



NORTH EAST  
ARTS & CULTURE  
FOR PEOPLE SEEKING  
SANCTUARY

**COMPANY  
OF OTHERS**

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# INTRODUCTION

Welcome! We're glad you found us, here are some Arts and Culture events that have been made for you.

The events and activities range from dance and theatre, to gardening and music.

There are regular activities and events, as well as tickets to arts and cultural spaces in the North East.

Everything in this booklet is free.




## **ABOUT COMPANY OF OTHERS**

Company of Others is a Dance Company of Sanctuary based in Walker, Newcastle.

We have created this booklet as part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring people seeking sanctuary in the North East can access what our region has to offer more easily.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any questions about the information included in this booklet.

**CONTACT/** [community@companyofothers.org.uk](mailto:community@companyofothers.org.uk) / 07708470477

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# **COMPANY OF OTHERS**

# ACTIVITIES

## THE COMFREY PROJECT

A place where refugees and people who are seeking asylum can come to learn new skills, share what they know with others, and start to build a better life.

### **Wellbeing Wednesday – Every Wednesday, 10:30am-12:30pm**

Nature based arts and crafts focused on improving wellbeing through connecting to nature.

### **Kitchen Garden – Every Tuesday, 12:30-2:30pm**

Designing a kitchen Garden and vegetable-based meals to improve our health, wellbeing and resilience.

**ADDRESS/** The Comfrey Project, Windmill Hills Centre, Chester Place, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear, NE8 1QB

**FOOD/** Provided

**TRAVEL/** Covered

**TRANSLATORS/** Provided upon request

**ACCESS/** All on one level / garden accessible to everyone

**HOW TO JOIN/** Just come along

**CONTACT/** 0191 447 7801 / [info@thecomfreyproject.org.uk](mailto:info@thecomfreyproject.org.uk)



# MOVING TOGETHER – COMPANY OF OTHERS

**Tuesday (every two weeks), 10:30am-12:30pm**

A project that uses movement, togetherness and food as tools for improving mental health for women who are either Refugee and Asylum experienced, and/or Women of Colour in the Northeast.

**ADDRESS/** The Bricks, c/o St. Anthony of Egypt Church, Belmont Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3SN

**FOOD/** Provided

**TRAVEL/** Covered

**TRANSLATORS/** Provided

**ACCESS/** Wheelchair accessible / accessible toilet and changing area

**HOW TO JOIN/** Contact 07708470477 /  
[community@companyofothers.org.uk](mailto:community@companyofothers.org.uk)



# WALKER YOUTH DANCE PROJECT - COMPANY OF OTHERS

Weekly workshops taught by professional artists, performance opportunities and regular trips to see professional dance performances for children aged 4-17yrs. No dance experience is required.

**Ages 4-7 years – Every Monday, 4-4:30pm**

**Ages 7-12 years – Every Monday, 4:30pm-5:30pm**

**Ages 12-17 years – Every Thursday, 5-7pm**

**Walker Youth Dance Project Ballet**

**Ages 12-17 years – Every Tuesday (From 4 March), 5:30-7:30pm**

Weekly ballet workshops for young people aged 12-17 to learn ballet technique from professional dancers and see professional ballet performances. No ballet experience is required.

**ADDRESS/** The Bricks, c/o St. Anthony of Egypt Church, Belmont Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3SN

**FOOD/** Snack and refreshments provided

**TRAVEL/** Covered

**TRANSLATORS/** Provided upon request

**ACCESS/** Wheelchair accessible / accessible toilet and changing area

**HOW TO JOIN/** Contact 07708470477 / [community@companyofothers.org.uk](mailto:community@companyofothers.org.uk)



# EASTER DANCE SCHOOL – COMPANY OF OTHERS

A week of dance, creativity, and performance during the school holiday with a professional choreographer for children aged 6–12 years.

