

# Connect Here Guide to Art Groups in Edinburgh



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### Keeping the guide up to date:

Services noted within this guide provide a comprehensive, useful, and accurate listings of Art Groups within Edinburgh. Please email (with hyperlink) any additions or entry update changes for consideration. Email: [ConnectHereUpdates@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:ConnectHereUpdates@nhslothian.scot.nhs.uk)

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### North Edinburgh Arts

15a Pennywell Court  
Edinburgh EH4 4TZ

T: 0131 315 2151

W: <http://www.northedinburgharts.co.uk>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/northedinarts/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3Lf5kT-ESR5hnMUa0LAhkg>

For more information about their development plans, visit [www.northedinburgharts.co.uk/development](http://www.northedinburgharts.co.uk/development)

**Summary:** Due to ongoing redevelopment, the 2024 programme will run from partner venues across North Edinburgh, with West Pilton Neighbourhood Centre offering a temporary home. For more information click on the links above.

## Arts Centres

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### WHALE Arts

30 Westburn Grove  
Edinburgh EH14 2SA

T: 0131 458 3267

W: <http://www.whalearts.co.uk/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/WhaleArtsAgency>

Tw: [https://twitter.com/whale\\_arts](https://twitter.com/whale_arts)

Inst: <https://www.instagram.com/whalearts/>

YT: [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-B-jZk8lq\\_S4u9UQ2VKQ1g](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-B-jZk8lq_S4u9UQ2VKQ1g)

**Summary:** This is the cultural anchor organisation for Wester Hailes, with a community-led arts charity and social enterprise, set up by local people in 1992. The primary mission is to be the creative heart of a vibrant, thriving community with activities running online and in the Arts Centre.

Click on the above links for more information.

### Porty Art Classes 12-16 year olds

Bellfield

Small Hall

16B Bellfield Street

Edinburgh EH15 2BP

Contact: Kate and Kasia

T: 0131 281 2942

E: [portyartclasses@gmail.com](mailto:portyartclasses@gmail.com)

W: <https://www.bellfield.scot/class>

Open Hours: Saturday 11.00-12.20pm

**Summary:** Art class runs in the small hall every Saturday.

## Art Group

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### Arts/Crafts - Bridgend Farm House

41 Old Dalkeith Road

Edinburgh EH16 4TE

T: 07706674108

E: [admin@bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk](mailto:admin@bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk)

W: <https://www.bridgendfarmhouse.org.uk/>

Open Hours: Wednesday 2.00pm-4.00pm

**Summary:** Suitable for all levels of experience. This group meets indoors – thus please book with admin (see email address above), so they know how many to expect. Sewing based at present, working on contributions to the Craigmillar Tapestry.

### Art Club - Connecting Craigmillar

Thistle Foundation  
13 Queen's Walk  
Edinburgh EH16 4EA

Opening Hours: Friday 2.00pm-4.00pm

T: 07909 257 415 - Will Golding

T: 07909 257 414 - Angela Doherty

W: <https://www.thistle.org.uk/>

F: <https://www.facebook.com/thistlefoundation>

**Summary:** This club is for those living in Craigmillar/Niddrie/Magdalene area. Contact the mobile numbers above to book a slot and then drop into a Friday session. The sessions are for all ages. The format is varied, some weeks will have visiting tutors covering water colours or sculpture other weeks the group will work on their own projects.

## Art Group

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### Art Club - Health All Round

#### Art for Health

Saughton Park Conservatory

T: 0751980394 (Rose)

Opening Hours: Thursday 2.30pm-4.00pm

E: [rose@healthallround.org.uk](mailto:rose@healthallround.org.uk)

W: <http://www.healthallround.org.uk/>

**Summary:** A lighthearted approach to creativity. No experience required. No Cost. Please register before attending. If you have any questions, call on the number above on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday.

### Art for Grown-Ups

North Edinburgh Arts  
15a Pennywell Court  
Edinburgh EH4 4TZ

T: 07949 778 485 (Alice Betts)

Opening Hours: Wednesday, 10.30am – 2.00pm

E: [alice.betts@northedinburgharts.co.uk](mailto:alice.betts@northedinburgharts.co.uk)

W: <https://northedinburgharts.co.uk/whats-on/art-for-grown-ups/>

**Summary:** Art for Grown-Ups, led by Artist Alice Betts, is a long-term project for Muirhouse and the surrounding areas, offering adults an opportunity to learn and develop creative skills together, while creating art for exhibitions and public spaces.

See above webpage for details.

## Art Group

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### Art Group - Kirkliston Community Centre

Kirkliston Community Centre  
16 – 18 Queensferry Road  
Kirkliston EH29 9AQ

T: 0131 333 4214

Opening Hours: Thursday 10.00am-12.00pm

W: <https://kirklistoncommunitycentre.org/adults/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/kirklistoncommunitycentre>

**Summary:** This class caters for students of any level of ability, with an interesting and varied programme. Over the course of several weeks the class uses acrylic, oil, watercolour, charcoal, etc with the focus on developing individual styles and ideas. Live models are also featured, and outings arranged to local exhibitions. This is a social group, and the fee includes a free tea or coffee £2 per session.

### Art Group - Libertus Services

Libertus - Positive Futures

20 Gracemount Drive

Edinburgh EH16 6RN

T: 0131 672 0985

Opening Hours: Monday: 1.30pm–3.30pm; Tuesday: 2.30pm–4.30pm; Wednesday: 1.00pm–3.00pm

E: [danfuller@Libertus.org.uk](mailto:danfuller@Libertus.org.uk)

W: <https://www.libertus.org.uk/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Libertus.Services/>

**Summary:** Art Group held at Wauchope House Greendykes Road. Available to 50+ people, who live in South East and East Edinburgh. If you would like to take part email or call using the contact details above.

