers of their local areas.
- Support children to develop confidence and take on age-appropriate leadership opportunities within the organisation (e.g. children's groups, peer helpers, project ambassadors, and social action activities).
- Develop innovative engagement strategies to reach underrepresented communities of young people.
- Facilitate safe, inclusive, and accessible spaces for dialogue, consultation, and co-production.
- Organise opportunities for children to meet and learn from others, helping to broaden their interests and aspirations.
- Celebrate and promote children's achievements through showcases, events and digital platforms, giving them opportunities to share their work and ideas
- Represent the organisation in community networks and partnerships meetings.
- Keep up-to-date working knowledge of human centred design, co-creation, civic leadership, behaviour change, social change.
- Support senior management with monitoring, reviewing and evaluating delivery evaluation processes.

Requirements

- Excellent communication skills, with children, colleagues, advisors and parents/carers.
- Effective time management skills
- Excellent organisation and planning skills.
- The ability to listen to the children, young people and communities' needs and wants
- Experience in collaborating with a wide range of people; from the children and young people and their families and other team members and partners.
- Enthusiasm for consulting with children and young people.
- The ability to be organised and adaptable in your approach.
- Demonstrate energy in all that you do and display a 'can-do' attitude.
- Be open to change and new ways of working.
- The ability to problem solve and make decisions.
- Awareness of Child Protection guidelines and relevant legislation.
- Awareness of risk assessment and risk benefit.
- Experience and understanding of working in a fast-paced environment.
- An understanding of playwork principles and good practice when working with children.
- A commitment to the provision of inclusive activities for children and young people.

This position provides a rewarding opportunity for individuals passionate about empowering children through participatory approaches while contributing positively to community development efforts.

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Freelance Board and Governance Administrator

About Powered by CAN

Powered by CAN works with children, young people and young adults across the Black Country and the wider Midlands. Founded and developed in Sandwell, we are passionate about empowering young people to feel pride in their communities and realise their potential.

Children, young people and young adults are at the heart of everything we do. We are committed to:

- Championing their right to co-design, co-create and co-produce the services that affect them.
- Encouraging leadership opportunities that ensure young people's voices influence their communities.
- Creating personal and professional development opportunities that enable young people to thrive.

Our vision is a future where every young person has the opportunity, confidence and support to make a positive contribution to their community.

Role Overview

We are looking for an organised and proactive Freelance Board & Governance Administrator to provide professional administrative and governance support to our Board of Directors.

Working closely with the CEO, Executive Assistant, Co-Chairs and Board members, you will coordinate Board meetings, maintain governance documentation, support trustee administration and help ensure the organisation continues to operate in line with good governance practice.

This role is ideal for someone with experience supporting Boards, trustees or senior leadership teams within the charity or not-for-profit sector who is looking for a flexible freelance opportunity.

Key Responsibilities

1. Board Governance Operations

Provide high-quality administrative and governance support to ensure the effective operation of the Board and its committees by:

- Developing and maintaining the annual governance calendar.
- Planning and coordinating Board and committee meetings.
- Preparing agendas in collaboration with the CEO, Executive Assistant and Co-Chairs.
- Collating, reviewing and distributing Board papers within agreed timescales.
- Attending Board meetings (virtual and in person where required) and producing accurate minutes.
- Maintaining action logs and monitoring follow-up actions.
- Maintaining governance records and documentation.
- Supporting effective communication between the Board and Youth Management Board.
- Providing administrative support to Board sub-committees and governance projects.
- Working within agreed governance systems, templates and Governance360 (or equivalent governance software).

2. Board Recruitment & Administration

Support the administration of the Board member lifecycle by:

- Supporting the recruitment of Directors, committee members and advisers.
 - Coordinating onboarding, induction and governance documentation.
 - Supporting Board member offboarding processes.
 - Supporting the maintenance of statutory registers and coordinating Companies House and other statutory filings with the CEO and external advisers where required.
 - Supporting the administration of declarations of interest and maintaining the conflicts of interest register.
- Maintaining governance records relating to appointments, terms of office and Board membership.

3. Board Development & Effectiveness

Support the ongoing development of the Board by:

- Coordinating Board induction and governance training.
- Researching and sharing governance development opportunities.
- Supporting Board effectiveness reviews, including collating feedback and preparing summary reports.
- Coordinating Board skills audits and maintaining skills matrices.
- Providing administrative support for Board succession planning and Board composition reviews.

