

Exhibitions events & more

The Hub delivers an inspiring programme of contemporary craft, design, dance and creative arts experiences, in Sleaford, across North Kesteven and beyond.

Images: Isabel Currie, Pad Stitch Manipulations

Special Events

RiverLight 2024

Fringe Week: Sat 15 – Fri 21 Jun
Festival Finale: Sat 22 Jun

Celebrating the culture & heritage of Sleaford. Stay up-to-date with all the exciting festival news and watch out for opportunities to get involved via hub-sleaford.org.uk/riverlight and [@riverlightfestival](https://twitter.com/riverlightfestival) on social media.



Image: Hikapee, Everywhere's a Beach

Together We are Powerful: Cabinet of Curiosities

The Cabinet of Curiosities celebrates the people, objects and stories that shape our local community. Following last year's successful exhibition 'Together We Are Powerful', if you would like to loan your object & story, please email vea@hub-sleaford.org.uk with a photograph, dimensions and short description of the work.



Save the Date: Contemporary Makers Market

Sat 30 Nov & Sun 1 Dec, 10am–4pm

Our Christmas Makers Market is back this year! The largest gallery space for craft & design in the UK will be filled with a feast of contemporary craft makers. Come and start your Christmas shopping with us and enjoy family craft activities, live music and a festive menu in the Hub's CaféBar.



Shop

The Hub's curated shop is renowned for its collection of beautiful handmade contemporary craft, made by some of the UK's leading designer/makers. With unique design objects, books and magazines, art supplies, craft kits, toys and gifts, you can be sure to find something you love and love something you find.

CaféBar

Our contemporary CaféBar is a vibrant welcoming space, perfect for brunch, lunch, meetings and get togethers.

We are passionate about offering alternative eating options and we serve a delicious menu of locally produced seasonal food that is rooted in healthy eating values. Our menu offers plant-based, vegetarian, gluten-free, and dairy-free options. Everything is made fresh in house, and we also offer take-away and event services.

Food is served daily from 11am until 3pm
Mon-Sat and 2pm Sun, subject to availability.

FREE wi-fi is available. Log in to _The Cloud

The Hub welcomes well-behaved dogs and their owners to eat and drink in the Café Atrium and Outdoor Jetty

Exhibitions

The 62 Group: Tailored

30 Mar–7 Jul 2024
Main Gallery

This exhibition brings together work by internationally renowned textile artist collective, the 62 Group, taking as its starting point the theme and process of tailoring. Cutting, tacking and construction techniques all feature strongly in the exhibition, whether based on the imagery of tailoring, or branching into new directions. Stitches themselves become a new language of mark or construction.

Highly personal, compelling and thought provoking themes lie behind many of the works. The life of cloth and clothing, as well as its connection through time and place, demonstrates the unique roll of textiles in our lives. Clothing as a second skin becomes a symbol for the body and also provides a means to explore identity and self-image. Tailored is a touring exhibition from Sunny Bank Mills in West Yorkshire.



Image: Hannah White, Fluidity & Rigidity Sculpture

Karen Suzuki

30 Mar–14 Jul 2024
Window Collection

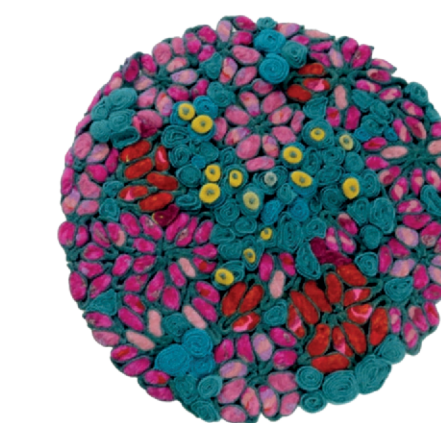
Glasgow-based artist Karen Suzuki creates mixed media textile objects. The objects are freely hand stitched and allowed to develop naturally, to give them the appearance of characters who are almost alive. Inspirations include animals, soft toys and 3D animation.



Linda Sadler

21 Mar–14 Jul 2024
River Stairwell

Linda creates machine knitted wall pieces inspired by coral and aims to raise awareness of how climate change impacts this beautiful and colourful marine life. The process involves incorporating wool tops (sheep fleece) into her machine knitting, felting the knitting in a washing machine, and then cutting up the felted fabric. The final process is to reconstruct the fabric by stitching the pieces together – occasionally pre-planning the design but more frequently being led by the pieces in front of her.



Jane Walkley: The Fabric of Industry

20 Apr–30 Jun 2024
Ground Floor Gallery

Jane Walkley is a visual artist who explores the complex relationship between memory, place, and attachment. Her work combines traditional tapestry techniques with eco-friendly resin, which she casts by hand. Walkley's work focuses on Sunny Bank Mills, a former textile mill in West Yorkshire, where she has her studio.

