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WEST BRIDGFORD LIBRARY

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ARCHIVES FEST

Friday 27 - Saturday 28 September
Archives 70th Anniversary Festival

A celebration of 70 years of Nottinghamshire Archives – a showcase of talks and activities illuminating the county's rich history. Day and weekend adult tickets will be available alongside free activities for families.

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inspireculture.org.uk/archives

Inspire Learning Nottinghamshire

Short courses, family courses,
accredited courses, access to higher
education courses, study programmes
and traineeships for the whole community.

Find out more at your local library!

inspireculture.org.uk/learning | 01623 677 200 | learning@inspireculture.org.uk



Landing at all Inspire libraries this summer...

Join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens!

13 July
to
8 Sept

Complete the Summer Reading Challenge to be entered into a prize draw, sponsored by **arc** partnership
inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge



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WELCOME TO YOUR JULY - OCTOBER SEASON! ARTS AND CULTURE, LIVE AT YOUR LIBRARY

Blast into the summer at West Bridgford with a packed programme of events, including this year's Space Chase Summer Reading Challenge, also featuring an 'Out of this World' exhibition with work by children from Round Hill school and artist and author workshops. A collaboration with The Spark Arts for Children brings more not to be missed family theatre to the library, exploring maps, myths and monsters in *The Girl of Ink and Stars*. Book early to avoid disappointment!

This season sees the return of the Inspire Poetry Festival (23 – 28 September), with some fantastic headline events and workshops taking place at West Bridgford Library, including appearances from Jacob Polley and Colette Bryce, an inspiring reading workshop, a Poetry Masterclass, and our fun annual Poetry Takeover.

We will be welcoming an array of heritage experts to take us through stories of town halls and women in the war, as well as the opportunity for Exploring Local Maps with our Heritage Open Day event.

Jazz Steps once again brings artists of international renown to the library, offering audiences a chance to catch world-class music in the heart of your community. With these events and more, it's set to be an exciting season. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Inspire is registered for the **Family Arts Standards** for family events in our four largest libraries, including West Bridgford. This means we are working hard to make families feel welcome. We've identified events in the programme and online that are Fantastic for Families with this badge:



Find out more: familyartsstandards.com

West Bridgford Library

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Bridgford Road
West Bridgford
Nottingham NG2 6AT

Opening hours

Open seven days a week
Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri 9am - 7pm
Wednesday 9am - 1pm
Saturday 9am - 4pm
Sunday 11am - 3pm

Booking events

Tickets for events can be booked online, in person at the library, or by phone.

Phone: 01623 677 200

Online: inspireculture.org.uk

Tickets are non-refundable unless an event is cancelled. Programme is subject to change.

Contact Inspire

Phone: Ask Inspire 01623 677 200

Email: ask@inspireculture.org.uk

Keep up to date

To receive news and information about Inspire, including our events, direct to your inbox, visit the website to sign up to email updates. You'll be able to select from a range of preferences based on your own interests.
inspireculture.org.uk/emails

Access

There is ramped access to the main entrance and level access to ground floor areas. Access to the first floor is via stairs or lift. Please let us know if you require a wheelchair space for ticketed events or have access needs. Email us or call us (contact details above).

A large print version of this brochure is available on the website, and can be made available at the library.

inspireculture.org.uk

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019: SPACE CHASE

Saturday 13 July - Sunday 8 September

Free

Ages 4 - 11

Help our super space family, The Rockets, track down books that have been nabbed by aliens! Inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, this year's Summer Reading Challenge is an out-of-this-world adventure.

Children are invited to read six library books of their choice, collecting special stickers (including some very stinky ones!) to complete their mission. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge at inspireculture.org.uk/summerreadingchallenge

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present



Summer Reading Challenge 2019

20 YEARS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE





FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP ALIEN ANIMATION

Thursday 8 August, 2 - 4pm

Free

Booking essential

Ages 7+ and their families

All children must be accompanied

Make an alien out of modelling clay and design a speedy space craft to zoom off into space. Work with our digital artist in residence, Trevor Woolery to animate your creations and turn them into a GIF. Book your ticket now and be part of a wonderfully silly space race!

FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP SPACE STORIES

Thursday 1 August, 2 - 4pm

Free

Booking essential

Ages 7+ and their families

All children must be accompanied

Join Steve Smallman, Inspire's author in residence, for a hilarious space-inspired workshop. You'll be drawing planets, spaceships and lots of aliens, and writing silly poems about them too! Steve is a silly poem expert as well as a brilliant illustrator so book your ticket now, it'll be out of this world!

As part of Inspire's Arts Council National Portfolio Organisation funded work, we are delighted to have an artist and author in residence. This year we have commissioned local digital artist Trevor Woolery and children's author Steve Smallman to work with families across the county inspired by the Summer Reading Challenge theme of Space Chase.

inspireculture.org.uk/outofthisworld



The Girl of Ink and Stars



FAMILY THEATRE
THE SPARK ARTS FOR CHILDREN
IN ASSOCIATION WITH INSPIRE:
CULTURE, LEARNING AND LIBRARIES
PRESENT:

THE GIRL OF INK AND STARS

Sunday 11 August, 3.30pm

Library members: £3

Non-library members: £6

Ages 7+

Booking advised

A new play by Satinder Chohan, based on the book by Kiran Millwood Hargrave.

A tale of maps, myth and monsters.



the **spark**
arts for children

Forbidden to leave her island, Isabella dreams of the faraway lands her father once mapped. When a girl from the village disappears into the island's Forgotten Territories, Isabella and her lifelong friend Pablo go in search of her.

Following her map and an ancient myth, Isabella discovers that deep beneath the dry rivers and smoky mountains, a fiery legend is stirring from its sleep...

The performance is presented through headsets to give an immersive 360° sound experience. Headsets will be provided.

The Girl of Ink and Stars will tour 20 libraries this summer. See inspireculture.org.uk/inkandstars for details

BOOKS AND READING
READING ROUND
 in collaboration with
 the Royal Literary Fund

Every week for 30 weeks, starting Tuesday 17
 September, 6.30 – 8pm
 Free | Booking advised
 Adults

Be part of a new kind of reading group: like a book club but without the homework! Have you wanted to join a reading group but never had the time to do the reading beforehand?

Join acclaimed poet and widely experienced tutor Mahendra Solanki for weekly meetings to hear and discover stories and poems for pleasure. All you have to do is join in the discussion and there is no worrying about preparation as all the texts are presented during each session. This friendly group will meet for 30 sessions.

Mahendra Solanki is a poet, editor, psychotherapist and tutor. He directed and taught for many years on a long-established MA in Writing at Nottingham Trent University. He has been a writer in residence for many organisations, including the Arvon Foundation, the NHS and First Story. More recently he served as a Royal Literary Fund Fellow at the Universities of Warwick and Aston.

His writings have appeared in a wide range of magazines, journals and anthologies in Britain and abroad and broadcast by the BBC. His publications include *What You Leave Behind* (1996), *The Lies We Tell* (2014) published by Shoestring Press and, as editor, the best-selling *Ten Poems about Home* (2017) published by Candlestick Press.



Royal Literary Fund



BOOKS AND READING
NOVEL WRITING
 WITH EVE MAKIS

6-week course, Tuesdays 1 Oct to 5 Nov,
 6.30 – 8.30pm
 £123 / £118 concessions
 Booking essential
 Book online at [Writing School East Midlands:
 bit.ly/evemakis](http://Writing School East Midlands: bit.ly/evemakis)
 Adults

Got an idea for a novel and don't know where to begin? Love writing but need a little inspiration? Come and experience a series of interactive and informative writing sessions led by bestselling author Eve Makis. Suitable for beginners and more seasoned writers.

About Eve Makis

Eve Makis writes on trains, planes and automobiles whilst waiting for her son to finish football practice. She's the author of four novels, an award-winning screenplay and a non-fiction book on life writing: *The Accidental Memoir* (published by Harper Collins in 2018). Her books have been translated into eight languages. She is a part-time tutor on the MA in Creative Writing at Nottingham Trent University.

