

What's On
January —
March 2024



Open 10am to 5pm
Mon-Sat and 10am-4pm
Sun & Bank Holidays
Food is served daily
from 11am until 2-hours
before closing
Entry to the
Hub is FREE

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**Together
We Are Powerful**

This summer we explored the people, objects and stories that shape our community, and learned how powerful we are when we all come together.

We're now inviting YOU to continue co-producing with us. Lend your objects, tell their stories and be part of a new pop-up cabinet of curiosities that celebrates, inspires and keeps us 'togethering'.

Follow our social media and website for updates!



RiverLight 2024

Save the dates:
RiverLight Fringe: Sat 15-Fri 21 Jun
Festival Finale: Sat 22 Jun

A festival celebrating the culture & heritage of Sleaford. RiverLight is a collaborative event bringing together local venues, businesses, community groups, schools and artists. Please contact us if you'd like to get involved!

Image: RiverLight Festival, Autin Dance Theatre - Out of the Deep Blue, Image by Scott Murray Photography



Image: Jackie Leggett, Seedpod Boots

Jackie Leggett: Clogs

2 Dec 2023-17 Mar 2024
Window Collection

Reworking the traditional clogs of the North of England is Jackie Leggett, the designer/maker behind Jackie Loves Clogs. Her passion for clogs and making dates back to her Great Grandfather who had a clog making shop in the West Cumbrian town of Maryport. Jackie takes the traditional designs forward and has made them colourful and contemporary. Using full grain leather uppers and linings in contrasting colours and beech wood soles her designs are playful and fun to wear.

Exhibitions

**Jo Cope:
The Wisdom
Is in Your Feet**

2 Dec 2023-17 Mar 2024
Main Gallery

With a background in fashion, performance and leathercraft, Jo Cope, has spent the last decade reimagining an alternative life for shoes. Her work explores the idea that shoes and feet carry deeper meanings and wisdom.

Jo's shoe making is rooted in her family history. Her grandfather was a cobbler and her grandmother was a heel coverer most of her life. This exhibition explores her handcrafted footwear artefacts, and recent filmic work.

In the exhibition the audience is asked to think through their feet. Consider walking as a metaphor for life's journey, with feet, paths and directions as moral and symbolic guides. Jo is interested in encouraging a deeper look at the power that might be hidden in our feet and their potential to impact positive thoughts and actions.



Image: Jo Cope, Turning Point, 2022 Photo © Nigel Essex

Shop

The Hub's curated shop is renowned for its collection of beautiful handmade contemporary craft, made by some of the UK's leading designer/makers. With unique design objects, books and magazines, art supplies, craft kits, toys and gifts, you can be sure to find something you love and love something you find.



CaféBar

Our contemporary CaféBar is a vibrant welcoming space, perfect for brunch, lunch, meetings and get togethers.

We are passionate about offering alternative eating options and we serve a delicious menu of locally produced seasonal food that is rooted in healthy eating values. Our menu offers plant-based, vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free options. Everything is made fresh in house, and we also offer take-away and event services.

Food is served daily from 11am until 3pm Mon-Sat and 2pm Sun, subject to availability.

FREE wi-fi via _The Cloud



Image: Hannah White, Fluidity & Rigidity Sculpture

**Brian Voce and
Darren Diss:
Unexpected Journeys**

13 Jan-14 Apr 2024
Ground Floor Gallery

This exhibition brings together ceramics and printmaking by two Lincolnshire based artists, who met through teaching at the University of Lincoln. The works, both two and three dimensional, incorporate influences from landscape, maps, geometry and walking. The subject matter echoes the meandering approach to making shared by each artist. Darren has moved from a two dimensional art and design training to three dimensional production and Brian from three dimensional training to two dimensional production.

Image: Darren Diss, Bowls



**Coming Soon
62 Group: Tailored**

30 Mar-7 Jul 2024
Main Gallery

This exhibition brings together work by internationally renowned textile artist collective, the 62 Group, taking as its starting point the theme and process of tailoring.

Cutting, tacking and construction techniques all feature strongly in the exhibition, whether based on the imagery of tailoring, or branching into new directions. Stitches themselves become a new language of mark or construction.

Highly personal, compelling and thought provoking themes lie behind many of the works. The life of cloth and clothing, as well as its connection through time and place, demonstrates the unique roll of textiles in our lives. Clothing as a second skin becomes a symbol for the body and also provides a means to explore identity and self-image.

Tailored is a touring exhibition from Sunny Bank Mills in West Yorkshire.

**Exhibitions
events &
more**

The Hub delivers an inspiring programme of contemporary craft, design, dance and creative arts experiences, in Sleaford, across North Kesteven and beyond.

Everyone is invited to join us this season for a new year of exhibitions, events and performances.

Look out for new dance classes, specialist craft workshops, exhibition talks and a new pop-up cabinet of curiosities co-curated by you!

Our new National Saturday Art Club for young people launches in January too - follow their journey on our social media.

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Entry to the hub and all exhibitions are FREE!



