

## **Schools across the region are invited to take part in the 2011 Dragon Festival!**

### **What is the Norwich Dragon Festival?**

In 2009, HEART worked with the Norwich Education Network (NEN) to create a festival to celebrate and promote the city's wonderful culture and heritage through the theme of dragons. The first ever Norwich Dragon Festival took place over three weeks in February 2009. The packed events programme included story-telling, puppet shows, film, art and craft activities, exhibitions and talks.

### **The 2011 Norwich Dragon Festival: 12<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> February 2011**

The 2011 Norwich Dragon Festival will see HEART working with the NEN, and other partners from across the city, to co-ordinate a festival that is even bigger and more diverse than the 2009 event.

### **How can schools and teachers get involved?**

#### **Circulate information about the Dragon Festival Education Programme to your colleagues**

Please find attached a poster about the Festival's education programme, and an invitation to a special Dragon Festival INSET event. Please feel free to distribute these to your colleagues. Please do not hesitate to contact Laura Crossley (01603 599 577 / [education@heritagecity.org](mailto:education@heritagecity.org)) if you would like more copies of any of the posters.

#### **Take your pupils to a Dragon Festival event**

Dragon Festival events will be listed in a free booklet and on a dedicated Dragon Festival website. Events which are suitable for school groups will be highlighted. If you would like to receive a booklet, or several booklets, for your school, please do not hesitate to contact Laura Crossley on the contact details above.

#### **Use the free Dragon Festival Education Pack**

Education providers from across the city are working together to create an exciting education pack which is suitable for Key Stages 1 - 3. The pack will feature information about dragons in Norwich and other cultures, ideas for incorporating the theme of dragons into the curriculum, and lots of separate activities which can be completed in-school and/or at venues. The innovative and engaging activities – which all feature dragons – can be tailored to suit the learning needs of your students.

Activities are being provided by Cinema City, Culture Crossroads, Dragon Hall, HEART, Hungate Medieval Art, Inspire Discovery Centre, Norfolk and Norwich Millennium Library, Norfolk Record Office, Norwich Castle, Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts and the University of East Anglia.

The pack will be launched on January 4<sup>th</sup> at the Dragon Festival INSET event, and will be available free of charge to teachers - either in hard or electronic copy – before, during and after the 2011 festival. Please contact Laura Crossley if you would like to receive a pack.

### **Come to 'Dragons in School', a special Dragon Festival INSET event**

We are holding a special Dragon Festival INSET event for Key Stage 1 – 3 teachers from 1-3pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January. Teachers will be able to:

- Hear more about the Festival and how it can be taken into the classroom.
- Attend interesting talks about dragons, including their association with Norwich.
- Try out activities in the education pack.
- Meet a diverse variety of education providers from across the city.
- Network with other teaching staff from across Norfolk
- Take a free look around Norwich Castle.

All attendees will receive a buffet lunch, a copy of the Dragon Festival education pack and a goody bag filled with information about the Festival and activity providers. Tickets for this event cost £5.

### **Encourage your pupils to take part in the 'Dragon Quest', a competition for schools**

To celebrate creative talent in Norfolk, we are launching a competition for 4-14 year olds entitled 'Dragon Quest'. We are asking pupils to create a piece of artwork or creative writing that has been inspired by one of a number of dragons in Norwich, images of which are all featured in a special competition leaflet.

Winners will receive a goody bag full of exciting prizes, and all winning entries will be displayed in at The Forum in Norwich city centre during the February half-term week.

The competition is split into three age categories. These are:

4 - 7 year olds  
8 - 11 year olds  
12 -14 year olds.

The competition is running from now until 4<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

If you would like to receive a hard copy of the leaflet, please contact Laura Crossley on the contact details above.

### **Getting in touch**

If you are interested in hearing more about the Dragon Festival and all the related educational opportunities, please contact Laura Crossley on 01603 599 577 or <mailto:education@heritagecity.org>.



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- / Events for schools
- / Schools competition
- / Education pack
- / Teachers INSET session at Norwich Castle Museum

To find out more about the range of fantastic opportunities for schools (Key Stages 1 - 3) linked to the Dragon Festival, please contact:

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[www.heritagecity.org/dragonfestival/schools](http://www.heritagecity.org/dragonfestival/schools)

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## Dragons in School: Making the most of the 2011 Norwich Dragon Festival Education Programme



The Norwich Dragon Festival, now in its second year, is a unique celebration of dragons in the history and culture of Norwich.

This exciting INSET event, which is being held in the beautiful Norwich Castle, is designed to develop teachers' knowledge of the popular festival and demonstrate innovative ways in which the festival can be taken into the classroom via a diverse range of curriculum subjects.



### The two-hour session will include:

- / A talk about the Norwich Dragon Festival and its education programme.
- / The opportunity to try engaging hands-on activities from the Dragon Festival education pack.
- / Networking with local education providers and teachers.
- / A buffet lunch.



**Dragons in School** is suitable for KS 1 – 3 teachers.  
The event will run from 1-3pm on **Tuesday 4th January 2011.**

All attendees will receive:

- / A buffet lunch.
- / A copy of the Dragon Festival education pack.
- / A goody bag filled with information about the festival.
- / A chance to look around the museum.

Tickets cost £5 Please book soon to avoid disappointment.

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