In collaboration with Writing School
 East Midlands.

WRITING
 EAST
 MIDLANDS





LIVE MUSIC
JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT THE
LIBRARIES PRESENTS:
TONY KOFI –
A PORTRAIT OF
CANNONBALL

Thursday 19 September, 7.30pm
£10

Booking strongly advised
Adults (under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)

Alto sax master Tony Kofi fronts this loving celebration of the jazz giant Julian 'Cannonball' Adderley, with Alex Webb (piano), Andy Cleyndert (bass) and Alfonso Vitale (drums). The group traces the explosive music of Cannonball from his first session as leader in 1955, through work with Miles Davis, to his pioneering, infectious soul-jazz of the 1960s.

Tony Kofi is a multi-award winning musician and has performed with true jazz legends such as Courtney Pine, Donald Byrd, Dr Lonnie Smith, Eddie Henderson and Ornette Coleman.

In collaboration with Jazz Steps. **JAZZ STEPS**

This performance is also available at Beeston, Worksop and Southwell Libraries.
inspireculture.org.uk/jazz



HERITAGE OPEN DAYS EVENT
EXPLORING LOCAL
MAPS

Thursday 19 September,
10.30am

Free
Booking essential
Adults

Join one of our Librarians for a group session, where they will demonstrate the range and variety of local maps available in Inspire libraries, with hints and tips on how to find and interpret them.



HERITAGE TALK
WHAT DID YOU DO
IN THE WAR MUM?

Tuesday 24 September, 2.30pm
£3

Booking essential
Adults

An exploration of how the women of Nottingham supported the war effort. Mo Cooper of Nottingham Women's History Group is a community historian and heritage manager specialising in researching the hidden history of Nottingham.

BOOK CLUB LIVE SPECIAL
THE MAN BOOKER
PRIZE 2019
SHORTLIST EVENING

Thursday 10 October, 7.30pm

£6

Booking advised
Adults (under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)

'Fiction at its finest' is the slogan of The Man Booker Prize. Just a few days before the winner of The Man Booker Prize 2019 is announced, join our panel for an evening of conversation around the novels on this year's shortlist. Hear their views and take part in the Q&A that follows. Will you agree with their choices? Which book will get your vote as the finest written in English and published in the UK?

Look out online and at the library this summer when we reveal our panel for this special event. Find out more about The Man Booker Prize at **themanbookerprize.com**



THE MAN BOOKER PRIZE 2019 -
KEY DATES

Longlist: 24 July

Shortlist: 3 September

Winner: 14 October



LIVE MUSIC
JAZZ STEPS LIVE AT
THE LIBRARIES PRESENTS:
JONNY MANSFIELD

Thursday 17 October, 7.30pm

£10

Booking strongly advised
Adults (under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)

Rising star vibraphonist Jonny Mansfield brings his exciting, youthful quartet to Inspire libraries. Through wide-ranging influences including Ravel, Norah Jones and James Taylor, Jonny has garnered mass appeal for his inventive compositions and virtuosic playing.

This London-based group - featuring Will Barry (piano), Will Harris (bass) and Boz Martin-Jones (drums) - hold an array of impressive awards. They have already toured the UK to great acclaim and been given generous airtime on BBC Radio 3 and stations around the world. Jonny's debut album was released on Edition Records in June 2019.

"Intricate but groove-laden originals that appealed across generations." Jazzwise

In collaboration
with Jazz Steps.

JAZZ
STEPS

This performance is also available
at Beeston, Worksop and
Southwell Libraries.
inspireculture.org.uk/jazz

INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL 2019

Monday 23 – Saturday 28
September

We're thrilled that West Bridgford Library will once again host events for Inspire Poetry Festival – alongside Beeston, Mansfield Central, Southwell and Worksop libraries, and The Old Library, Mansfield.

Enjoy performances from award-winning contemporary poets, workshops and the fun annual Poetry Takeover, during what's set to be a wonderful week of words!

The full festival programme features appearances by Raymond Antrobus, Patience Agbabi, Wendy Cope and more.

