

# INSPIRE YOUTH ARTS

PROGRAMME  
AND EVENTS  
SUMMER 2023

MUSIC  
DANCE  
DIGITAL  
THEATRE  
FILM



[INSPIRE.CULTURE.ORG.UK/IYA](https://inspireculture.org.uk/iya)

**It's an exciting time for Inspire Youth Arts this summer with some high-profile events and new funding for working with young people. Arts Council England have agreed to 3 years of funding for the Able Orchestra which will drive this innovative and unique ensemble to the next level. A 3-year extension to our Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation funding has also been secured, so Inspire Youth Arts will continue our work around arts and disability, digital arts. Plus, our plans to develop a Nottinghamshire Dance Hub are also shaping up!**

We will be continuing to showcase work at some of the best venues, a highlight being Nottingham Playhouse in July and our regular BBC introducing gig at Metronome. We will again be hosting Onefest, the LD led festival in Mansfield. Further gigs and events at the Old Library include Propel Dance performance by wheelchair dancers. We hope you enjoy this packed program with young people at the heart of everything we do.

**Andy Dawson**, Manager at Inspire Youth Arts

Inspire Youth Arts works across the whole of Nottinghamshire from our base at The Old Library - a unique arts venue in the heart of Mansfield - offering a state of the art recording studio, 100 seat studio theatre, exhibition area, cafe-bar, and a number of teaching, workshop, meeting and rehearsal spaces.

**Get involved and stay social with us, find out about upcoming events and opportunities:**

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**The Old Library, Leeming Street,  
Mansfield NG18 1NG**

We aim for the Old Library to be accessible to all. The building is accessible for wheelchair users. Please let us know if you require a wheelchair space for ticketed events or have any other access needs we can help with. We have accessible signage and we design projects around the needs of young people with physical, sensory and learning disabilities and aim to provide appropriate support for those projects. Inspire Youth Arts is part of Inspire who deliver learning and libraries on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council. For more information visit [inspireculture.org.uk](http://inspireculture.org.uk)

**We offer a range of regular groups and workshops suitable for young people aged 7-25, usually held at The Old Library in Mansfield as well as venues across the county.**

From contemporary to streetdance, urban music projects to rock schools, to song writing, there's something for everyone! Skip to the back of this booklet to see details of our current sessions.





**PERFORMANCE**  
**OLLIE WEST & THE WILDFLOWERS**  
 WITH SUPPORT FROM **BETSEY B**

**The Old Library Mansfield**  
**Thursday 20 April, 7.30pm**  
**Tickets £8 advance / £10 on the door**

Pianist and singer-songwriter Ollie West is back on the road with The Wildflowers this April for a select run of shows celebrating their new music. The music of Manchester based pianist and singer-songwriter Ollie West has shifted dramatically since his formative years playing at open mic nights aged 14. Ask Ollie where his music sits genre-wise and he'll probably say "piano-driven folk-rock", but really this is only scratching the surface. Ollie's passion for writing has seen his music explore jazz, folk, pop, rock, prog and even classical music to create a truly unique sound that is unequivocally "Ollie West" by nature.



**Book online:**  
[inspireculture.org.uk/olliewest](http://inspireculture.org.uk/olliewest)



**DANCE PERFORMANCE**  
**PROPEL DANCE:**  
**THE SNOW QUEEN**

**The Old Library Mansfield**  
**Friday 14 April, 7pm**  
**Pay what you can**

A captivating and enthralling new dance production which focuses on the origins of the queen who brings endless winters, brought to life by a talented company of professional wheelchair dance athletes. This production is a contemporary retelling through music and movement, based on Hans Christian Anderson's original story. Presented by Propel Dance, co-choreographed and directed by Helen Mason and the dancers, with music by Kris Halpin.

The production will also feature a performance from SANDance, Inspire Youth Arts' award-winning dance company for disabled young people. Suitable for ages 5+.

