

What's On
November 2026–
February 2027
Hub Sleaford



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

Entry to the Hub is FREE!



Above: Christopher Dresser, *Spoon Warmer*, c1880.

Courtesy CM Collection. Photo: David Wiltshire

Cover Image: Alice Channer, *Plankton*, 2022. Photo: Lucy Dawkins

Opening Hours:

Mon–Sat: 10am–5pm

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Christopher Dresser

The Pursuit of Beauty

28 Nov 2026–
7 Mar 2027
Main Gallery



Left: Christopher Dresser.
Brass ewer, attributed
to Richard Perry & Sons.
Kordofan candlestick 1883.
Richard Perry & Sons.
Private Collection. | Right:
Christopher Dresser, *Ceramic
Ewer*, c. 1880, Linthorpe
Pottery, Private Collection.
Photos: Jules Lister

Explore the extraordinary work of Christopher Dresser (1834–1904), widely regarded as the world's first industrial designer. This major exhibition showcases his groundbreaking ceramics, metalwork, glass, furniture, and textiles, illustrating how he transformed art and manufacturing for everyday life.

Alongside Dresser's historic designs, contemporary pieces by Gabriele Beveridge, Alice Channer, Coco Crampton, and Magdalene Odundo highlight how his ideas about craft and material experimentation continue to inspire artists today.

Fri 27 Nov 2026
New Exhibitions Preview Night
6–8pm

Join us for the opening of our latest exhibitions.
Enjoy a welcome drink while you explore the new shows.
Everyone is welcome! [FREE, all ages](#)



7 Nov 2026–
10 Jan 2027
Ground Floor
Gallery



Lotti V Closs *Out Of Place*

Out Of Place presents new and recent ceramic sculptures by Lotti V Closs. Evolving from her background in stone carving and assemblage into clay, Closs creates intuitive, abstract forms driven by a tactile conversation with the material.

Left: Lotti V Closs,
Proffer, 2025 | Right:
Dylan Bowen, *Cup Shape*.
Photo: Shannon Toffs

Dylan Bowen *Building Shapes*

Dylan Bowen's dynamic ceramics merge traditional slipware techniques with contemporary, mutating forms. His work captures raw energy and spontaneity through bold pours, trailed slips, and expressive carving.

16 Jan–23 Mar 2027

Ground Floor Gallery



Jess G Morris *Chromatic Flow*

28 Nov 2026–7 Mar 2027
Window Collection



Chromatic Flow features porcelain works by Jess G Morris. Combining structured thrown and coiled forms with expressive, vibrant underglazes, Morris creates rhythmically painted pieces driven by colour, movement, and material intuition.

Liz McLelland *Swimming in the Sky*

28 Nov 2026–7 Mar 2027
Riverside Stairwell



Lincolnshire-based ceramic sculptor Liz McLelland presents a collection of wildlife sculptures. Crafted in stoneware, these works capture a sense of softness and wildness, rooted in her close observation of wildlife and deep fascination with nature.

Top: Jess G Morris
Bottom: Liz McLelland,
Long Tailed Tits

20 Mar–
4 Jul 2027
Main Gallery



Coming Soon Natasha Taheem

Natasha Taheem's work explores desire, expectation, and the social structures shaping lived experience. Her practice combines contemporary printmaking, informed by traditional Indian wood block printing and large-scale graphic drawings.

Through playful visual languages, Taheem weaves together themes of resistance, frustration, humour, and joy, using drawing as a space to reflect on the present while dreaming of possible futures.

Image: Natasha Taheem
Photo: Sarah Ali

Porcelain Festive Decorations with Katie Almond



Open Pottery Hub

Workshops

Wed · Fortnightly

4 Nov · 18 Nov · 2 Dec · 16 Dec
13 Jan · 27 Jan · 10 Feb · 24 Feb

Open Pottery Hub Self-led

1–4pm

This self-led Open Pottery session offers unique access to the Hub's workshop, tools and equipment. Open to experienced potters and to participants following on from our Beginners Hand Built Pottery session (Wed 20 Jan). 18yrs+, £10 per session. £5 for a 3kg bag of clay. Firing is costed on an individual basis.