Jane begins by creating clay impressions of objects with tangible meaning for the former workers. She then uses these to create moulds for the resin casts. The resin is cast in the moulds, and then woven on an upright loom.



Image: Jane Walkley, Peg Plan Study III

What's On
April – June
2024

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Open 10am to 5pm
Mon–Sat and 10am–4pm
Sun & Bank Holidays

Food is served daily
from 11am until 2-hours
before closing

Entry to the
Hub is FREE

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Everyone is invited to join us for an exciting new season of exhibitions, events and performances. From textiles, tapestry to mixed media, we present four new exhibitions and showcases.

RiverLight Festival returns to Sleaford this June. Come and get creative and be involved in this year's celebrations. Look out for new dance projects, specialist craft workshops, talks and more!

Our cabinet of curiosities is also back - lend us your object, tell us its story, and be part of a co-curated showcase of memories that shape our community.

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Entry to the hub and
all exhibitions are FREE!



Workshops & Events

The 62 Group: Artist Talk

Sat 30 Mar, 11am

Join us for the opening of our latest main gallery exhibition and hear from some of the exhibiting artists of 'Tailored'.

FREE, please book in advance

ALL AGES

TALK & EXHIBITION TOUR

The 62 Group:

Speed Date the Artists!

Sat 8 Jun, 2–4pm

Join members of the 62 Group to find out more about the works in their exhibition. Each artist will have just 6 minutes to talk, before you're whisked off to hear from the next speaker!

FREE, Please book in advance

ALL AGES

TALK

Sewing Hub

Tue 7 May & Tue 4 Jun, 6.30–8.30pm

Join like-minded people in our monthly Sewing Hub and work on your sewing project at your own pace. With an experienced tutor, you will learn new skills and build confidence in your dress making skills, understanding patterns, pattern alterations, and quick tips.

£10, no experience required

16YRS+

WORKSHOP

Activity Hub

During opening hours

Visit the Main gallery Activity Hub and enjoy a range of self-led creative activities inspired by materials and techniques in 62 Group's exhibition. Delve into the drawers and follow the activity sheets to make and exhibit your own artworks.

FREE, drop-in

ALL AGES

ACTIVITY

Life Drawing Evening

Tue 2 Apr & 4 Jun, 6.30–8.30pm

Working with a live model, this artist led session will develop your observational drawing skills and style of expressive figure drawing. This session is open to all abilities.

£20, materials provided

16YRS+

WORKSHOP

Life Drawing

Sun 21 Apr & 2 Jun, 10.30am–3pm

See above

£36, refreshments & materials provided

16YRS+

WORKSHOP

Advanced Silversmithing

Sat 27 Apr, Sat 25 May & Sat 29 Jun 10.30am–4pm

Build your knowledge of silversmithing techniques to make an object of your choice, with tutor support and all the equipment you need.

£42, silver available to purchase on the day

18YRS+

WORKSHOP

Beginner's Silversmithing

Sun 28 Apr, Sun 26 May & Sun 30 Jun 10.30am–3.30pm

Learn specialist silversmithing techniques including soldering, sawing, hammering, joining, polishing and finishing to make your own ring or similar piece.

£50, materials provided

18YRS+

WORKSHOP

Drawing Hands From Life

Tue 7 May, 6:30–8:30pm

Considered one of the hardest parts of the body to draw, you will work with a live model to make interesting and expressive drawings of the hands. Led by tutor Kelly Barfoot.

