

Welcome To

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Latest News from Norfolk Music Works

Norfolk Music Works (NMW) is an independent community arts organisation based near King's Lynn, which has provided high quality creative music projects for the past twenty years. In recent years, our popular music activity has developed a keen following and recognising the problems facing young people who want to get involved music (transport problems, lack of money, rehearsal spaces and venues to name but a few!) we have developed a new project called **Norfolk Rock Roots**.

Funded by the National Lottery Awards for All scheme and supported by Breckland Council, this scheme will offer young people over the age of 12 in and around Hunstanton, Swaffham and Fakenham the chance to meet up with other musicians, learn new skills, record their own music and play at local gigs. There is even the chance to spend a free day in a professional recording studio laying down tracks for a new CD. The best news is that all this is available at an affordable cost, and there are even some free places available for those on low incomes. All our workshops are ready equipped with all the things you need to get playing - so there is no need to have an instrument to get involved!

Activity will focus around three different town 'hubs' (Fakenham, Hunstanton and Swaffham). Throughout August 2009 NMW will be running **Rock Train**, a course of four half day skill building workshops for young people in Popular Music. Here music newcomers will explore different instruments and build their technical skills. As confidence builds, participants will form bands with likeminded musicians according to levels of skills and experience. For more advanced players they 'call the shots'. We can offer help with song writing, rehearsals, stagecraft, PA or even adding new influences to your music. Whilst these initial sessions will concentrate on building skills within each hub, later stages of the project will offer transport to share opportunities and skills with other young players across the region.

In September, participants can then get involved in an intense **Band Xchange** weekend where they will perform and record their own live music CD. At this event participants will select 6 bands to record in a professional music studio. A perfect stepping-stone for all those who have taken part in **Rock Train**, the weekend will concentrate on Band skills and will offer workshop surgeries including: • Vocal & Microphone Techniques • Sound Engineering • Drums • Songwriting • Guitar & Bass • The Music Biz

In November 2009 three **Launchpad** Gigs will feature musicians from **Norfolk Rock Roots** as well as any local bands wanting to perform to an enthusiastic crowd! The day will feature rehearsals, sound checks, presentation and performance support from professional musicians, leading to the Gig to promote the new CD recordings made during the project.

What's more we will be working with the Youth and Community Services to get you accreditation for your hard work through the Duke of Edinburgh's Skills Award and the Norfolk Youth Award, which may be useful if you are looking for a job or trying to get into higher education.

We are looking for Volunteers to support this project in Swaffham, Fakenham and Hunstanton. Maybe you are in a band can spare a few hours helping out at sessions or perhaps could become part of the backstage crew at the gigs or run the Front of House? We have lots of different opportunities open to volunteers - contact us and we will find something to suit!

So if you wanna sing or jam in a band? Live fast, play loud? With us you've got it. We'll channel your creative energy into music, help you explore your limits, make a statement and find your voice.

Check out our website to download our Leaflet and Booking Form or call us on 01485 609009 to book a place.

For further details contact Ema Holman, General Manager
Norfolk Music Works, The Old Booking Office, 31 Station Road, Roydon, Norfolk PE32 1AW
Email: info@musicworks.org.uk Tel: 01485 609009 www.musicworks.org.uk

Rock Train

Cost £10 per course of four workshops

Tuesday 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th August 6 - 9 pm

Wednesday 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th August 6 - 9 pm

Friday 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th August 11 - 2 pm

Fakenham Community Centre, Oak Street

Hunstanton Community Centre, Avenue Road

Swaffham Community Centre, The Campingland

Band Xchange

Cost £10 for the weekend

Saturday 12th September 11am - 5pm

Sunday 13th September 11am - 6pm

Hamond's High School, Brandon Road, SWAFFHAM

Saturday 19th September 11am - 5pm

Sunday 20th September 11am - 6pm

Fakenham High School, Field Lane, FAKENHAM

Saturday dates TBC 11am - 5pm

Sunday dates TBC 11am

Smithdon High School, Downs Road, HUNSTANTON

Launchpad

Gig Tickets £2.50 or see all three for £6! Available from Norfolk Music Works 01485 609009

Saturday 7th November

Rehearsals 11am-6pm, Performance at 7pm Hunstanton Town Hall, The Green, HUNSTANTON

Saturday 14th November

Rehearsals 11am-6pm, Performance at 7pm Fakenham Community Centre, Oak Street, FAKENHAM

Saturday 21st November

Rehearsals 11am-6pm, Performance at 8pm Swaffham Town Hall, London Street, SWAFFHAM

Fakenham Band Night

Weekly term-time popular music sessions for beginners and experienced players. Workshops cover everything from learning the basics to advanced technical skills. No need to book in advance - bring your own instruments if you have them.