**Tuesday 22–Friday 25 April, 9:30am-1pm (Ages 6-12 years)**

**ADDRESS/** The Bricks, c/o St. Anthony of Egypt Church, Belmont Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3SN

**FOOD/** Healthy lunch provided daily

**TRAVEL/** Covered

**TRANSLATORS/** Provided upon request

**ACCESS/** Wheelchair accessible / accessible toilet and changing area

**HOW TO JOIN/** Contact 07708470477 / [community@companyofothers.org.uk](mailto:community@companyofothers.org.uk)

# THE RESISTANCE – COMPANY OF OTHERS

**Every Wednesday (From 26 March), 6pm-8pm**

Weekly workshops for young women aged 16–25 with professional artists and global change-makers, exploring how art and activism can create social change.

**ADDRESS/** The Bricks, c/o St. Anthony of Egypt Church, Belmont Street, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3SN

**FOOD/** Healthy dinner provided

**TRAVEL/** Covered

**TRANSLATORS/** Provided upon request

**ACCESS/** Wheelchair accessible / accessible toilet and changing area

**HOW TO JOIN/** Contact 07708470477 / [community@companyofothers.org.uk](mailto:community@companyofothers.org.uk)

# **HOMEWORK CLUB – GEMARTS**

GemArts is an arts organisation that brings people together through music, art, and events, helping communities celebrate diverse cultures and express themselves creatively.

## **Mondays (during term time), 4pm-6pm**

Provides support for students aged 14-16 around subjects they need help with. There are opportunities to work with artists and writers to explore English texts they're studying in creative ways.

**ADDRESS/** Gateshead Central Library, Prince Consort Rd, NE8 4LN

**FOOD/** Provided

**TRAVEL/** Covered

**ACCESS/** Step-free access / no hearing loop in operation

**HOW TO JOIN/** Contact [zahra@gemarts.org](mailto:zahra@gemarts.org)

# **WALKING WITH**

Supports people seeking sanctuary living in North Tyneside with a wide range of activities throughout the week.

**Sewing Group – Every Monday, 10:30am-12pm**

**Learning English – Every Tuesday and Wednesday, 10:30am-12pm**

**Guitar Sessions – Every Tuesday, 12:15pm-1:30pm**

**Jewellery Making – Tuesday (every two weeks), 12:15pm-1:30pm**

**ADDRESS/** The Walking With Centre, Hugh St, Wallsend, NE28 6RL

**ACCESS/** Step-free access to entrance

**HOW TO JOIN/** Contact [info@walkingwith.co.uk](mailto:info@walkingwith.co.uk)

or call 0191 649 8974 / 0749 722 1716



# EVENTS

## **MINI MELA – GEMARTS**

A vibrant event with arts, music, and dance from around the globe. Take part in workshops showcasing Indian, African, Chinese, and other visual arts. Try Bollywood dance, drumming activities, and get a beautiful Henna design.

**DATE/** Tuesday 25 February, 11am-3pm (relaxed session 10-11am)

**ADDRESS/** Caedmon Hall, Gateshead Central Library, NE8 4LN

**ACCESS/** Step-free access and accessible toilet

**BOOK/** No booking required. Just come along

**CONTACT/** [info@gemarts.org](mailto:info@gemarts.org) / 0191 4404124



## **ARTIST DINNER – COMPANY OF OTHERS**

A warm and welcoming dinner with professional artist Chanje Kunda, for artists to share food, ideas, and creative experiences.

**DATE/** Tuesday 25 February, 7-9pm

**ADDRESS/** The Bricks, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3SN

**FOOD/** Provided

**ACCESS/** Wheelchair accessible / accessible toilet and changing area

**BOOK/** Contact 07708470477 / [community@companyofothers.org.uk](mailto:community@companyofothers.org.uk)

## MUSIC EVENT – THE GLASSHOUSE

Bring your family and enjoy: Live Band, Singing, Dancing, Instruments to play, Making music together in the Northern Rock Foundation Hall at The Glasshouse.