For the latest details visit
[inspireculture.org.uk/
poetry-festival](http://inspireculture.org.uk/poetry-festival)



JENNY SWANN



JACOB POLLEY

PERFORMANCE JACOB POLLEY AND ANDREW GRAVES

Wednesday 25 September, 7.30pm
£10

Booking advised
Adults (under 18s to be
accompanied by an adult)

Jacob Polley won the 2016 T.S. Eliot Prize for poetry for his fourth book of poems *Jackself*. A poet of the uncanny and the startlingly lyrical, Jacob's work explores his rural upbringing, the forces of tradition and history, and the power of speech as it approaches song. Born in Cumbria, Jacob now lives and works in Newcastle.



ANDREW GRAVES

Andrew Graves is a Nottingham poet who regularly performs his work throughout the UK. His third collection *Not Dancing with Ingrid Pitt* will be published by Burning Eye Books in 2020. He has performed with the likes of Sleaford Mods, John Hegley and Henry Normal and been commissioned by the National Portrait Gallery, BBC Radio 4 and Edinburgh International Literature Festival. He recently represented the East Midlands for National Poetry Day.

POETRY READING WORKSHOP EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT POETRY BUT DIDN'T DARE ASK

Friday 27 September,
10.30am – 12pm

£5
Booking essential

Poetry is an adventure. Some of us set off fearful that everybody else understands what's going on in a poem, whereas we may feel confused, inadequate, bewildered even. Some poems speak to one person but not another.

This workshop explores a selection of poems to see whether and how they work. Join publisher and poetry consultant Jenny Swann as we all expose our own ignorance, misunderstandings and general confusion on the path to enlightenment. By the end, we're hoping that all of us will be the richer for sharing our unknowns and our humanity, and will come to poetry with renewed excitement and faith in our own thought-processes.

If there's a particular poem that has always stumped you, or left you blank, or made you hate it, bring it along to share and discuss!

WORKSHOP
POETRY
MASTERCLASS
WITH COLETTE
BRYCE

Saturday 28 September,
2.30 – 4.30pm
£15
Booking essential
Adults

This year's festival brings the opportunity to enjoy a poetry masterclass led by award-winning poet and former editor of Poetry London magazine Colette Bryce.

In this workshop, conversation will focus on aspects of form and technique, with a view to fine-tuning and editing.

Participants will be invited to submit a poem to Colette in advance for feedback during the session.

POETRY TAKEOVER

Saturday 28 September,
11am – 3pm
Free
Just drop in
Suitable for all

Our poetry takeover returns for 2019! Visit the library between 11am and 3pm on the closing day of the festival and you're in for a poetry surprise. Have a go at giant magnetic poetry, let the little ones enjoy the children's poetry trail, create poems from book titles using our self-serve kiosks, and more.



COLETTE BRYCE

PERFORMANCE
COLETTE BRYCE
AND
NAFEESA HAMID

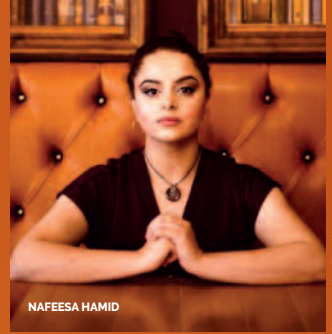
Saturday 28 September, 7.30pm
£10
Booking advised
Adults (under 18s to be accompanied by an adult)

West Bridgford Library's second festival headline event features two striking poetic voices.

Colette Bryce is the author of four collections with Picador. Her latest *The Whole & Rain-domed Universe* (2014), which draws on her experience of growing up in Derry during the Troubles, was shortlisted for the Forward and Costa prizes, and received a Ewart-Biggs Award in memory of Seamus Heaney. *Selected Poems* won the Pigott Prize for Poetry 2018. Colette is a freelance writer and former editor of Poetry London magazine. She lives in Newcastle upon Tyne.

"Bryce's phrasing is precise, her word-play sensuous, smart and snappy."