Cost £3.50 per session

Every Thursday starting 17th September 6.30-8.30pm Fakenham High School, Drama Studio, Field Lane, Fakenham

Opportunities

Events Management and Technical Production for Open Air Events

Managed by SeaChange Arts, Great Yarmouth

Are you...16 years +? Out of work or training? Looking for a new path? What about...

A free 35 hour course which includes a work placement in a local music festival. All travel expenses and lunches are included.

The course will give you a basic introduction to all the areas involved in running and managing an outdoor event and will include aspects of:

- Stewarding
- Stage management
- Technical and sound (includes effects, PA, rigging and lighting)

The course will allow you to work in teams and build your knowledge in essential areas such as health and safety, finance, first aid, risk assessment, publicity and marketing and customer care skills.

Working with an experienced tutor, you will receive a reference at the end of the course, links to local festivals and potential employers and a Certificate of Achievement.

Dates and locations of the course are:

- Thursday 16 July 10am to 4pm at Novus Building (Hawthorne Room), Great Yarmouth
- Thursday 23 August 10am to 4pm at Maritime House, Great Yarmouth
- Thursday 30 August 10am to 4pm at Maritime House, Great Yarmouth
- Thursday 6 August 10am to 4pm at Halesworth (Old Hemp works meeting room)
- Sunday 9 August, Gig in the Park Music Festival, Halesworth
- Thursday 20 August, 12.30pm to 4pm at Maritime House, Great Yarmouth

To register your interest in the course please contact:

Sarah James

SeaChange Arts

Maritime House

25 Marine Parade

Great Yarmouth

NR30 2EN

Tel: 01493 846436 or e-mail – sarah@seachangearts.org.uk

Deadline for submission is the 9 July 2009

Artspace

A new scheme set up by North Norfolk News reporter Karen Bethell is attracting interest from artists, galleries and art enthusiasts all over the area.

Called North Norfolk Artspace and based at Sheringham Little Theatre, the scheme aims to provide a central "hub" for visual arts.

Artists working in the area will be offered affordable exhibition space at the Little Theatre, while the Artspace website, which has been up and running since the middle of June, provides a comprehensive resource for artists, galleries and art-lovers in north Norfolk.

The site lists details of local galleries, as well art-orientated news, information about art classes, courses, and upcoming exhibitions, and useful links to other websites. Artists can also have a profile with an example of their work on the site, with links to their own, or galleries, websites, and details of where site visitors can see more of their work.

A lifelong art enthusiast, Karen devised and ran a successful art feature in the North Norfolk News for more than two years. She will be taking over the running of the Little Theatre's exhibition space in October.

"Although I am not an artist, I am a huge art fan and, I think we are incredibly lucky to have such an amazing number of outstanding galleries and artists in north Norfolk," she said. "I think the area is quite unique for its visual arts scene and that is something I would like to promote."

North Norfolk Artspace will be launched at the Little Theatre at the beginning of October with a Royal College of Art-style exhibition of postcard-sized works, and Karen hopes to promote the scheme via the internet, and through advertising and leaflets.

"I am really looking forward to the exhibition and I've had a fantastic response from galleries and artists so far, but I hope that, by October, the website will have grown to include details of all North Norfolk's artists, galleries and art events," she said.
For more information, visit www.northnorfolkartspace.co.uk, email: kibethell@aol.com, or phone Karen Bethell on 01263 823633.

Funding

Big Lottery Fund launches Village SOS

Deadline: 14 August 2009

Do you have the ideas and drive to make a difference in your village? Launched on 1 June 2009, Village SOS is major rural initiative from the Big Lottery Fund and the BBC. It's a challenge to villages across the UK to come up with brilliant ideas for a brand new business.

Six villages across the UK will be awarded a grant up to £400,000 and will work closely with a 'village champion' to get the business up and running.

To find out more visit www.biglotteryfund.org.uk/villagesos.