Image: Jo Cope, Directions, 2023 Photo © Nigel Essex



January

Hub Dance Tinies

Tue 9 Jan, 10–11am

A fun filled creative movement session for babies, toddlers and grown-ups with music, dance, storytelling and creativity.

£5 per family (up to 2 adults and 2 children)

[0-4YRS](#) [DANCE](#)

Home Education Workshops

Tue 9 Jan–20 Feb, 1.30–3.00pm

An art & craft group for Home Educated children that allows them to be creative, get messy and have fun! Sessions can be an arts/crafts workshop or part of an Arts Award journey. Each week learning and developing something new to build a range of practical skills.

6-week block £50, Option to complete an Arts Award additional cost

[5-11YRS](#) [WORKSHOP](#)

Home Education 11Yrs + Workshops

Tue 9 Jan - 20 Feb, 10.30am–12pm

See above.

6-week block £50, Option to complete an Arts Award additional cost

[11-16YRS](#) [WORKSHOP](#)

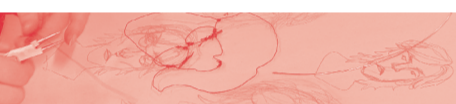
Creative Contemporary Dance for ages 55+

Wed 17 Jan, 11am–12.30pm

A relaxed and fun contemporary creative dance class for anyone over the age of 55yrs. Focusing on developing your confidence through dance, exploring different ways of moving through a series of creative tasks.

£5.50, no experience required

[55YRS+](#) [DANCE](#)



Life Drawing

Sat 20 Jan, 10.30am–3.00pm

Working with a live model, this artist led session will develop your observational drawing skills and style of expressive figure drawing. Whether you're a seasoned professional or you are just curious to have a go, this session is open to all abilities.

£36, refreshments & materials provided

[16YRS+](#) [WORKSHOP](#)

Ceramic Birds

Wed 24 Jan, 1–3pm

Create ceramic birds, learning pinch, coil and modelling methods of making. Bring in a wooden block or stable branch for positioning the sculpture or stand alone. Burnished slip decoration.

£28, refreshments & materials provided

[16YRS+](#) [WORKSHOP](#)

Advanced Silversmithing

Sat 27 Jan, 10.30am–4pm

Build your knowledge of silversmithing techniques to make an object of your choice, with tutor support and all the equipment you need.

£42, silver available to purchase on the day

[18YRS+](#) [WORKSHOP](#)

Beginner's Silversmithing

Sun 28 Jan, 10.30am–4pm

Learn specialist silversmithing techniques including soldering, sawing, hammering, joining, polishing and finishing to make your own ring or similar piece.

£50, materials provided

[18YRS+](#) [WORKSHOP](#)



February

Drawing Feet From Life

Sat 3 Feb, 10.30am–1pm

Hands and feet are often considered one of the hardest parts of the body to draw. Inspired by our current exhibition 'The Wisdom is in your Feet' this workshop will focus on drawing feet from life. You will work with a live model to make interesting and expressive drawings that consider line, shading and tone. Expect fast warm up poses followed by longer opportunities to draw with detail. A variety of paper and materials will be supplied, or feel free to bring your own if you wish.

£20, suitable for all abilities

[16YRS+](#) [WORKSHOP](#)

Stamp Print Surprise Workshop

Sun 4 Feb, 10.30am–12.30pm

Join exhibiting artist Brian Voce to learn how to create your own print stamp blocks. Have fun creating pattern and colour and learning stamp pattern techniques. Take whatever you make away after the workshop!

£8 per person or £12 for 2 people, all material provided

[8YRS+](#) [WORKSHOP](#)

Unplugged

Tue 6 Feb, 4–9pm

On the first Tuesday of the month, we welcome local musicians and performers for an exciting evening of acoustic open-mic.

FREE

[ALL AGES](#) [MUSIC](#)

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[16YRS+](#) [WORKSHOP](#)

Slab Jugs

Wed 21 Feb, 1-3pm

Learn slab making techniques to form a jug shape, add impressed textures to decorate the slab forms. Finally, decorate using oxide to highlight the impressions.

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Jo Cope Exhibition Tour

Sat 24 Feb, 2pm

Join exhibiting artist Jo Cope for a talk about shoes as an art practice, followed by a tour of her solo exhibition.

FREE, please book in advance

[ALL AGES](#) [TALK & EXHIBITION TOUR](#)

Shoes: Powerful & Personal Symbols

Sat 24 Feb, 3pm

Join Rebecca Shawcross, Senior Shoe Curator from Northampton Museum and Art Gallery, for a historical journey exploring the deeper hidden meanings of shoes in society.

FREE, please book in advance

[ALL AGES](#) [TALK](#)

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March

Ceramic Handcrafted Footwear Workshop

Sat 2 Mar, 10.30am–3pm

Taking inspiration from Jo Cope's exhibition this ceramic workshop invites you to reimagine and create your favourite footwear in clay. If possible, bring an example of your favourite shoes along to help you re-create a 3D version.