4. Governance Compliance & Quality Assurance

Support the organisation to maintain effective governance by:

- Maintaining governance records and highlighting key statutory and governance deadlines.
 - Coordinating governance documentation to support compliance with relevant legislation and regulatory requirements.
 - Supporting the preparation of governance information for external funders and stakeholders, including Arts Council England.
- Assisting with annual governance reports, audits and compliance reviews.
- Reviewing governance policies, terms of reference and governance documentation, identifying where updates may be required.
- Liaising with external governance advisers where specialist advice is required.

5. Ad Hoc & Project Support

Provide flexible administrative and governance support for Board and governance-related projects as required.

This may include coordinating activities, preparing documentation, undertaking research and supporting governance initiatives outside of routine Board administration.



Person Specification

Essential

- Access to own equipment.
- Experience providing administrative support to a Board, committee, trustees or senior leadership team.
- Excellent organisational and time management skills with the ability to prioritise competing deadlines.
- Experience organising meetings, preparing Board papers and taking accurate minutes.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills.
- High level of accuracy and attention to detail.
- Ability to maintain confidentiality and manage sensitive information appropriately.
- Good understanding of charity or not-for-profit governance and Board processes.
- Experience maintaining governance documentation, action logs and registers.
- Proficiency in Google Workspace and virtual meeting platforms such as Zoom and Google Meets.
- Ability to work independently and build positive working relationships with trustees and senior colleagues.

Desirable

- Experience supporting governance within a charity, CIC or not-for-profit organisation.
- Knowledge of Companies House requirements and statutory governance records.
- Understanding of Charity Commission guidance and governance best practice.
- Experience supporting trustee recruitment, induction and onboarding.
- Experience coordinating Board development activities or skills audits.
- Experience using governance management software such as Governance360.
- Understanding of GDPR and information governance.
- Knowledge of funder governance requirements, including Arts Council England.
- Experience supporting governance reviews, policy updates or governance improvement projects.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Powered by CAN is committed to creating an inclusive environment where everyone feels welcomed, valued and respected. We actively encourage applications from people of all backgrounds and particularly welcome applications from individuals who are currently underrepresented within charity governance.

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Place Development and Funding Officer

The Place Development and Funding Officer will lead place-based investment and regeneration across the Black Country Network, helping children, young people, and community-led organisations access resources, influence decisions, and shape outcomes.

Charging Up Change is a place-based initiative strengthening collaboration across the Black Country to address inequality, amplify youth voice and enable long-term systems change. Bringing together VCSE organisations, cultural partners, public bodies, funders and decision-makers, the network improves alignment, shared learning and collective impact.

The role will unlock equitable investment, strengthen network members' economic resilience, and embed community voice in regeneration, cultural, and infrastructure strategies. Working with the Network Manager, the post holder will help make the Black Country a hub for inclusive, youth-led growth.

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Senior Service Coordinator (Play and Physical Activity)

Job Description

Powered By CAN are looking for a creative and passionate Senior Service Coordinator to join our successful play, physical activity and public health service. In this role, you will plan, coordinate, and deliver high-quality extra-curricular sessions within both local community and educational settings. We are seeking an individual with a firm grasp of sector strategy, exceptional relationship management skills, and the commercial acumen necessary to support our goals for sustainable growth and high-impact delivery.

Experience

- To represent the organisation with local and regional networks of supporters and stakeholders.
- To support and motivate the team to drive performance.
- To participate in regular team meetings and supervision meetings.
- Attend ideas meetings and contribute to discussions about the future of PbC.
- To identify personal development and training opportunities for self and team & disseminate CDP & training opportunities to PbC staff.
- To contribute ideas that may support the ongoing development of the organisation.
- To contribute to the programming and administration of bespoke commissioned services.
- To ensure confidentiality within the organisation at all times.
- To participate in activities which fall outside of normal working hours as required, e.g. Training, Staff Meetings, Recruitment/Engagement events, fundraising events, etc.
- To undertake such other duties and responsibilities of an equivalent nature as may be determined from time to time by SLT.