The Guardian



NAFEESA HAMID

Nafeesa Hamid is a British Pakistani poet, spoken word artist and playwright based in the Midlands. Her work focuses on issues such as mental health, domestic violence, gender, identity and culture. Nafeesa has performed at Cheltenham and Manchester Literature Festivals as part of *The Things I Would Tell You: British Muslim Women Write* (Saqi Books, 2017) - an anthology edited by Sabrina Mahfouz. Her debut collection *Besharam* was published in 2018 by Verve Poetry Press.

"Besharam is an outstanding collection from Nafeesa... I think her poems are very special." Imtiaz Dharker



HERITAGE TALK
**TOWN HALLS:
 BUILDINGS, PEOPLE
 AND POWER**

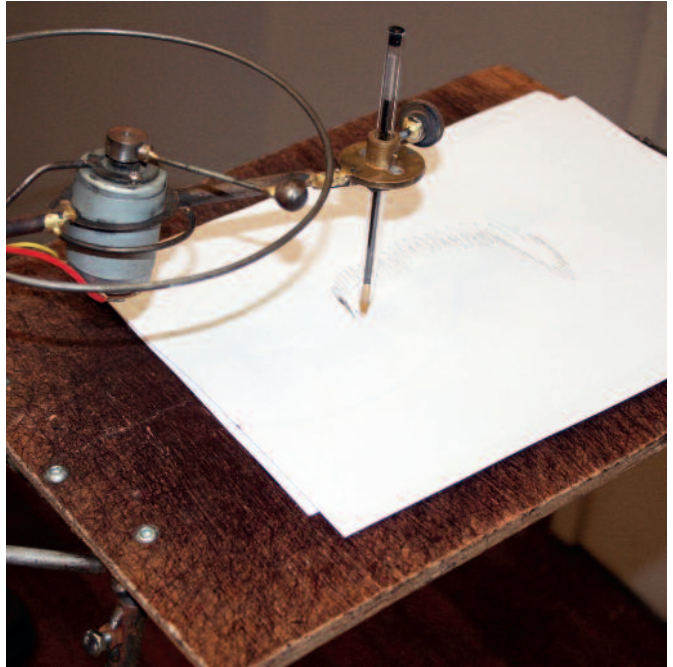
Tuesday 29 October, 2.30pm

£3

**Booking essential
 Adults**

Town Halls are symbols of democracy, civic pride and power, reflected in a range of architectural styles. So many stories happen inside these amazing buildings, and this illustrated talk explores their past, present and possible futures.

Join author Dawn Reeves and Nottinghamshire County Councillor Diana Meale for a discussion featuring Town Halls across Nottinghamshire and beyond.



FAMILY ARTS WORKSHOP

**THE BIG DRAW 2019:
 DRAWN TO LIFE**

Thursday 31 October 2 – 4pm

Free

Just drop in

Families of all ages and abilities



The Big Draw invites us all to explore drawing in all its forms and this year we invite you to drop in and draw with Jim Bond's interactive kinetic drawing machines.

The machines make your pen dance, wiggle and spin across the page as you try to work out the next move to keep it on the paper.

Jim's clever and ingenious machines make the drawing experience accessible. No matter what your experience of art, this workshop is fascinating fun and suitable for all.



REGULAR FREE EVENTS

VIP READING GROUP

**First Thursday of every month,
11am – 12pm**

Our visually impaired reading group is a lively, friendly group, reading books in either audiobook or large print format. Open to all, including those with no visual impairment, and new members are welcome.

UNWIND WITH WORDS

**Third Monday of every month,
10.30am - 12pm**

Take time to relax and explore the joy of words through stories, poems and conversation. Each month we take inspiration from a different theme. You may wish to bring a poem or a piece of writing to share (either by a favourite poet or writer, or written by yourself), or recommend a book you loved – or just bring yourself and enjoy listening to others.

FAMILY AND LOCAL HISTORY SURGERY

**Last Friday of the month,
1.30 - 4pm**

Book a free 1:1 appointment for help to discover more about your family or community history. Beginners welcome.

Please note there is no surgery in July, August or December.



As one of Arts Council England's National Portfolio Organisations, we are delighted to present a funded programme of work for children and young people.



