

Call out for artists

HALF TERM FAMILY WORKSHOPS

28th – 30th October 2025



Background

The Turnpike Gallery is planning a series of half term workshops for families as part of its Drumcroon Print Exhibition, on display until March 2026. We are looking for artists to design an imaginative creative activity for a group of children and families, which responds to or is inspired by one of the following artworks in the exhibition:



Patrick Caulfield, Glazed Earthenware, 1976

We love the potential of the domestic elements in this scene and the bold use of shadows.



Tim Mara, Alan's Room, 1974

Children's bedrooms are often places of great imagination.



Patrick Hughes, Rubbish Rainbows, 1978

Imagine if you could make rainbows appear anywhere!

Activities must be suitable for children aged 5+ and their families. There must be a clear link to the artwork on display that participants can take inspiration from.

We are particularly interested in innovative ideas that think on a large or 3D scale, this may take the form of one large collaborative piece that everyone works on together.

Family Workshops

Workshop dates:

Tuesday 28 October

Wednesday 29 October

Thursday 30 October

all 10.30am -12.30pm

Sessions should aim to engage families with children aged 5-11 and be suitable for a range of abilities. A commissioned practitioner will lead each family workshop, and staff/volunteers will be on hand to assist in managing the session.

Each artist will:

- Engage up to 20 children and their families at the workshop
- Empower and enable participants to take part at their level
- Be collaborative in nature, and responsive to the ideas of young participants
- Be inspiring, engaging, inclusive, and respectful

All sessions will take place in The Turnpike Gallery on the first floor of Leigh Library. There is level access to the Gallery via a lift from the main building entrance.

Accessible toilets are available on the first floor.

The commission fee is £100 for planning and development per workshop, plus £150 for delivery onsite. Materials expenses can be discussed with the gallery.

Applicants must be registered for self-assessment and have Public Liability insurance. An up-to-date DBS certificate is essential.

Application Process

Please specify your availability for the session dates above. Artists may apply to deliver 1 or more of the workshops.

Please submit a proposal including a description of your activity idea and how this links to the artwork. Include images of previous workshops you have led, details of your experience delivering activities with this age group, and your CV or website link.

Your proposal can be in one document (Word or PDF format, with images and up to 500 words), or an audio or video recording (up to 3 minutes).

Deadline to submit proposals: **Sunday 21st September 2025**

Artists notified of outcome: **Friday 26th September 2025**

For any queries and to submit your proposal, please email:
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