Essential Skills

- A minimum of 2-3 years of management/coordination or team leading experience.
- A minimum of 2-3 years of coordinating/managing the delivering play, physical activity or public health services.
- Hold a relevant play, physical activity or public health qualification, or be willing to work towards one.
- A recognised qualification at level 3 above specific to the role (or willing to work towards).
- A keen and active interest in the vision and purpose of PbC and a knowledge of the culture, creative, education and youth sectors.
- Working knowledge of the Black Country and surrounding areas (including knowledge of marginalised communities).
- Understanding of the importance of Health & Safety in the workplace.
- Completion of Safeguarding Awareness/Child Protection course.
- Health & Safety and First Aid certificate.
- Ability to work towards targets and specific Key performance indicators.
- Ability to use data management systems.
- To respond to new challenges with agility and a proactive approach with an understanding of equal opportunities and cultural diversity issues in the delivery of our services.
- To work effectively independently and collaborate on a daily basis.
- Working knowledge of relevant software packages (Microsoft Office Suite, Google).

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Service Manager/ Senior Producer

Job Description

Powered by CAN (PbC) is looking for a creative, ambition thought provoker that uses the power of arts, culture and civic change as a catalyst for every child in the Black Country. The Service Manager/ Senior Producer will work alongside the Head of Programmes, Participants and Principles and the CEO. Identifying and securing partnerships and collaboration opportunities in support of strengthening underserved communities of children, young people and young adults (under 35yrs).

The Service Manager should champion the rights for children, young people and young adults and drive opportunities for them to become socially engaged in arts, education, culture and civic change.

• Artistic and Creative Programming

To collaborate as part of the Management Team to drive Arts Council England's Investment Principles/Outcomes & Let's Create Strategy (including other governing/arm's length organisations, with a focus on socially engaged practice.

- To develop relationships and partnerships across identified Priority Places/Leveling Up for Culture, with key stakeholders including local authorities, schools, health authorities and youth services.
- To connect with local to national strategic partnerships, to influence conversations within the sector.
- To support and empower the cultural and creative education plan with schools, alternative providers and community organisations, to provide high-quality and hands on art/creative events, workshops, courses and opportunities for children, young people and young adults.
- To develop and coordinate creative placements and internship opportunities for 16–25-year-olds.
- To become one of our Ambition and Quality Investment Principles Champions.

Culture, Civic Change and Community

- To drive the principles of innovation, social action, social change and social enterprise that underlie all PbC programmes with a strong awareness of current youth trends.
- To offer support and guidance to freelance staff of the PbC arts, culture and creative projects and assist on our
- Youth Management Board (YMB) and Project Steering Committees.
- To lead the team on pro-active approaches to co-creation within the local community.

Partnerships and Networking

- To connect key stakeholders and partners by utilising our networks locally to nationally to support programming/new projects to align with the work of PbC for children, young people and young adults.
- To assist on PbC's strategic positionality across the Midlands, in particular the hosting of Sandwell Cultural Education Partnership and Sandwell Cultural Compact.
- Attend conferences, performances, events and/or festivals to maintain a strong awareness of current trends for emerging talent.

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ARTIST COMMISSION



Black Country Touring is seeking artists to collaborate with the Smethwick community to bring local folklore to life through creative practice.



Find the full commission brief and application details in the comments: 

Deadline to apply: Monday 24th August 2026, 5pm

www.bctouring.org.uk/vacancies/smethwick-folk

BLACK COUNTRY TOURING PRESENTS

CAPE CUSTARD

A LIGHTHOUSE ADVENTURE

GET READY FOR A VOYAGE
LIKE NO OTHER!

A fun-filled adventure for all the family. Step inside
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to the faraway shores of Cape Custard.