£20, materials provided

16+YRS

WORKSHOP

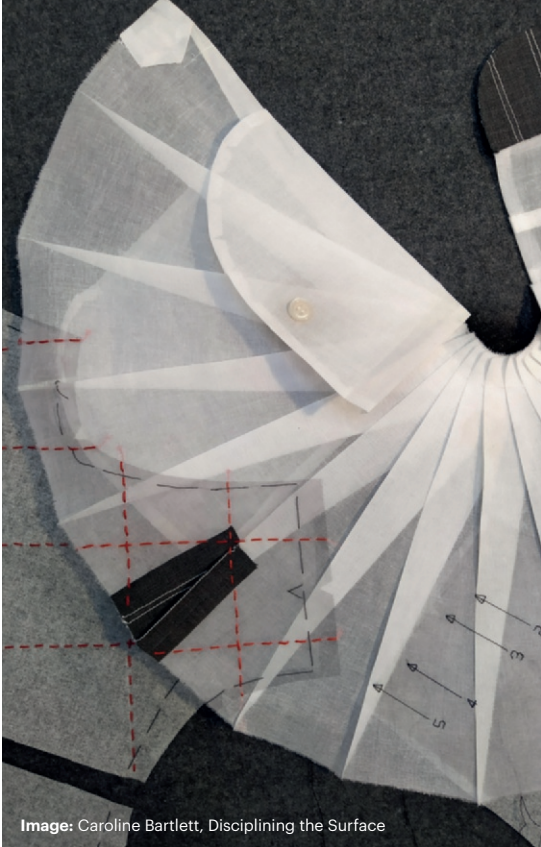


Image: Caroline Bartlett, Disciplining the Surface

Make a Ceramic Bee Feeder

Wed 17 Apr & 1 May, 1–3pm

Delivered in two parts, participants will create a unique ceramic garden sculpture to feed the bees and entice wildlife in to your garden! You can make a seed head sculpture or a bee water station, based on floral patterns and colours.

£35, materials and refreshments provided

16YRS+

WORKSHOP

Rock Weaving Workshop

Wed 24 Apr, 7–9pm

Join Sarah Ward from Lark & Bower in this 2 hour online taster session exploring the wonders of off-loom weaving! You will learn simple skills including: how to wind a wrap around a rock and to weave into it with needle and thread.

£40, online

16YRS+

WORKSHOP

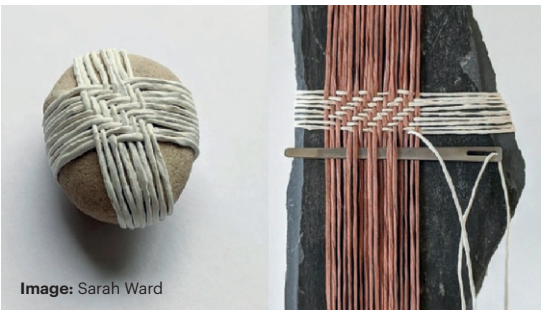


Image: Sarah Ward

Collagraph Printing Workshop

Sat 11 May, 10.30am–4pm

Printmaker Sinclair Ashman will guide you through a fascinating day of making unique and colourful ink-on-paper prints. You will make prints using the simple 'collagraph' method.

£42, materials provided

14YRS+

WORKSHOP

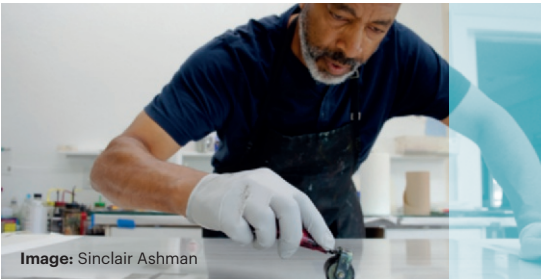


Image: Sinclair Ashman

Exploring Mono Printing

Sun 19 May, 11am–3pm

Come and discover how versatile it is to print at home with or without a press, led by printmaker Nichola Hingley. Abstract and landscape imagery works well with this process. We will be working in monochrome and multi colour.

£35, materials included

14YRS+

WORKSHOP



Image: Nichola Hingley

Discover Arts Award in a Day (Craft)

Thu 4 Apr, 10.30am–3pm

Explore our exhibitions to find out about artists and their work, create your own amazing artworks to share and achieve a 'Discover' Arts Award this Easter.

£20, activity pack & certificate included

7-11YRS

WORKSHOP

Discover Arts Award in a Day (Dance)

Wed 10 Apr, 10.30am–3pm

This Easter come and achieve a 'Discover' Arts Award in Dance. Discover and explore different dance styles and research inspirational dance artists to create your own choreography, with support from the Hub's dance team.

£20, activity pack & certificate included

7-11YRS

DANCE

Home Education -

RiverLight Workshops

Tue 14 & 21 May, 1–3pm

Come along and create floral artwork installations for this year's RiverLight festival.

FREE, please book in advance

5YRS+

WORKSHOP

Home Education Workshops

Tue 25 Jun–30 Jul

5–11yrs 1.30pm–3pm

11–16Yrs 10.30am–12pm

An art & craft group for Home Educated children that allows them to be creative, get messy and have fun! Sessions can be an arts/crafts workshop or part of an Arts Award journey. Each week learning and developing something new to build a range of practical skills.

6-week block £50, Option to complete an Arts Award additional cost

5-16YRS

WORKSHOP

Easter Family Activities

Tue 2 Apr & Tue 9 Apr, 10am–2pm

Everyone is welcome to join our regular design and make family-friendly holiday workshop. This Easter, we are taking inspiration from our latest exhibition to create and make fabric badges (2nd) and hand-stitched animal themed objects (9th).