In this brochure, the following exciting events are all funded by Arts Council England; The Big Draw 2019: Drawn to Life, Space Stories Workshop, Alien Animation Workshop and our family theatre production, The Girl of Ink and Stars.



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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND

We're an Arts Award Supporter!



Inspire is proud to be registered as an Arts Award Supporter and offers a wide cultural programme across our venues. Many of our events are free or incur a very small charge and many can be accessed by young people looking for opportunities locally to help them achieve an Arts Award. inspireculture.org.uk/artsaward

Story Explorers

Playful and interactive storytelling for you and your little one

In association with Nottingham Playhouse

New storytelling adventures start in September

inspireculture.org.uk/explorers for details



Designed especially for children aged 2-5 and their families

Gallery hire

Are you an artist or a creative group looking to show your work to local audiences? Inspire library art galleries offer professional, affordable exhibition spaces that bring great art to local communities in the vibrant, creative and welcoming setting of libraries.

Our galleries feature exhibitions by amateur, semi-professional and professional artists, alongside our own programmed exhibitions throughout the year. Six of our libraries have galleries that you can apply to hire: Mansfield Central, Worksop, West Bridgford, Arnold, Retford and Beeston.

For full details and application forms visit the website.

inspireculture.org.uk/galleries

Venue hire

West Bridgford Library is a great place to hold meetings and events. The library has two dedicated meeting rooms for hire, both with projector, white board and refreshment-making facilities.

Visit our website inspireculture.org.uk/venuehire for more details, or call Ask Inspire 01623 677 200.

Discounts are available for community groups.

Gift shop

Looking for the perfect present for a book lover? Then visit our library shop where you'll find a selection of quirky book-related gifts, fun items for young creatives and other unusual finds.

About Inspire

Inspire is an innovative cultural organisation launched by Nottinghamshire County Council. We are a Community Benefit Society that is dedicated to inspiring people to read, learn and enjoy culture, with the help of our services.

Join us!

It's free to join Inspire and becoming a member will allow you to help shape the way our services are managed. Visit the website to find out more. inspireculture.org.uk

STAY CONNECTED
stay inspired

SIGN UP, TAG & SHARE

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WHAT'S ON AT A GLANCE...

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Thu 8 Aug, 2-4pm	Alien Animation	Family Arts Workshop	Free	5
Sun 11 Aug, 3.30pm	The Girl of Ink and Stars	Family Theatre	£3/6	6
Tue 24 Sep, 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Oct, 6.30-8pm	Reading Round, West Bridgford	Books & Reading	Free	7
Thu 19 Sep, 10.30am	Exploring Local Maps	Heritage	Free	8
Thu 19 Sep, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Tony Kofi – A Portrait of Cannonball	Live Music	£10	8
Tue 24 Sep, 2.30pm	What Did You Do in the War Mum?	Heritage	£3	8

INSPIRE POETRY FESTIVAL

Wed 25 Sep, 7.30pm	Jacob Polley and Andrew Graves	Performance	£10	10
Fri 27 Sep, 10.30am - 12pm	Everything You Wanted To Know About Poetry But Didn't Dare Ask	Reading Workshop	£5	10
Sat 28 Sep, 11am - 3pm	Poetry Takeover	Free event	Free	11
Sat 28 Sep, 2.30pm - 4.30pm	Poetry Masterclass with Colette Bryce	Writing Workshop	£15	11
Sat 28 Sep, 7.30pm	Colette Bryce and Nafeesa Hamid	Performance	£10	11
Tue 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 Oct, 5 Nov, 6.30 – 8.30pm	Novel Writing with Eve Makis	Books & Reading	£123 £118 conc	7
Thu 10 Oct, 7.30pm	Book Club Live Special: Man Booker Shortlist Evening	Books & Reading	£6	9
Thu 17 Oct, 7.30pm	Jazz Steps: Jonny Mansfield	Live Music	£10	9
Tue 29 Oct, 2.30pm	Town Halls: Buildings, People and Power	Heritage	£3	12
Thu 31 Oct, 2-4pm	The Big Draw 2019: Drawn to Life	Family Arts Workshop	Free	12

REGULAR EVENTS For details of our regular, free events see page 13.