£35, no previous experience necessary

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Regular Events Anytime

Activity Hub

During opening hours

Visit the Main gallery Activity Hub and enjoy a range of self-led creative activities inspired by materials and techniques in Jo Cope's exhibition. Delve into the drawers and follow the activity sheets to make and exhibit your own artworks.

FREE, drop-in

[ALL AGES](#) [ACTIVITY](#)

Youth Dance Programme at OneNK, North Hykeham Times vary

The Hub's Youth Dance Programme at One NK offers young people the opportunity to learn various dance styles and develop techniques and performance skills in a fun, friendly & safe atmosphere.

Prices vary, for details visit hub-sleaford.org.uk/dance

[10-19YRS](#) [DANCE](#)

Dance for Parkinson's Video Programme Online

A 6-week video programme designed for people with Parkinson's but can be used and adapted by anyone in the comfort of your own home.

FREE, for details email dance@hub-sleaford.org.uk

[18YRS+](#) [DANCE](#)

Walking Trails Anytime

Explore Sleaford through two walking trails and discover the public artworks, historical sites and visitor attractions that make our town so special. We also have two worksheets full of inspirational ideas for creative and mindful walks with young children. Pick up your maps from the Hub.

FREE, maps available from the Hub

[ALL AGES](#) [ACTIVITY](#)



62 Group: Tailored Exhibition Opening

Fri 29 Mar, 6–8pm

Please join us to celebrate the opening of the exhibition 'Tailored'.

FREE, everyone welcome

[ALL AGES](#) [EVENT](#)

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Monday

Stretch, Strengthen and Move

Every Mon, 8 Jan–5 Feb & 19 Feb–25 Mar, 10–11am

This NEW dance session will exercise your core strength and mobility. Suitable for those who are complete beginners or those who are looking for more focused exercises to complement other dance practices.

£5.50 per class or £33 per 6 week term

[18YRS+](#) [DANCE](#)

Dance for Parkinson's at the Hub

Every Mon, 8 Jan–5 Feb & 19 Feb–25 Mar, 11.15am–12.30pm

Relaxed dance class that focuses on your posture, strength, coordination and balance for people living with Parkinson's, their family, and carers. Refreshments provided after each session.

£5, FREE for carers

[18YRS+](#) [DANCE](#)

BalletBeFit

Every Mon, 8 Jan–5 Feb & 19 Feb–25 Mar, 4–5pm

An innovative dance class for all abilities based on the fundamentals of classical ballet. The class focuses on strengthening and lengthening your muscles using high reps of low impact exercises. All abilities welcome.

£5.50 per class or £33 per 6 week term

[16YRS+](#) [DANCE](#)

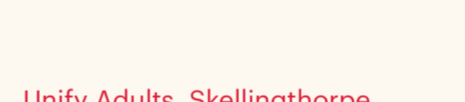
Unify Adults, Skellingthorpe

Every Mon, 8 Jan–5 Feb & 19 Feb–25 Mar, 5–6pm

Open to all and specifically tailored for adults with learning disabilities, autism, or both, these classes focus on developing your confidence through dance and movement in a safe & welcoming environment.

£30 per 6-week term

[18YRS+](#) [DANCE](#)



Tuesday

Junior Dance Fusion

Every Tue, 9 Jan–6 Feb & 20 Feb–26 Mar, 4–5pm

A fun and creative dance class which introduces children to a variety of dance styles including street dance, contemporary and jazz. Each class focuses on one style and the techniques involved.

£5.50 or £33 per 6 week term

[7-11YRS+](#) [DANCE](#)

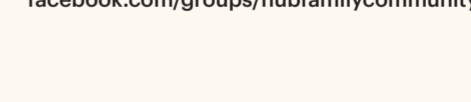
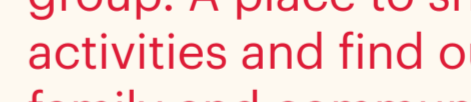
Unify Youth, One NK

Every Tue, 9 Jan–6 Feb & 20 Feb–26 Mar, 5.30–6.30pm

Relaxed, inclusive, and fun creative dance session specifically for young people with learning disabilities, autism and/or physical disabilities.

£26 per 6-week term

[10-24YRS](#) [DANCE](#)



Wednesday

Tai Chi on Eastgate Green

Wed 21 Feb & 6, 13, 20, 27 Mar, 9.15–9.45am

Tai Chi is a time-tested art which gently exercises the body, the energy flow and the mind. These sessions take place outside the Hub in the beautiful river setting of Eastgate Green.

£3

[18YRS+](#) [ACTIVITY](#)

Open Contemporary Dance

Every Wed, 24 Jan–7 Feb & 6–20 Mar, 11am–12.30pm

Build your strength, stamina and coordination through contemporary dance. With an emphasis on floor work and fluidity in movement, this class is suitable for anyone looking to develop their contemporary dance technique. Some experience of practical dance training is required.

£6.50

[16YRS+](#) [DANCE](#)