£3 per child, please book. Drop in session

5YRS+

ACTIVITY

Free Family Makes Activities

Sat 25 May–Sat 22 Jun, all day

In the run up to RiverLight Festival, pop in to our Activity Hub and help us make lots of creative festival props.

FREE

5YRS+

ACTIVITY

Half Term Family Activities

Tue 28 May, 10am–2pm

Everyone is welcome to come along to our regular design and make family-friendly holiday workshops. This half term, we'll be making lots of creative artworks and props for this year's RiverLight Festival

£3 per child, please book. Drop in session

5YRS+

ACTIVITY



Unplugged

Tue 2 Apr, 7 May & 4 Jun, 5–9pm

On the first Tuesday of the month, we welcome local musicians and performers for an exciting evening of acoustic open-mic.

FREE

ALL AGES

MUSIC

RiverLight Festival 2024

Fringe Week

Sat 15–Fri 21 Jun, times vary

Join us for a week-long programme of events, talks and activities as we build up excitement to this year's festival.

FREE

ALL AGES

FESTIVAL

RiverLight Festival 2024

Sat 22 Jun, times vary

Come and explore the culture & heritage of Sleaford through RiverLight Festival. Enjoy trails, events, workshops, performances, street theatre, music, circus, exhibitions, artworks, and more.

FREE

ALL AGES

FESTIVAL

Walking Trails

Anytime

Explore Sleaford through two walking trails and discover the public artworks, historical sites and visitor attractions that make our town so special. We also have two worksheets full of inspirational ideas for creative and mindful walks with young children.

FREE, maps available from the Hub

ALL AGES

ACTIVITY



Dance

Stretch, Strengthen and Move

Every Mon 15 Apr–20 May & 3 Jun–8 Jul, 10–11am

This dance session will exercise your core strength and mobility. Suitable for those who are complete beginners or those who are looking for more focused exercises to complement other dance practices.

£5.50 per class or £33 per 6 week term

18YRS+

DANCE

Dance for Parkinson's at the Hub

Every Mon 15 Apr–20 May & 3 Jun–8 Jul, 11.15am–12.30pm

A relaxed dance class focussing on posture, strength, coordination and balance specifically for people living with Parkinson's, their family and carers.

£5, FREE for carers. Refreshments provided after each session.

18YRS+

DANCE

BalletBeFit

Every Mon 15 Apr–20 May & 3 Jun–8 Jul, 4–5pm

An innovative dance class for all abilities based on the fundamentals of classical ballet. The class focuses on strengthening and lengthening your muscles using high reps of low impact exercises. All abilities welcome.

£5.50 per class or £33 per 6 week term

16YRS+

DANCE



Image: Scott Murray Photography



Unify Adults, Skellingthorpe

Every Mon 15 Apr–20 May & 3 Jun–8 Jul, 5–6pm

Open to all and specifically tailored for adults with learning disabilities, autism, or both, these classes focus on developing your confidence through dance and movement in a safe & welcoming environment.

£30 per 6-week term

18YRS+

DANCE

Unify Youth, One NK

Every Tue 16 Apr–21 May & 3 Jun–9 Jul, 5.30–6.30pm

A relaxed, inclusive, and fun creative dance session specifically for young people with learning disabilities, autism and/or physical disabilities.

£26 per 6-week term

10-24YRS

DANCE

Tai Chi on Eastgate Green

Every Wed 17 Apr–5 Jun, 9.15–9.45am

Tai Chi is a time-tested art which gently exercises the body, the energy flow and the mind. These sessions take place outside the Hub in the beautiful river setting of Eastgate Green.

£3

18YRS+

ACTIVITY

Creative Contemporary Dance for ages 55+

Wed 17 Apr, Wed 8 May & Wed 12 Jun 11am–12.30pm

This is a relaxed and fun contemporary creative dance class for anyone over the age of 55yrs. The session focuses on developing confidence through dance, exploring different ways of moving through a series of creative tasks, inclusive movement phrases and improvisation.

£5.50, no experience required

55YRS+

DANCE

Dance for Parkinson's (Church of St John the Evangelist, Grantham)

Wed 24 Apr, 22 May & 26 Jun, 1.30–2.30pm

A relaxed dance class focussing on posture, strength, coordination and balance specifically for people living with Parkinson's, their family and carers.

FREE for members of Grantham Branch of Parkinson's UK

18YRS+

DANCE

Hub Dance Tinies

Wed 1 May & Wed 5 Jun, 10–11am

A fun filled creative movement session for babies, toddlers and grown-ups with music, dance, storytelling and creativity.

£5 per family (up to 2 adults and 2 children)

0-4YRS

DANCE



Book online now
hub-sleaford.org.uk/events

Cancellation Policy

For a full refund please cancel your place 10 days or more before the workshop takes place

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