Tue 3 Nov · Tue 2 Feb

Life Drawing with Kelly Barfoot

6.30–8.30pm

A creative evening of mindful life drawing, where you'll work through a series of drawing exercises designed to help your compositions come alive. 18yrs+, £20

Sun 22 Nov

Porcelain Festive Decorations with Katie Almond

10.30am–12pm · 1.30–3pm

Experiment with porcelain shapes and patterns using stamps and rollers, then add colour with underglazes to create 2–3 hanging decorations. Perfect for all skill levels, this creative workshop is a chance to make something truly special. Your finished pieces will be fired and ready to collect from the Hub in time for Christmas. 18yrs+, £35

Sat 28 Nov · Sun 29 Nov

Sat 30 Jan · Sat 27 Feb · Sun 28 Feb

Advanced Silversmithing with Andrew Poole

10.30am–3.30pm

For those with some silversmithing experience, this workshop provides tools and guidance to create your own silver craft piece. Please note: silver is an extra cost on the day. 18yrs+, £45



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are available on our website

Workshops

Tue 1 Dec

Fused Glass with Marion Sander NEW
6.30–8.30pm

Create your own unique glass decoration to stand or hang. Learn how to plan ideas and assemble your design, using basic glass-cutting techniques. Experiment with vibrant frits, confetti and clear glass to build your design before it is fired in the kiln. Collect your piece from the Hub at a later date. **18yrs+, £33**

Wed 20 Jan

Beginners Hand Built Pottery
with Karen Chesney
1–3pm

Discover the art of hand-built pottery in this beginners workshop. Explore techniques like coil building and slab construction to create one-of-a-kind pieces. Just bring your imagination and leave with your own handcrafted pottery. Once you've completed this session, you'll be able to join our fortnightly Open Pottery Hub. **18yrs+, £30**

Sun 31 Jan

Beginners Silversmithing with Andrew Poole
10.30am–3.30pm

Learn specialist silversmithing skills such as soldering, sawing, hammering, joining, polishing and finishing to make your own ring or small crafted object. **18yrs+, £60**
Please note: silver is included in the price.

Ceramic Mackerel
with Liz McLelland NEW



Workshops

Sat 6 Feb

Nature-Inspired Lino Printing
with Hannah Bigley NEW
10.30am–12.30pm

Let nature guide your creativity through this introduction to printmaking. You will use the bold organic shapes of seasonal leaves, berries and fruits to form a duochromatic sketch, before carving your design into lino and printing your final piece. **18yrs+, £35**

Sun 21 Feb

Ceramic Mackerel with Liz McLelland NEW
11am–3pm

Join wildlife artist Liz McLelland and create a pair of ceramic mackerel through observation, mark-making and clay hand-building techniques. Your finished pieces will be fired and glazed by Liz, to be collected from the Hub at a later date. **£65, 18yrs+**

Activities

Tue · Monthly*

3 Nov · 1 Dec · 2 Feb

Unplugged
6.30–8.30pm

A friendly and lively open-mic evening featuring local acoustic music and performances. All welcome to either watch or perform! PA provided. **ALL AGES, under 18yrs to be accompanied by an adult, FREE**

*Excluding Jan

Sun · Weekly

Sketch Sundays Self-led
11am–3pm

Join us for a free, self-led mindful sketching session in the calm and creative atmosphere of our main gallery. Materials provided. **ALL AGES, FREE**

Sun 22 Nov · Sun 31 Jan · Sun 28 Feb

Eco Film Series
Drop-In, 1.30–3.30pm

Nov Landfill Harmonic

Jan Riverwoods: An Untold Story

Feb Rivercide

Sleaford Climate Action Network (Sleaford CAN) return for a new seasonal Film Series. Powerful documentaries explore a range of climate-related topics. Films start promptly at 2pm and include a post-film discussion. **14yrs+, under 18yrs to be accompanied by an adult, FREE**

Talks

Thu 10 Dec · Sun 31 Jan

Curator Talk & Tour

11.30am–12pm

Join our Curator for a 30-minute tour of the current main gallery exhibition. After the tour, take advantage of a 20% discount at our CaféBar. **ALL AGES, FREE**