16 JULY - 20 AUGUST

AT VENUES ACROSS THE BLACK COUNTRY

TICKETS: PAY WHAT YOU CAN

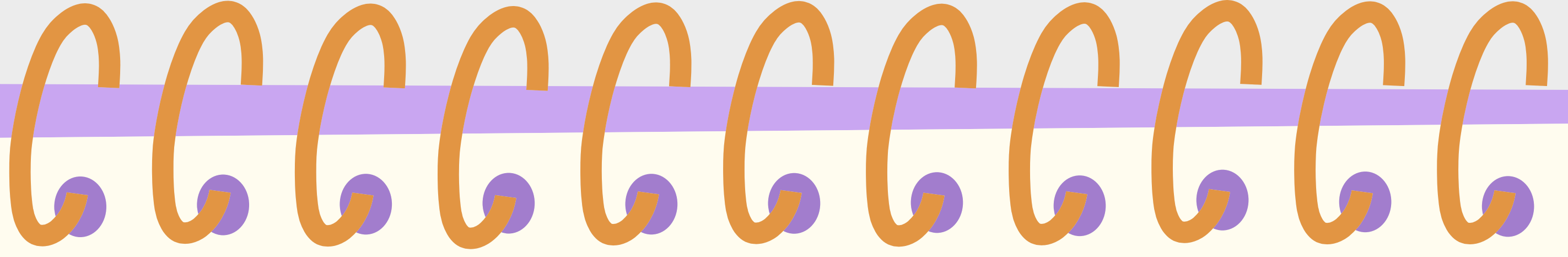
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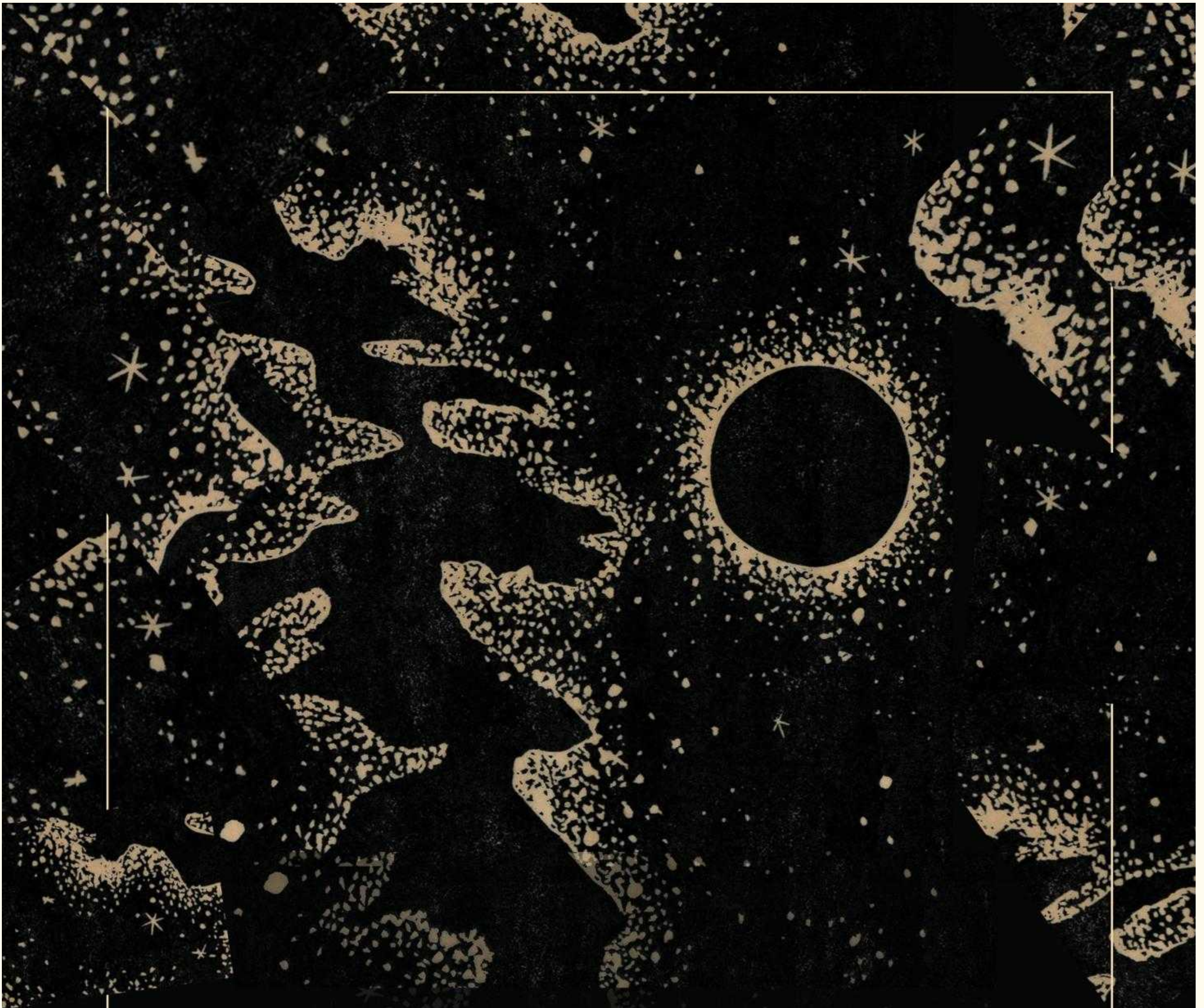
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EXHIBITIONS



