

what is art?

This summer, the Laing Art Gallery will run a series of workshops for 15-18 year olds, lead by contemporary artists and gallery staff, exploring different artistic practices and asking, what, exactly, is art?

Sessions will take place on Tuesdays 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th August, 2-5pm

The summer school is **free**, and is open to all students who are interested in or curious about what art is, who makes art and what, exactly, goes on in a gallery. Students are welcome to come to all sessions or just to the one that interests them the most. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you would like to attend, get in touch! Call us or send us an e mail (our contact details are at the bottom of the page) Let us know your **name, age, e mail address** and **telephone number**, and tell us which sessions you would like to attend.

Session 1: Installation art:

Tuesday 3 August, 2-5pm

What is it, who makes it, where does it go and why,....This session offers the chance to look and question contemporary artworks in the Laing Art Gallery and create your own installation.

Session 2: Graffiti & Urban Art

Tuesday 10 August, 2-5pm

Where does graffiti come from? (Did you think it was a modern art form?) Where is the line between art and vandalism? Offering the opportunity to work with local graffiti artists and with reference to urban music and culture, and even knitting. Yes, that's right.

Session 3: Sound Art & Performance

Tuesday 17 August, 2-5pm

Where has sound art come from? Why is it important? Isn't it just the same as making some noise? Focussing on the John Cage exhibition which will be showing at BALTIC, we will be listening, moving & grooving to artworks and asking, really, is this art?

Including Silent Disco: Bring your iPod!

Session 4: Painting & Sculpture

Tuesday 24 August, 2-5pm

How have sculpture and painting changed over the course of history? Is painting really dead? An artist-led session at the Laing Art Gallery, challenging ideas of traditional art forms.

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