**Book online:**  
[inspireculture.org.uk/snowqueen](http://inspireculture.org.uk/snowqueen)



**THE BREAKING LEAGUE PRESENTS**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> REGIONAL QUALIFIER IN COLLABORATION WITH UNITE THE SCENE**

**The Old Library, Mansfield**  
**Saturday 27 May**  
**Workshops 11am – 1pm**  
**Doors Open 1pm**  
**Prelims Start 2pm**  
**Finals Start 5.30pm**

Road to Glory Starts HERE!  
 Come and witness some of the best breakers in the UK battling to earn their place at the national finals for the chance of representing UK in Denmark, USA and Japan! The event will cover workshops on HipHop, Breaking and battle categories for Under 12s, 13s-17s, 18+ Breaking Categories and also an Open All Styles Funk Battle.


**Entry Fees:**

- Spectator/Competitor (non-member) - £12
- Spectator/Competitor (member) - £8
- Workshops (non-member) - £20 - 2 hour workshop with international guest
- Workshops (member) - £14

**Tickets can be purchased on the day for entries and workshops.**

[thebreakingleague.co.uk](http://thebreakingleague.co.uk)

# IYASummerFest23



Inspire Youth Arts' annual music, film, dance and drama extravaganza returns for 2023 with a fresh new name! Enjoy several events at our home in The Old Library in Mansfield and venues across Nottinghamshire, including Metronome and Nottingham Playhouse.

This year IYASummerFest23 features energising performances, from young people across the county of various abilities and experience, all weaved together to entertain, excite and inspire. Our performances are suitable for all ages and tickets can be booked online at [inspireculture.org.uk/iyafest23](https://inspireculture.org.uk/iyafest23)

## **BBC INTRODUCING ENGINE ROOM SHOWCASE**

**Metronome, Nottingham**  
**Wednesday 28 June, 7pm**  
**Tickets FREE**

Metronome will once again play host to this year's BBC Introducing / eNGine Room launch gig to showcase the latest new crop of acts and releases on Inspire Youth Arts record and talent development label, eNGine Room. Join us and experience some of the best new talent from across Nottinghamshire.

Partner and host for the evening is BBC's Dean Jackson, an advocate for under the radar local music and introducing the best of the undiscovered.

Book online at [metronome.co.uk](https://metronome.co.uk)



## **PERFORMANCE MUSIC SHOWCASE**

**The Old Library, Mansfield**  
**Saturday 1 July, 7pm**  
**FREE**

A chance to experience what Inspire Youth Arts's extensive music programme has been producing across Notts. Featuring energising and high-quality music performances from young people across the county – bands, singer-songwriters, and other musical collaborations.

**PERFORMANCE****DANCE SHOWCASE**

The Old Library, Mansfield

Saturday 8 July, 7pm

FREE

Enjoy highlights of Inspire Youth Arts' dance programme, featuring performances from talented young people from across the county.

**PERFORMANCE****INSPIRE YOUTH ARTS SHOWCASE**

In partnership with Urban Explorers/  
Tom Dale Dance Company

Nottingham Playhouse

Thursday 6 July, 7.30pm

Tickets £5

An outstanding showcase of dance and music by the very best young artists from across Nottinghamshire. This platform will wow the audiences with the range and diversity of the pieces on show. An event not to be missed. We believe that all young people can create great art - so will you! Book tickets at [nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk](http://nottinghamplayhouse.co.uk)

**PERFORMANCE****PRIMARY DANCE FESTIVAL**

The Squire Performing Arts Centre

Wednesday 19 July, 6pm

£3.50

The Nottinghamshire Primary Dance Festival is an exciting series of school-based workshops creating new work with inspirational visiting artists leading up to performances at a high-profile event in July 2023. For more information regarding how your school can get involved, contact

[iya@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:iya@inspireculture.org.uk)

Limited spaces available.