Space to Breathe

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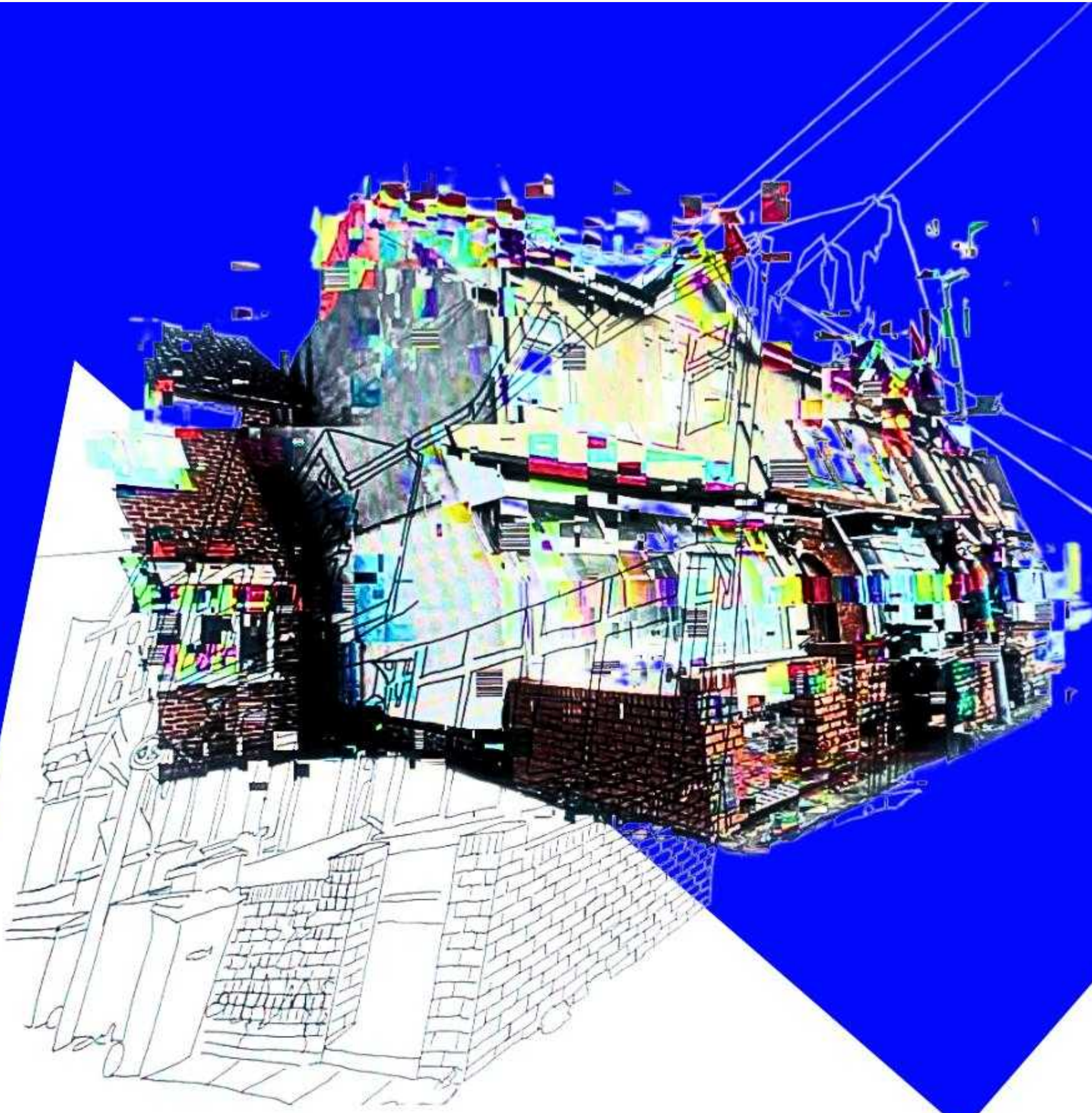
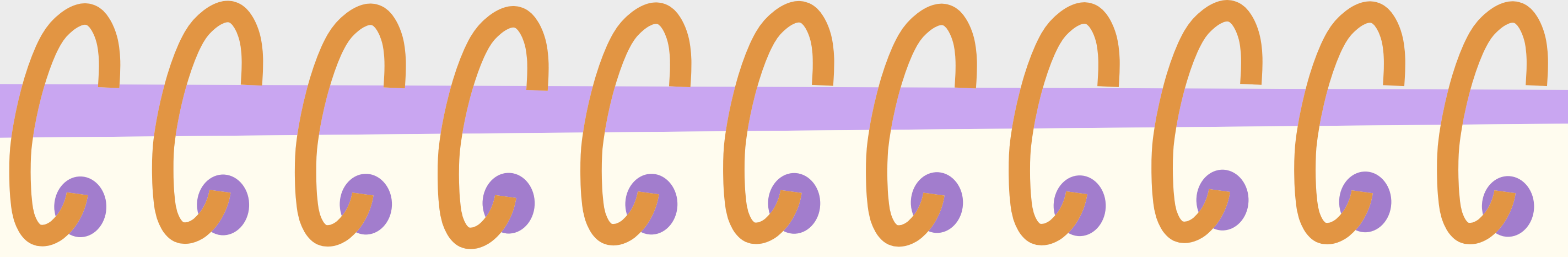
August 1 - September 14

