



What's On

Jan-Mar 18

WHALEARTS 
Creative, Connected, Community.

What's On at WHALE Arts

WHALE Arts offers an ever changing creative, integrative and inclusive programme both in 'the WHALE' and beyond our physical walls in wider community spaces and places. A key element of WHALE's creative programme is the delivery of a wide range of regular projects and groups across a variety of art forms for children, families and adults.

In addition to WHALE's own activities we are proud to work with a variety of creative, cultural and community partners to enhance the range of services and activities that local people can access at the WHALE.

For more information on any of our projects and to register please see www.whalearts.co.uk and www.facebook.com/whaleartsagency or call 0131 458 3267.

Children and Young People

Lyceum Youth Theatre: Discover

Wed | 3.30-5pm | 24 Jan-21 Mar (mid term break 14 Feb) | Ages 10-14 | FREE

Explore your dramatic skills with theatre professionals from the Lyceum Theatre.

Starcatchers: Expecting Something

Thu | 10.30-12.30pm | 11 Jan-22 Mar (mid term break 15 Feb) | Ages 0-2 | FREE

For parents aged 25 and under with babies up to 2 years old. Come along and meet other mums, babies and bumps, and try some fun artist-led creative activities with Starcatchers. Free lunch provided.

Creative Adventures

Thu | 4-5.30pm | 25 Jan-29 Mar (mid term break 15 Feb) | Families | FREE

Multi-arts project for primary-aged young people with Additional Support Needs and their families. Featuring dance, music, art, drama and more! Please get in touch for more information.

Street Arts

Thu | 4.45-7pm | 25 Jan-29 Mar | Ages 7-16 | FREE

Come and find the Street Arts team out on the streets. Art, music, drama, dance, photography and more. Like our Street Arts WHALE Facebook page to find out more. Find us at: Playparks at Westburn 4.45-5.15pm, Harvesters 5.25-5.55pm, Dumbeg 5.55-6.25pm, Barn Park 6.30-7pm

smARTies

Fri | 2.15-4pm | 26 Jan-23 Mar (mid term break 16 Feb) | Ages 6-12 | FREE

Come along & get creative at art club every Friday! Drop in session but you need to register to take part.

Adults

smART CRAFT

Mon | 1-3pm | 15 Jan-26 Mar | £2 per session

A weekly visual arts and crafts group for adults with complex or additional support needs. The group explores creativity and expression with varied art materials, and is run by a professional artist and support worker.

*Please call or email to register for this group.

Stitch 'n' Time

Tue | 1-3pm | 16 Jan-27 Mar | FREE

This sociable sewing and crafting class focuses on learning new skills and projects which help the local community. Come and share a cuppa!

*Please call or email to register for this group.

Drama @ WHALE

Thu | 6-8pm | 22 Feb-29 Mar | FREE

Bring out your dramatic side and get on stage with our group 'WHALEs Without a Cause'. For beginners as well as those with some drama experience.

Let's Dance!

Thu | 6.30-8pm | 25 Jan-29 Mar (mid term break 8 Feb) | £4 per session

Relaxed and fun ceilidh dancing with expert tuition for all adults.



WHALE Arts 25th Birthday Party. Photography © Paul Cowan

Adults

Poetry with the Scottish Poetry Library

Wed | 11.30-1pm | 28 Feb-21 Mar | Wester Hailes Library | FREE
Last Wed of the month | 11.30-1pm | Begins 28 Mar | WHALE | FREE

For 2018 the Scottish Poetry Library will be running a residency in Wester Hailes, beginning with a 4 week taster poetry and creative writing group at Wester Hailes Library. Following, monthly sessions will take place at WHALE on the last Wednesday of the month. Write and share poetry and prose as part of a friendly and sociable group.

Room For Art

Thu | 12.30-2.30pm | 18 Jan-29 Mar | FREE

Free visual art workshops for health and well-being. Absolutely no previous experience of art necessary! These sessions are by referral only, please contact Iona at Art in Healthcare on 0131 555 7638 or outreachmanager@artinhealthcare.org.uk.