**DATE/** Sunday 9 March, 1pm-3pm

**ADDRESS/** The Glasshouse, Gateshead, NE8 2JR

**COST/** Free

**FOOD/** Provided

**TRAVEL/** Refunded

**ACCESS/** Step-free access / gender-neutral toilets / changing areas / breastfeeding and chestfeeding welcome in all spaces

**BOOK/** Contact [LoudAndClear@theglasshouseicm.org](mailto:LoudAndClear@theglasshouseicm.org)

## HOLI FESTIVAL OF COLOURS – HOLI X GEMARTS

Celebrate colour and the Holi tradition through creative workshops, henna stations, dance, music and food. Ending with a colour throwing at 3pm, with a gathering outdoors to throw colourful powder pigment and celebrate the arrival of spring.

**DATE/** Saturday 15 March, 12pm-4pm

**ADDRESS/** Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art, Gateshead, NE8 3BA

**COST/** Free

**ACCESS/** Step-free access / changing areas / Hearing Loop system

**BOOK/** [www.gemarts.org](http://www.gemarts.org)

**CONTACT/** [info@gemarts.org](mailto:info@gemarts.org) / 0191 4404124

## SPRING GATHERING – COMPANY OF OTHERS

An evening of connection, dancing, and joy with good food and music as we come together to celebrate community and togetherness.

**DATE/** Monday 7 April, 6pm-8:30pm

**ADDRESS/** The Bricks, Walker, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3SN

**ACCESS/** Wheelchair accessible / accessible toilet and changing area

**BOOK/** Contact 07708470477 / [community@companyofothers.org.uk](mailto:community@companyofothers.org.uk)

## PENGUIN – LIVE THEATRE

Full of humour and beauty, Hamzeh Al-Hussien's extraordinary story takes you on a personal tour of the places he knows best: his village in the Syrian mountains, the Za'atari camp in Jordan, Gateshead and inside his mind, a place full of music, dancing, fantasies and marbles.

**Pre-show workshop - Thursday 10 April, 4:30-6:30pm.** Watch the show at 7:30pm. Contact [alex@live.org.uk](mailto:alex@live.org.uk) or call 0191 232 1232 to sign up.

**DATE/** Wednesday 9–Friday 11 April, 7:30pm (and 2pm on 11th April)

**ADDRESS/** Live Theatre, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 3DQ

**COST/** £2 tickets. Free show, workshop and meal on 10th April

**TRANSLATION/** Arabic, English, and captions

**ACCESS/** Step-free access / Accessible toilets on all floors

**BOOK/** [www.live.org.uk](http://www.live.org.uk) (use code HAMZEH for £2 tickets)



# FREE TICKETS

## GLASSHOUSE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR MUSIC

The code **SANCTUARY25** gives access to free tickets for select shows at The Glasshouse. Click the links below, to book free tickets with the code already applied.

**Piano Greats Steven Osborne**, Sun 23 February

**BOOK**

**RNS Moves with Rapasa Nyatrapasa**, Sat 15 March

**BOOK**

**Charlie Chaplin's The Goldrush**, Sun 6 April

**BOOK**

**The Gruffalo & Room on the Broom**, Wed 16 April

**BOOK**

**Piano Greats: Jeneba Kanneh-Mason**, Sun 25 May

**BOOK**

**ADDRESS/** The Glasshouse, St. Marys Square, Gateshead, NE8 2JR

**REFRESHMENTS/** Free hot drinks at the café—ask for ‘warm space’ or ‘Theatre of Sanctuary’

**TRAVEL/** Free Metro travel with any concert ticket

**ACCESS/** Step-free access, gender-neutral toilets, changing areas, breastfeeding and chestfeeding welcome in all spaces

**This booklet is available in Arabic, Bengali,  
English, Kurdish Sorani, Persian, and  
Tigrinya.**

**To access the translated booklets click here  
or head to**

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