@ Great Barr Library

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<architecture of the soft [brown] underbelly>

A materialisation by f00lsp4nzi

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August 1 – September 14 @ West Bromwich Central Library

Raíces Roots

A meditation on belonging, the roots that we carry and the ones we grow in new lands, a group exhibition by the Midlands-based Latin American collective, ITZATNA Arts.

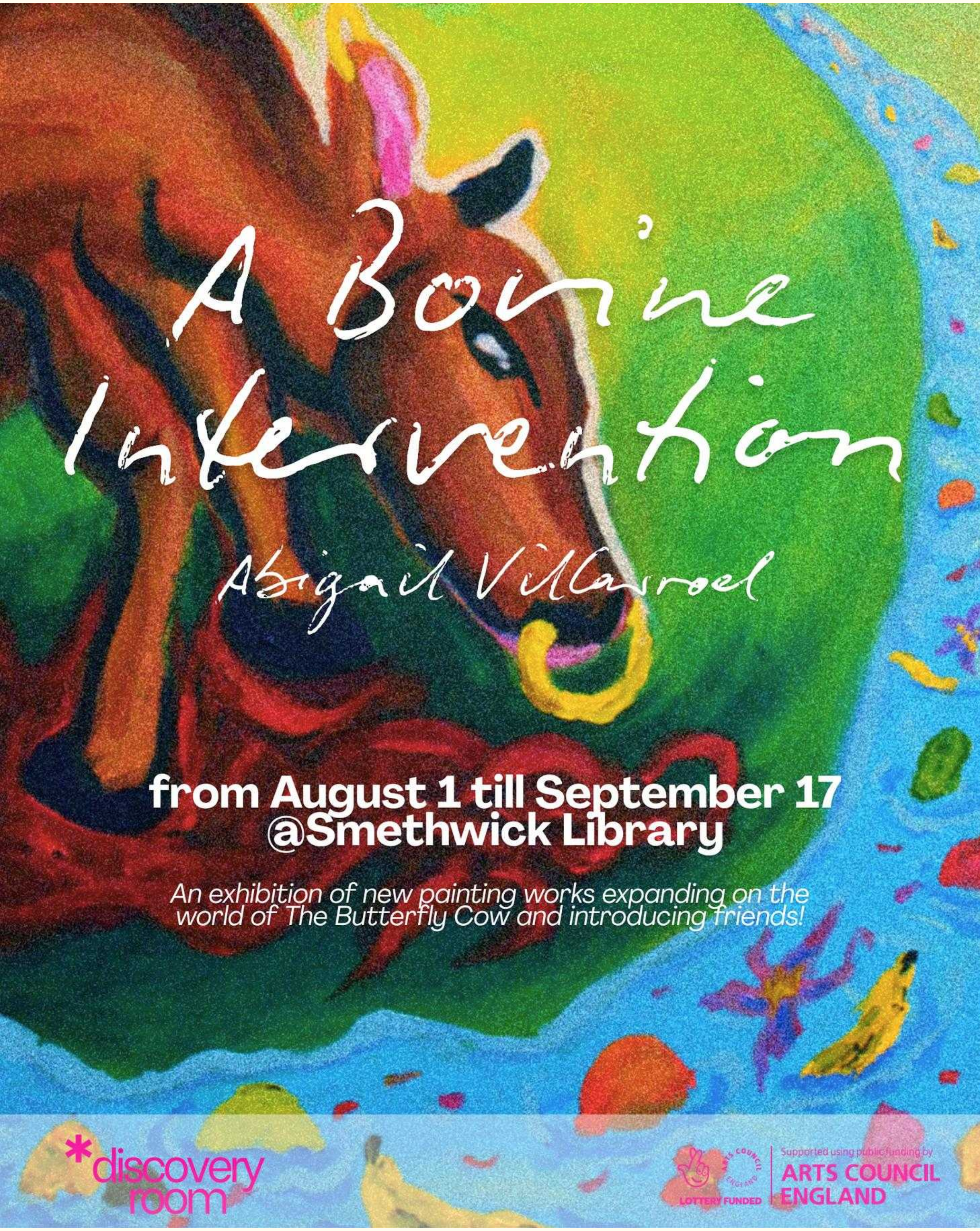
Featuring
work by
Michelle
Amezcu,
Alfredo Hau,
Sebas Hau