NuStart

Fri | 10.30am-1.30pm | 12 Jan-30 Mar | £4 per session

NuStart are an enthusiastic group of amateur artists who meet to enjoy each other's company, create works of art, and critique paintings.

Arty Party

The Arty Party was established as a registered charity in 1997 to promote and raise appreciation of all art forms for the benefit of the adult population of Wester Hailes and the surrounding districts, in particular for older people and those who are traditionally excluded from the arts through the barriers of income or physical inaccessibility.



Eco-planter in Westburn CAN garden at WHALE Arts. Photography © Paul Cowan

Westburn CAN

Westburn CAN is WHALE's very own green arts and gardening project, supported by the Climate Challenge Fund. Come visit our community garden and eco-build shed for different activities and events.

Westburn CAN (Horticulture Hubs)

Mon | 10.30am-3pm | 8 - 22 Jan | Ages 18+ | FREE
Mon + Fri | 10.30am-3pm | 29 Jan-30 Mar | Ages 18+ | FREE

Learn new gardening skills and grow tasty food at our drop in Horticulture Hub. Tools, training and a free lunch provided for all participants.

Westburn CANteen

Fri | 11am-1pm | 12 Jan-30 Mar | Ages 18+ | FREE

Cooking classes and community meal. Learn to cook inexpensive healthy meals using food harvested from the garden. Create a meal for your friends and neighbours, meet new people and learn new skills.

Westburn CANteen Community Meal

Fri | 1-2pm | 12 Jan-30 Mar | Suitable for all ages | FREE

Join us for a delicious meal using fresh produce grown, harvested and cooked by the local community.

Westburn CAN Family Days

Sat | 1-3pm | 13 Jan-31 Mar | Suitable for all ages | FREE

Join us for creative fun in the WHALE garden. Enjoy eco arts, gardening, natural play, family fun and games.

It's not just plants growing in the WHALE garden! Look out for unusual artwork, created from everyday recycled materials. You might meet the artists around Wester Hailes and get the chance to contribute to some exciting and unusual outdoor art! Artists include Michael Bowdidge, Mirja Koponen and Agelos Papadakis.



Tasting Change Wester Hailes

Tasting Change is a multi agency partnership set up to tackle food insecurity and promote positive food and health opportunities in Wester Hailes. WHALE Arts will be working with CHAI, The Health Agency and SCORE Scotland to deliver a range of workshops and events centred around creativity and food through the CrEATe programme.

Check their Facebook for more details - www.facebook.com/tastingchangewh

Events for All

Wester Hailes: Your Story, Our Story Exhibition

15 Jan-1 Feb | FREE

Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund and featuring artwork by Leanne Blair.

BBC Get Creative

17-25 Mar | FREE

Look out for our 'Takeovers and Tasters' sessions as part of BBC Get Creative Week 17th-25 March. See www.whalearts.co.uk for more info.

SEED Swap

Sat 17 Feb | 12-4pm | FREE

Join us for spring garden planting, seed collecting and more. Bring your own seeds to swap, learn how to collect, harvest and forage for seeds and take home something new to plant in your garden or window box.

Green Gala

Sat 17 Mar | 12-4pm | FREE

Join us at the Green Gala for environmental arts, freshly prepared food and entertainment in the WHALE garden.



WHALE Community Cinema

WHALE Community Cinema was established in April 2016 as part of the Grow Your Own Cinema project and is run by volunteers. Monthly screenings are free or low cost, and we always offer free refreshments to attendees. For full updates follow www.facebook.com/WHALEcommunitycinema

If you'd like to join our team of volunteers, get in touch on info@whalearts.co.uk

VHS Archive Film Night

Supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund.

Thu 18 Jan | 6.30-8pm | Suitable for all ages | FREE

Ernest & Celestine Half-term family screening

Supported by Scottish Film Education.

Thu 15 Feb | 10.30am-12.30pm | Families | FREE

Screen Bandita celluloid workshop

Fri 16 Mar | 2-4pm | Suitable for all ages | FREE



Digital Sentinel

The Digital Sentinel is the community news site for Wester Hailes. If you would like to share a story or find out more about IT support services contact our Community Reporter on digitalsentinel@whalearts.co.uk or 0131 458 3267.