**DANCE SUMMER SCHOOL****THE WIND IN THE WILLOWS SUMMER SCHOOL**

The Old Library, Mansfield

Monday 7 – Friday 12 August

Workshops 10am - 4pm

Performance 12 August, 7.30pm

£35

A weeklong contemporary dance residency to create an ambitious and innovative final dance performance on Friday 12 August at The Old Library Theatre. The project will be led by one of the region's leading dance practitioners and based on Kenneth Grahame's 'Wind in the Willows' stories. Suitable for young people aged 11 – 19. To apply, email [iya@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:iya@inspireculture.org.uk)



# OneFest23

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**Saturday 15 - to Friday 21 July 2023**  
**Venues across Mansfield and Ashfield**

OneFest returns to Mansfield for the third year! OneFest is a week-long arts and culture festival held across Mansfield and Ashfield that has the primary aim of smashing the stigma and segregation learning disabled and autistic people face on a societal level.

This year is going to be bigger than ever! Enjoy a programme full of comedy shows, theatre, live music, creative workshops, plus so many more opportunities for our beautiful community to shine!

The festival will be kicking off with Mansfield's first ever Learning Disability Pride event on Saturday 15 July.

OneFest gives learning disabled and autistic people, and their friends and family, the chance to be out loud and proud, and the rest of the community surprise themselves by getting alongside and enjoying it.



**15th - 21st JULY 2023, MANSFIELD**  
**Comedy Shows | Theatre | Protest**  
**Live Music | Creative Workshops**  
**Plus so much more!**

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**@OneFestNotts**

[onefest.oneconversation.co.uk](http://onefest.oneconversation.co.uk)

**Kicking off with Mansfield's first**  
**Learning Disability**  
**PRIDE**  
**On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July**  
**An all-day party and parade in the Market Place**

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## FILMMAKING WORKSHOP

### MAKE A FILM IN A WEEK!

The Old Library, Mansfield  
Tuesday 30 May –  
Saturday 3 June  
FREE

Film making challenge  
with Takeover. Make a film  
in a week!

Work with industry professionals,  
get your hands on the latest  
kit and create something  
incredible. If you want to be  
behind the camera or in front,  
this is for you! This is a free  
project, and you will be taking  
part as a volunteer film maker.  
To get involved email  
[iya@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:iya@inspireculture.org.uk)



## PROTO-TYPE ARE RECRUITING! Immersive and Digital Arts Mentoring Project

Proto-Type is a group of young creatives under the age of 25 living or working in Nottinghamshire, with a passion for digital arts and technology. Meeting at Studio Urban Projections (located at The Harley Foundation, Welbeck), the group have full access to a start-of-the-art workspace, equipped with digital technologies, tools, proto-typing facilities and a range of softwares.

If you're interested and have some experience and skills, contact [iya@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:iya@inspireculture.org.uk) or to find out more visit [Proto-type.org.uk](http://Proto-type.org.uk)



# eNGine Room

**eNGine Room is a not-for-profit artist development and record label, supporting and showcasing some of the best young talent emerging in Nottinghamshire, and is supported by Inspire and Arts Council England.**

eNGineRoom launched in 2021 to develop artists with a focus on a range of tailored support: songwriting, recording, production, performance, marketing and promotional campaigns and releasing - to suit the development of young and emerging musical talent across Notts, and develop them to a level where they can record and produce material for release on the label and for performance at IYA events and showcases, external and partnership events.

eNGineRoom is partnered with a team of associate artists and producers, designed to equip the young musicians with the best advice and tools for the development of their professional careers within the industry.






The current artist roster includes ALT BLK ERA, Sam Adams, Jack Chapman & Ashley Westlake, Able Orchestra / Jess Fisher, and BetseyB. The label has already released over 25 singles since May 2021, plus one EP and a full album for the BeiNG Music Festival - and many are achieving great success with thousands of streams on Spotify and other digital platforms. The label also releases special one-off collaborations and projects.

All of the artists have already featured on Dean Jackson's BBC Introducing show on BBC Radio Nottingham's 'The Beat', including interviews and features, as well as national airplay on Radio 1. Three of the artists have also gone on to record NUSIC spotlight sessions, and are starting to grab support slots on established bands' tours, and playing venues such as the Rescue Rooms and The Bodega, as well as venues in Manchester, Leeds and Leicester.

