



YOUNG DIGITALS 2021

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS



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Welcome to the programme for 2021's Young Digitals Festival. This year all our activity will be taking place online at our festival hub which you can access at the Peshkar website www.peshkar.co.uk. All workshops will be taking place using Hopin, a video conferencing platform that allows for a greater level of interactivity but is extremely user friendly.

All workshops are free to attend and you will receive links to take part in the week leading up to the Festival.

To register to attend any of the workshops, please complete the form at this link <https://forms.gle/AfpqHVfKbmQ4BUyt6>

Workshops

Friday 26th March

10.30-11.15am [For Families] 'Walking Games'

Join artist Rik Fisher as he takes you through creating and testing out your own walking games. Explore how and why we use our natural environment for exercise and wellbeing and have fun getting creative with playing games with your children.

This workshop is suitable for adults caring for children aged from birth- 10 years. It is part of a series of three, taking place on Friday, Saturday and Sunday during the festival. We would encourage participants to join each workshop if possible to share your experiences.

5-6.30pm [for 16+] 'Photoshop Still Life'

Extend your digital photography skills with artist Toubie Jack as she guides you through the use of Photoshop software to create a computer generated still life.

This workshop is designed for anyone aged 16 and upwards with an interest in drawing, painting and digital art. Photoshop or similar software would be helpful but you are still able to contribute without access to the software.

5.30-7pm [for 16+] 'Drawing for Inner Calm'

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This workshop is suitable for anyone over the age of 16 and is particularly suited to those with limited experience or expertise in technology.

Saturday 27th March

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Midday-2pm [for 16+] 'Walking as Creative Practice' Part 1

In this masterclass session, artist Rik Fisher will talk about how he uses walking as an artistic practice. He will share some of his exercises and techniques with you to help you use walking as a tool for mental and physical health as well as to generate ideas that can be responded to creatively.

This session is suitable for anyone aged 16+ with an interest in art practice and is part of a package of 2 sessions, running Saturday and Sunday. You will be booking to attend both sessions, please let us know on your form if you can only make one.

2-4pm Create your own Audio Drama [12-16]

Are you a lover of writing, drama, telling stories and all things performance? If so you've probably been missing getting together with others, sharing ideas and creating plays for the stage. Well while we can't make that happen for you, we can do the next best thing, come and join Theatre Director Adriana Buonfantino in this workshop exploring audio drama. You'll create your own stories and learn the skills you need to make drama that works in sound only.

This session is open to anyone aged 12-16 with an interest in drama and creative writing.

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SPECIAL EVENT presented by Oldham Libraries and Crossing Footprints

2-5pm CLIMATE CONNECTIONS [suitable for anyone aged 10+ but under 16s need to be accompanied by an adult]

Can social media bring people together to educate and tackle climate change? Find out how to make quick social media micro-videos that can have impact against climate change and also bring different communities together. Work with a group of artists and activists to generate action to tackle the damage being done to our climate. Combine images, video clips, text, spoken words. Connect your experience here with other parts of the world, be a part of a powerful collective film made up of many voices.

Climate change is affecting us everywhere - the UK, Pakistan, West Africa, Bangladesh, South America, Syria, China, the USA, you name it. This is an afternoon of hearing from experts, activists, community members and artists about the solutions to the problems we are facing, then creating your own short slideshow film combining photos, videos and text. We'll be putting these out on social media and they will become part of a collective film over the next few weeks. If you have settled in Oldham from outside the UK then we'd love to hear what you know about the environment in your country of origin.

2-4pm Main workshop

- presentation and discussion with a panel of speakers
- breakout rooms in small groups each with an artist helping out
- finding photos and video clips and making a slideshow film
- adding your own words about actions and solutions to the problems

4-5pm Training session and screening

- a training introduction on how to create short social media videos
- the launch of a competition and open call for more video contributions
- a screening of all the media we have created to close the event

This will be an opportunity to bring together a diverse range of people in Oldham from different backgrounds. Oldham Library is a part of the Libraries Of Sanctuary movement and we particularly welcome people with experience of having been refugees. Register your place at the link above then we will send you full details of how to join the event. Look out for the follow up event on 17th April.

Full details about this project at <https://crossingfootprints.com/climate-connections/>

This event is delivered by Crossing Footprints CIC, with artists Kooj Chuhan, Emmanuela Yogolelo, Rabia Begum, Klaus-dieter Michel, Maya Chowdhry, Ricardo Vilela and leading writer and researcher Alex Randall from Climate Outreach. Climate Connections is presented by Oldham Central Library in partnership with Community Arts North West as part of the national Libraries of Sanctuary movement.



Sunday 28th March

10-11am [7-14 and their families] 'Theatre for Thriving'

'Theatre for Thriving' is a webinar workshop which specialises in 'creativity for wellbeing' for young people aged 7+ and their families. The workshop will be jam packed with whole host of engaging creative tasks including: drama games, physical theatre, creative writing and exploring poetry. Each task in the workshop will focus on one of 'Mind's 5 Ways to Wellbeing'. <https://www.mind.org.uk/workplace/mental-health-at-work/taking-care-of-yourself/five-ways-to-wellbeing/>. The workshop will give families a series of creative prompts to respond to as a team.

Participants will need a pen/pencil and some paper, and even some colours too. You will also need some space to move a little and safely.

We will encourage families to capture contributions from the creative tasks through photos/videos and send them in to us with the chance to be featured on Peshkar's Instagram!

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Exhibitions

Throughout the weekend you will be able to navigate your way around our online festival and see and hear work that has been created across three of Peshkar's most recent projects. These are-

InterMEDS:

An Erasmus+ funded project working with partners across the EU to explore positive stories around Migration. Artists Sam Rushton, Ciara Leeming and Toubie Jack have been working on creative responses to this project over the last 15 months and here you will be able to see some of their work in progress.

YOUth On Air:

An Erasmus+ funded project exploring the use of radio and podcasting as a tool for exploring issues of identity with young people. You will hear a series of podcasts created in the UK by artists Georgia Lomax Thorpe, Huma Arshad, Lorien Edwards and Rabhia Saeeda alongside shows created by partners in Belgium, North Macedonia and Serbia.

Crisis Commissions:

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic's first wave in 2020, Peshkar launched a series of small commissions to support artists to develop work that responded to the themes of 'Captive Audience' and 'Communicate'. The work that was created is here to enjoy.

Arts Award

As always at YDF, there is the opportunity for young people aged 5-25 to complete the Discover Arts Award during the festival. This year the mechanism for this will be designed by students studying Games Design at Oldham College so keep your eyes on the website to find out more.