Dance

Mon · Weekly

2 Nov–14 Dec · 11 Jan–22 Feb

Stretch, Strengthen and Move

10.15–11.15am

A joyful dance session to improve core strength, balance, flexibility, and co-ordination using contemporary dance techniques. Perfect for beginners or anyone wanting focused exercise to complement other activities. **18yrs+, £6**



Hub Unify Adults

Dance

Mon · Weekly

2 Nov–14 Dec · 11 Jan–22 Feb

Dance for Parkinson's

11.30am–12.45pm

A creative, relaxed dance class for people living with Parkinson's, their families, and carers. Includes seated and standing exercises to support posture, strength, co-ordination, and balance. All abilities welcome. **18yrs+, £5.50, FREE for carers**

Mon · Weekly

2 Nov–14 Dec · 11 Jan–22 Feb

Hub Unify Adults

5–6pm

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

18yrs+, £5.50, FREE for carers

Wed · Weekly

11 Nov–23 Dec · 3 Feb–24 Feb

Tai Chi

9.15–9.45am

Start your morning with gentle outdoor movement. These calming weekly Tai Chi sessions support body, mind, and energy flow in the peaceful riverside setting just outside the Hub. In bad weather, sessions move inside.

18yrs+, £3.50



Our Hub Dance Team deliver sessions across North Kesteven
Follow the QR code or email
dance@hub-sleaford.org.uk

Special Events

Sun 29 Nov

Face-Mas

Drop-In, 10am–4pm

Drop into the Hub's studio for a fun, festive day of all things portraits, in collaboration with Ruth Burrows Illustration. Expect screen printing, portrait booth, pawtraits, alternative family photography, and self-led makes, perfect for taking home or gifting. Time slots bookable for the paid experiences on the day, first come, first served!

ALL AGES, FREE and paid activities

Sat 5 Dec

Hub Dance & Propel Present: Momentum at Terry O'Toole Theatre

7pm

Get ready for an inspiring evening! Hub Dance, in collaboration with Propel Dance, are delighted to present *Momentum* at the Terry O'Toole Theatre. Experience seven incredible new works by the UK's pioneering wheelchair dance company, alongside wonderful performances from the Hub's own youth dance and disability groups.

ALL AGES, £13



Momentum NEW



Families, Children & Young People

Mon–Sun · Daily

Free Activities

Available during opening hours

Head to the 1st Floor Main Gallery for free, self-led creative activities inspired by our exhibitions. In the CaféBar, make shapes and designs on the magnet wall, watch the *Pea Run* and explore our games and toys.

Pick up the *When in Sleaford... Arts & Heritage Trail* to explore Sleaford's public art, heritage and landmarks, or try the *Magic Moments Walking Guide* for creative ideas and activities to make walks with children more playful and imaginative. **ALL AGES, FREE**

Look out for our February
half-term programme for families,
children and young people.



Pick up a programme
at the Hub or follow
the QR code to see
what's on.

Education

The Hub delivers inspiring and inclusive high-quality dance and visual arts education programmes for schools, colleges, universities and home educators.

'A relaxed environment away from school where they could embrace their creativity without judgement'.
Lauren Franklin, St George's Academy



To arrange a gallery visit, book a bespoke workshop or creative session in your setting, please call 01529 308710.



For more information, follow the QR code.



Shop



Browse our curated selection of beautiful handmade crafts from some of the UK's most talented designers and makers. Discover thoughtful gifts, whether you're treating yourself or someone special.

CaféBar



Open:
Mon–Sat 10am–5pm
Sun 10am–4pm

Food Served:
Mon–Sat 10am–3pm
and Sun 11am–2pm
Subject to availability

Our contemporary CaféBar is a vibrant, welcoming space perfect for brunch, lunch, meetings, or socialising. Enjoy our seasonal menu with a wide range of cakes as well as vegetarian, vegan, gluten-free and dairy-free options.

Well-behaved dogs are welcome in the CaféBar Atrium and Outdoor Jetty. Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the Hub.

FREE Wi-Fi is available for all visitors.



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