**eNGine Room are currently recruiting and looking out for new artists to develop** - both from within our successful music programmes and across Nottinghamshire, so contact us with info and demos if you want to get involved.

Contact [iya@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:iya@inspireculture.org.uk) for more information.



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## THE ABLE ORCHESTRA

The Able Orchestra is the UK's first disability led Orchestra, beginning in 2014 and has since worked alongside BBC Concert Orchestra, BBC Symphony Orchestra, The Halle Orchestra and Sinfonia Viva. Able Orchestra has also worked with DJ Switch Petebox and other outstanding music artists. The project is designed for physically disabled young musicians to create both music and digital projection leading to performances at some of the UK's leading venues including the BBC Proms at the Royal Albert Hall!

Arts Council England has agreed 3 years funding to develop the project into a fully operational disability led ensemble using adaptive technology and the latest digital music and arts techniques. The project will be testing out new approaches and sharing the work nationally.

**Able Orchestra is looking to create a core ensemble of players to be the leading voice in the music and direction of the project. If you are, or you know someone who is a disabled musician we would like to hear from you!**

Email [iya@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:iya@inspireculture.org.uk).



*"For me, Able Orchestra has advanced the way disabled people access music making and creativity. It helps eliminate all the stereotypes and attitudes when it comes to disabled people being musicians, and instead puts them at the centre and core of the music making process. Able Orchestra changes lives and attitudes when it comes to inclusive music making"* Jess Fisher



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# REGULAR INSPIRE YOUTH ARTS PROGRAMME

From contemporary dance and drama to street dance and song-writing, rock schools to creating soundtracks to films – there's something for everyone at one of our classes and programmes which take place at The Old Library in Mansfield and venues across Nottinghamshire.

Full and up to date details of our groups can be found at [inspireculture.org.uk/groups](http://inspireculture.org.uk/groups) \*All days, times and prices correct at time of printing

## DANCE PROGRAMME

<b>Monday</b>	<b>MX STREET DANCE COLLECTIVE</b>	<b>The Old Library</b>	Beginners 5.30 – 6.30pm Intermediates 6.30 – 7.30pm Advanced 7.30 – 9pm	£2 per session
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Open to young people aged 7 – 19yrs. Working with professional choreographer and dancer Jasmine Eccles you will learn the various Street Dance styles and techniques, work on your choreography skills and then perform as a crew at various regional dance events.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CONTEMPORARY YOUTH DANCE COMPANY (NCYDC)</b>	<b>The Old Library</b>	6 – 8pm	£4 per session
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The group takes part in weekly contemporary and choreography technique sessions, and work towards performance opportunities throughout the year. The company aims to train young dancers in contemporary dance, enabling them to work creatively and perform at regional and national dance platforms. The sessions support Dance 4's Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) programme and auditions for young people aged 11 – 18yrs are held throughout the year.

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>WEST BRIDGFORD DANCE</b>	<b>West Bridgford Young Peoples Centre</b>	5.30 – 6.30pm
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Open to any disabled young person aged 13 - 25. No experience necessary just enthusiasm for dance and a willingness to learn new skills. Work with professional choreographer and dancer Tamara Roberts to learn various contemporary dance styles, techniques, and performance skills .



**Wednesday**

**SANDANCE** In person at Valley Leisure Centre, 6 - 7.45pm  
**Workshop**

## SANdance are recruiting!

Open to any disabled young person aged 11 - 25. No experience necessary just enthusiasm for dance and a willingness to learn new skills. Work with professional choreographers, & dancers Sali Gresham and Emily Thurston to learn various contemporary dance styles, techniques, and performance skills.