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### Art Group - The Braidwood Centre

The Braidwood Centre

69 Dumbiedykes Rd,

Edinburgh EH8 9UT

T: 0131 556 5965

Opening Hours: Tuesday 1.00pm–3.00pm

W: <https://www.braidwoodcentre.org.uk/>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/Braidwood-Centre-747816501941954/>

**Summary:** A community facility in the heart of Edinburgh is looking to set up a variety of groups. Art Group available for people over 50.

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### Drawing with nature - The Wash House - Portobello

The Wash House - Portobello  
3 Adelphi Grove  
Edinburgh EH15 1AP

T: 0131 669 8275

Opening Hours: Mondays 1.30pm - 3.30pm

W: <https://www.thewashhouse.org/cec-drawing-with-nature>

**Summary:** Drawing with nature.

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### Create and Connect - The Crannie

The Crannie  
9 Cranston Street  
Edinburgh EH8 8BE

T: 0131 557 2244

Opening Hours: Monday: 1.00pm–3.00pm

E: [community@eotdt.org](mailto:community@eotdt.org)

W: <https://eotdt.org/index.php>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/TheCrannie/>

Tw: [https://twitter.com/TheCrannie?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor](https://twitter.com/TheCrannie?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)

Inst: <https://www.instagram.com/thecrannie/?hl=en>

**Summary:** Pop along to the Crannie to hang out, play music, make some art or try a little cooking. If dropping by contact the team first via above contacts as numbers are still limited indoors.

## Art Group

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### Gallery Art Club

Carrickknowe Church Hall  
Saughton Road North  
Edinburgh EH12 7DR

T: 07963 143588

Opening Hours: Tuesday 10.00am to noon from September to June.

**Summary:** Open to anyone interested in drawing and painting.



### Alma Project

Craigentiny Community Centre  
9 Loaning Road  
Edinburgh EH 7 6JE

T: 0770 363 9334

Opening Hours: See summary

E: [thealmaproject@gmail.com](mailto:thealmaproject@gmail.com)

W: <http://thealmaproject.wordpress.com>

**Summary:** This groups aims to improve the mental health and well-being of the people of Edinburgh and Lothians through the use of the arts as a therapeutic tool. Arts groups are provided to people with mental health issues, as well as getting them involved in many public exhibitions, performances and workshops that give mental well-being a platform and help to educate about mental illness.

This groups runs a rich mix of arts, crafts, writing and drama sessions outdoor/indoor/online activities, such as:

- Arts and Crafts – Mondays 1.00pm–3.00pm
- Art for You Group – Tuesdays 12.00pm–2.00pm
- Art and writing – Nature – Wednesdays 1.30pm–3.00pm
- Alma Theatre – Thursdays 10.30am–1.30pm
- Peer Chat - Fridays 12.00pm-1.30pm

Activities are also being run on its Facebook page. Click on the links above to register with Alma to be able to access the Facebook page. Referrals are still being received by email only, the referral form can be found on the website.

## Arts and Creative activities: Art Therapy

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### Artlink Edinburgh and Lothian's

13a Spittal Street  
Edinburgh EH3 9DY

T: 0131 229 3555

W: <http://www.artlinkedinburgh.co.uk>

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/ArtlinkEdinburgh/>

Tw: <https://twitter.com/ArtlinkEdin>

Inst: <https://www.instagram.com/artlinkededin/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC6zRgWsU0IFQ4vrtMS5pRUQ>

**Summary:** This group is creating lots of different creative resources and activities, so click on the links above for updates and more details.

### Contact Point

101 High Riggs  
Edinburgh EH3 9RP

T: 0131 455 6868

Opening Hours: Sunday 11.00am–4.00pm; Monday 2.00pm–8.00pm;  
Tuesday–Wednesday 10.30am–4.30pm; Thursday 2.00pm–8.00pm; Friday–Saturday: closed

E: [contactpointlothianteam@wheatley-care.com](mailto:contactpointlothianteam@wheatley-care.com)

W: <https://www.wheatley-care.com/services/locations/city-of-edinburgh-council/contact-point-edinburgh>

**Summary:** This service is back offering Art, Mindfulness, Walking and Tai Chi, along with quiz nights and chances to meet up on a Sunday. Complete an individual referral and risk assessment form to access this social space or any activities.

Click on the above links for more information.

## Arts and Creative activities: Art Therapy

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### People Know How - Art Therapies - Pupils Know How

Straits Meadow  
61-63 London Road  
Edinburgh EH7 6AA

East Lothian Office  
South Street  
Musselburgh EH21 6AT  
T: 0131 569 0525

Opening Hours: Monday-Friday, 9.00am–5.00p

E: [positive.transitions@peopleknowhow.org](mailto:positive.transitions@peopleknowhow.org)

W: <https://peopleknowhow.org/positive-transitions>

**Summary:** Positive Transitions is a service supporting children, young people and their families in the transition from primary and secondary school across Edinburgh and East Lothian. Our interventions include arts therapies which provide opportunities for young people to explore and express their emotions through the arts.

### Art in the City

City of Edinburgh  
Edinburgh

T: 0131 529 6365

E: [Diana.Morton@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:Diana.Morton@edinburgh.gov.uk)

W: <https://www.edinburghmuseums.org.uk/whats-on/art-city-0>

**Summary:** Every second Tuesday of the month, online meetings are held at 10.30am via Microsoft Teams as well as providing an opportunity for people whose lives are affected by dementia and their friends, families and carers to share a gallery visit and discuss art (and other things) in a friendly and supportive environment.

If you are interested in attending, please get in touch using the contacts above.