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A Bovine Intervention

Abigail Villarroel

**from August 1 till September 17
@Smethwick Library**

An exhibition of new painting works expanding on the world of The Butterfly Cow and introducing friends!

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Bag Lord presents

The Rubbish King

from Aug 1 till Sep 17 @Thimblemill Library

An exhibition telling the mythic legend of the Rubbish King, born from Mercian waste and the ruins of capitalism. Witness the tale from a selection of new art works and short stories from Wolverhampton's premier bin-wizard, Bag Lord.

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INFAMOUS ARTS PRESENT

THE TOYMAKER



A FAMILY FESTIVE SHOW OF
TRADITIONAL STORIES FROM AROUND THE WORLD
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES



CURRENTLY TAKING BOOKINGS FOR OUR
WINTER 2026 MIDLANDS TOUR
SUITABLE FOR ALL SIZE VENUES, LIBRARIES &
SCHOOLS

FOR FURTHER DETAILS CONTACT US;
[INFO@INFAMOUSARTS.CO.UK](mailto:info@infamousarts.co.uk)
0121 439 5410



Bearwood Community Hub
presents

NEW **Curiosity Café**



Starts 19th May 2026!

Skills Share

What knowledge or skills can you share?
What do you want to learn from someone else?

Task & Finish Group

What local issues do you want to help solve?

Community Guide

Bring your memories, recommendations and favourite spots
to add to our Community Guide map!

Library of Things

Sign up to help develop a library of tools and equipment for residents to share

Thimblemill Library

3rd Tuesday Every Month, drop in 2-5pm & 6-8pm

WELCOME

Dottie's

COMMUNITY FRIDGE

Enabling businesses and individuals to waste less through the sharing of good quality food that's within it's use-by date

Open to all

Tuesday 12pm - 2pm

Wednesday 9.30am - 12pm

& 5pm - 7pm

Thursday 12pm - 3pm

Friday 9.30am - 12pm



How to support the fridge:

We aim to provide a minimum of 3 items per visit, however we are reliant on surplus donations so cannot always guarantee this.

Spread the word!

Drop off surplus food

Volunteer to help maintain the service

Thank you

We can accept donations, but they must be transported in a cooler bag, straight from your fridge. We cannot accept any home-cooked items.



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Community Centre

THE DOROTHY PARKES CENTRE
CHURCH ROAD, SMETHWICK, B67 6EH
0121 558 2998
CHARITY NO. 1093189



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ADD YOUR EVENTS TO VISIT SANDWELL TODAY

If you have an event in Sandwell, PLEASE add it to Visit Sandwell by clicking [here!](#)

We want more Sandwell events on Visit Sandwell - if you need any help with adding events, please contact Stacey!

