

Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation and Schools'

Newsletter December 2023

Hello, I'm Mollie Mclellan, the Cultural Learning Officer for Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation.


I'm happy to be bringing you our second newsletter with updates on the success of the Autumn Term and to share a bit about our Spring Term offer.



Highlights from the Autumn Term

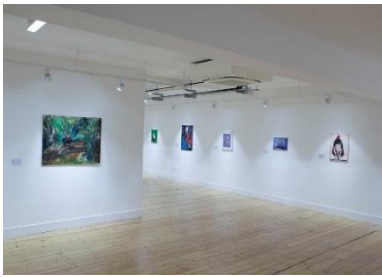


- 12 classes visited the *Letchworth: Lives and Landscapes* exhibition at Broadway Gallery
- 7 Teachers attended the Letchworth Teachers' Creative Network Meeting
- 8 Classes visited Standalone Farm from 7 different schools in 2023
- LGCHF has been successful in securing funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Peter Sowerby Foundation, SHARE Museums East to go towards our 2024 programme

Spring Term Events

Image	Key Info	Event Description	Cost (incl. VAT)
	21 st February – 6 th April Broadway Gallery	Guided Tour and Arts Activity Bring your class to learn about Amal Ghosh's life's work, exploring his collision of cultural experience. After this, the class will work in groups to create their own artwork inspired by Ghosh. KS2 – KS5	£50 per class

	<p>Thursday 14th March</p> <p>Broadway Gallery 4-5:30pm</p>	<p>Letchworth Schools' Creative Network Bringing together creative teaching staff from Letchworth Garden City to learn, collaborate and inform the town's collective arts, culture and heritage offer. Each meeting we will also offer the chance to get creative with a skill focus.</p> <p>Skills Focus: Relief Printing</p>	<p>FREE*</p> <p>Book now</p>
	<p>Friday 15th March, 7:30pm</p> <p>Saturday 16th March, 7:30pm</p>	<p>Romeo and Juliet at Broadway Cinema & Theatre</p> <p>Broadway are thrilled to be working in collaboration with award-winning and critically acclaimed OVO Theatre company to deliver a new programme of high-quality live theatre.</p> <p>The programme kicks off with an incredible re-telling of one of history's greatest love stories, Juliet and her Romeo. Set on the street of Northern Islands in 1988, led with movement and live 90s music, this is a high paced, modern take on a timeless classic, showing us that Shakespeare is as relevant today as it's always been.</p> <p>Find out more or book tickets</p>	<p>£20 per ticket</p> <p>Contact Jason.Valentine@letchworth.com for group bookings</p>

Spring Term Exhibitions

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	25 th January to 3 rd February 2024 Broadway Gallery	Year 12 Art Exhibition All four A-Level art classes across the town are uniting again to display their artworks at Broadway Gallery. Why not inspire your class by visiting the gallery?	FREE*
	21 st February – 6 th April Broadway Gallery	Bridge Retrospective exhibition of works by the late Amal Ghosh. Ghosh practiced encompassed stain glass, ceramic murals and painting and focused his experience of spirituality and folklore.	FREE*
	Open until February Half-Term Museum at One Garden City	Forging a Family Exhibition Across the year, our team and guest artists have worked with Letchworth's Caribbean Harmony group to explore West Indian to enrich the stories captured in the Garden City Collection.	FREE*

Our Fundraised Activity

In the autumn term we consulted with several teachers on upcoming funding applications who greatly supported us to ensure our plans are aligned with local schools' needs.

We were also very pleased to see some of you at our re-launched Creative Network Meeting in November. The assembled team of art subject leads developed a teaching support system spanning infant to secondary and informing the plan for future meetings. The group will meet termly (the next session will be in March) to continue to collaborate, compare notes and develop creative skills.




We are thrilled to announce we have seen significant success in securing funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Peter Sowerby Foundation, and SHARE Museums East to support our 2024 co-created projects across a range of Letchworth schools.

Starting in January we will be working with St Thomas More Catholic Primary School, partnering teachers with musicians and artists to co-devise teaching resources for Arbor Day. Through this 12-week project, we aim to bring back a key part of Letchworth heritage through the celebration of Arbor Day, a tree planting ceremony.

Each year, students are guided through writing their own 'Tree Planting Song', inspired by the early 20th century original. Classes will reflect on the current climate crisis and use music as a call to action. Building on last year's work to bring back this annual event, the teachers and creatives involved will also learn about carbon literacy supported by the Heritage Foundation's Sustainability Policy & Programme Manager. We hope to be able to distribute the resources in the summer term and implement Arbor Day as a recurring event across Letchworth schools from 2025.

Other activities available year-round...

*FREE to Letchworth Schools

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	Self-Led visit to Broadway Gallery	FREE*
	Self-Led visit to Museum at One Garden City	FREE*
	Self-led visit to Standalone Farm <i>Re-opens after February half-term</i> https://standalonefarm.com/groups-schools/	FREE*

	<p>Cross-curricular Online Education Resources https://www.discover-leetchworth.co.uk/tom-karen-creations/</p>	<p>FREE*</p>
	<p>Screen Hire at Broadway Cinema https://www.broadway-leetchworth.com/about-us/private-hire/</p>	<p>Varying Rates</p>
	<p>Heritage Talks and Walking Tours</p>	<p>£50</p>
	<p>Hire the Outdoor Museum for your school field</p>	<p>£50</p>
	<p>Bespoke Artist-Led Workshops</p>	<p>Starting from £170</p>

Contact Us

As the main point of contact for schools' cultural learning, please contact me at mollie.mclellan@leetchworth.com to help with any queries.

To book a visit to the Gallery or Museum please contact me at Mollie.Mclellan@leetchworth.com

To book a school visit to the Farm please visit <https://standalonefarm.com/groups-schools/> or contact info@standalonefarm.com

To book a school visit to the Cinema please visit <https://www.broadway-leetchworth.com/about-us/private-hire/> contact Jason.Valentine@leetchworth.com

Kind regards,

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