Digital Sentinel Job Search and Online Benefit App Drop-In

Mon + Wed | 1-3pm | 10 Jan-28 Mar | FREE

Drop-in sessions offering support for job search websites and online benefit applications at Clovenstone Community Centre on Mondays and at WHALE Arts on Wednesdays. Please note these drop-ins are not Welfare advice sessions.

Digital Sentinel IT Hubs

Thu | 10.30am-12.30pm | 11 Jan-29 Mar | FREE

Free IT drop-in sessions alternating between WHALE Arts Centre and Clovenstone Community Centre, starting at WHALE on 11 Jan. Learn basic IT skills and support your local news website, www.digitalsentinel.net.



WHALE's Without a Cause performance at WHALE 25th Birthday. Photography © Paul Cowan

Our Partners based at WHALE

Also based at WHALE are the following partner organisations - check out their websites for more information on the amazing community work they do in Wester Hailes and the surrounding areas.

About Youth www.aboutyouth.uk

Dads Rock www.dadsrock.org.uk

SCOREscotland www.scorescotland.org.uk

The Broomhouse Centre www.broomhousecentre.org.uk

Wester Hailes Community Trust www.westerhailescot.org.uk

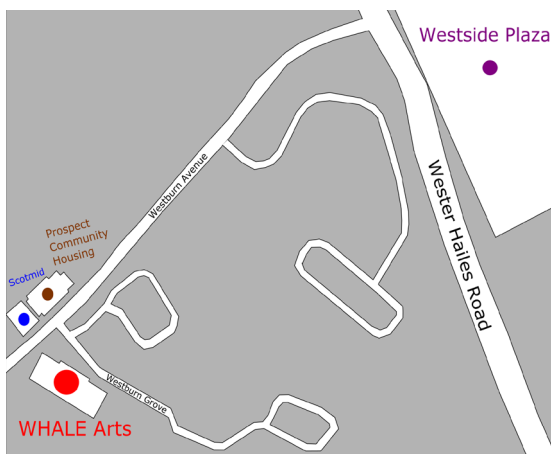
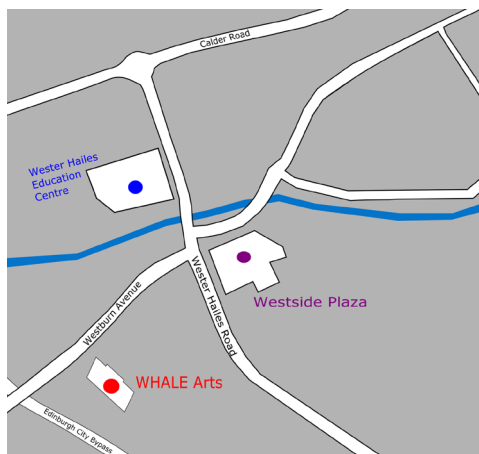
What is WHALE Arts?

Since being set up by local people in 1992 WHALE Arts has firmly established itself as the cultural anchor organisation for Wester Hailes. As a community-led arts charity and social enterprise, WHALE Arts' mission is to be the creative heart of a vibrant, thriving community. WHALE acts as a conduit between our community and creative opportunities through the direct delivery of projects, programmes and events and by connecting our community with city and national cultural partners.

We are based in the purpose built WHALE Arts Centre – 'The WHALE' – a unique community asset that provides a range of high quality creative spaces including an Arts Workshop, Performance Space, Darkroom and Digital Media facilities as well as an IT suite, kitchen and meeting rooms.

WHALE is fully wheelchair accessible with a disabled parking bay outside, and on-road parking. We have full baby changing facilities. Reception is open Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

How to find us



WALK 5 min walk from Westside Plaza, Healthy Living Centre and the library.

BUS Lothian Bus 33 to the door. 3, 18, 21, and 30 to Westside Plaza and 5 min walk.

BIKE 2 min from the Union Canal towpath. Bike storage facilities available.

CAR Minutes from the City Bypass (Baberton or Sighthill junction), Calder Road and Lanark Road. Free parking.

TRAIN 5 min walk from Wester Hailes Station on Edinburgh to Glasgow Central line, or 30 minutes by bus from Edinburgh Haymarket.

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