A support video to add events on Visit Sandwell is here!

Join the Sandwell Cultural Forum

NOW

Do you know someone who wants to join the Sandwell Forum?

**Email Stacey via:
stacey_bagdi@sandwell.gov.uk**



Thank you for coming to the sixth and final Sandwell Stanzas in Tipton this season!

Tipton did not disappoint! Last Friday night, I hosted the final pilot Sandwell Stanzas at Tipton Library, and it was - yet again - another phenomenal night of poetry and people. We had new voices, old voices, voices who didn't read but have been inspired, and all of these voices created a beautiful evening of spoken word magic.

Jayce Joyce was a delightful feature poet, having recently been awarded a Guinness World Record for world's youngest anthology editor, with his Benjamin Zephaniah inspired poem Fruits of the Spirit. Harry Fletcher is a previous Staffordshire Young Poet Laureate, and his set of poetry based on his research of classic and contemporary poets was a feast for the ears.

Here are some lovely quotes from our feedback sheets:

"My first event. Brilliant vibe. Really inclusive and warm."

"Sandwell Stanzas has been consistently excellent from West Brom all the way through to Tipton! Every one a corker! Watch out the rest of Sandwell - the poets are coming!!" 22nd July!

Thank you so much for writing these comments - they mean a great deal to the project. And... As those who were present will know... Sandwell Stanzas isn't over. The pilot was just the beginning.

I will make an official announcement about the future of the project very soon (keep your last Friday's free), but in the meantime, we have a pure open mic online on 28th August, and a new partnership special with Oldbury Rep on 25th September - both from 7-9pm - and the latter will also be open to comedy and music with a bar!

For now, thank you to everyone for coming, sharing poems and connection, building a true poetry community in Sandwell we all collectively benefit from.

Peace & love, Charley





Featured Events Listing



Click on the text below to find out more about the events and to book

Sandwell Museums:

Haden Hill House

- [Lots of exciting family fun events at Haden click here for the full list!](#)

Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery

- [Lots of history talks and family summer fun at Wednesbury Museum and Art Gallery](#)

Oak House Museum

- [There's a ton of activities happening at Oak House this summer - click here!](#)

Bromwich Hall

- [Check out the amazing events happening at Bromwich Hall](#)

Sandwell Libraries:

- [Lots coming up, book via Ticketsource <-click here](#)

Cultural Forum Members List

1000 Trades

Abigail Villarroel (Artist)

Anthony McFarlane (Artist)

Black Country Multicultural Day Team

Black Country Touring

Black Heritage Walks Network

Bearwood Community Hub

Bearwood Promoters

Big Bear Music

Birmingham Opera

Birmingham Music Archive

Black Country Living Museum

Blue Sheep Books

Brendan Hawthorne - Poet

Bright Young Minds

Canal & River Trust

City of Birmingham Orchestra

Charlottte McDermott - Poet

Chance Heritage Trust

Curl Girl Productions

Creative Black Country

Creatv Hub

Dalbir Singth Ratta - Music

Drama AND SOME cic

European's Welfare Association

Faith-Brynel Insights

Fantastic Journeys

Filmgage

Infamous Arts

Jessica - Artist

Keith Bracey - Poet

Kickstarts Dance

Learn with Lolonyo

Little Earthquake

Luke Perry (Artist)

Melonie Barnaby - Poet

ME Dance

Method in Motion

Misfits Music

Multistory

Noir Hub CIC

O'Driscoll Collective

Outside Left

Outside The Box Creative Thinking Space

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Quennie Lim (Artist)

Rage Arts

Ruth Conover (Artist)

Sarah Cole (Artist)

Sarah Waldron (Artist)

Sandwell Archives

Sandwell Asian Family Support Service (SAFS)

Sandwell College

Sandwell Mela

Sandwell Valley

SCVO

SIPS

Simmi - Artist

Smethwick Heritage Centre

Spectra

Stan's Cafe

SWEDA

The Art Yard

The Parakeet

The People's Orchestra

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West Midlands Heritage Building Trust

Wild Lives Forest School

Women & Theatre

Your City & Metropolitan Hospitals Charity

& Sandwell Council Officers and Local Councillors