<b>Friday</b>	<b>DUKERIES DANCE</b>	<b>Dukeries Young People's Centre, Boughton NG22 9JE</b>	4.30 – 5.30pm
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A new contemporary dance group for anyone who loves to dance and would like to gain more skills. Come and join this upbeat fun session to work with Georgina Saunders from Next Door Dance (one of the county's top dance companies). You will get to create your own unique choreography and share the work at some fantastic events. For young people 13 to 19 years of age.

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>SQUARE PEG</b>	<b>MyPlace@Westfield Folkhouse Mansfield</b>	1.30 – 3.30pm
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Open to any disabled young person aged 13 - 25. No experience necessary just enthusiasm for dance and a willingness to learn new skills. Work with professional choreographers & performers Sali Gresham and Cara Verney to learn various contemporary dance styles, techniques, and performance skills.

## MUSIC PROGRAMME

<b>Monday</b>	<b>EAST LEAKE ROCK SCHOOL</b>	<b>East Leake Academy</b>	4.30 – 6pm	Free
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A weekly programme for budding bands and musicians 11 to 19 years of age. Create original music, band identity, access recording sessions in our pro-studio and performance opportunities around the county.

<b>Monday</b>	<b>URBAN STUDIO PROJECT</b>	<b>The Old Library &amp; online</b>	7-9pm	£2 per session
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Work with Professional Producer Jimmy Power to write, produce, record, and release your own urban music. Suitable for young people aged 11 - 19.

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>SINGER SONGWRITER ACADEMY</b>	<b>The Old Library</b>	5.30 – 7.30pm	£4 per session
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Work with our team of professional music artists to develop your ideas, learn production skills and turn your songs into demos and performances. Suitable for people aged 13 - 19 who are experienced musicians.

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>RED HOT BAND</b>	<b>The Old Library</b>	6.30 – 8.30pm	Free
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A lively swing ensemble that performs regularly throughout the year. For more details contact [nottsmusic@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:nottsmusic@inspireculture.org.uk)

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>VIP (VISUALLY IMPAIRED MUSIC PROJECT)</b>	<b>The Old Library</b>	4 – 5.30pm	Free
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A project aimed at young people with visual impairments working with a professional music producer/leader to develop work using acoustic and digital instruments with the Old Library's professional recording studio. Please contact [iya@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:iya@inspireculture.org.uk) for further information if you or someone you know would like to take part.

**Saturday**      **OLD LIBRARY**      **The Old Library**      Juniors 9.30 - 11am (7-12yrs)      £2 per session  
**ROCK SCHOOL**      Seniors 11am - 1pm (13 - 19yrs)

A weekly Rock School programme for budding bands and musicians. Create original music, band identity, access recording sessions in our pro studio and performance opportunities around the county.

**Saturday**      **WFH ROCK**      **MyPlace @**      Juniors 1.30-4pm (7-12yrs)      Free  
**SCHOOL**      **Westfield**      Seniors 4-6.30pm (13 - 19yrs)  
**PROGRAM**      **Folkhouse**

A regular monthly Rocks School programme for budding bands and musicians. Create original music, band identity, access recording sessions in our pro-studio and performance opportunities.

**Various**      **THE SUMP**      **Online**      Various      Free  
**COLLECTIVE**

The award-winning SUMP collective is a small group of disabled music producers. To get involved contact [iya@inspireculture.org.uk](mailto:iya@inspireculture.org.uk)



**ONE CONVERSATION**

**The Old Library | Thursdays 12 – 2pm**

One Conversation is a grassroots activist movement that gives voice and agency to learning disabled and autistic adults. Fed up of the way things are? Want more? A better future is possible. Contact us to learn more about our mission and work, or to become involved yourself.

**Contact** [office.oneconversation@gmail.com](mailto:office.oneconversation@gmail.com) / **07713 498 708**



**UNANIMA THEATRE COMPANY**

**The Old Library | Fridays 2 – 5pm**

Unanima is Company in Residence at The Old Library and has been creating work since 2008. Our cast are exclusively learning disabled and autistic. Using a collaborative devising process, we create unique witty, provocative theatre based on our cast's lives, experiences and questions they have about the world.

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