



Creative Connections February Edition

Monthly Round-Up!

It's a love story kind of month February embracing all things love that could be with someone or self-love either way, this month has been about loving your town with showing some love for our independent venues in NEL to the Love Your Town events which happened mid-February. Here is a recap of the events that happened this month

Events happened this month:

- Create NEL Drop-In at La Cuna, Cleethorpes - Thursday 1st February
- Creative Schools Network: Heritage Schools Programme session – Thursday 1st February.
- The Dice Factory @ The Great Escape Grimsby – Friday 2nd February
- SingSignStory – Coritani Creative – Saturday 3rd February 2-3.30pm at Our Big Picture, Bethlehem Street, Grimsby
- Project Planning workshop with Katharine Boardman – Friday 9th February
- Love Your Town Grimsby - Saturday 10 February 2024
- Love Your Town Cleethorpes - Saturday 17 February 2024
- Love Your Town Immingham - Friday 16 February 2024
- Acting Lincs Unchained - A Theatrical Showcase – Saturday 17th February
- The Dice Factory @ The Great Escape Grimsby – Saturday 17th February
- Self Care for Artists with Sarah Allen at Grimbarians Studio - Monday 26th February

And Much, Much More!

Want to know what's coming up in March? Give us a follow on our social media to stay updated with the latest.

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Monthly Round-Up! An Overview

Drop in at La Cuna

It was so lovely to see so many people pop by at this month's drop in at La Cuna, alongside meeting the creatives that use the wonderful space to produce some lovely work. Many thanks to Caroline Carr for being so accommodating on her birthday.

Creative Schools Network: Heritage Schools Programme

As we look to develop a Creative Schools Network, on 1st February Kate Argyle Local Heritage Education Manager Historic England spoke to a range of stakeholders for a network on Historic England's Heritage Schools Programme. The aim of the programme is to help school children develop an understanding of their local heritage and its significance, to develop a sense of pride in where they live. This includes opportunities for teachers to access local heritage and support to embed and make effective use of local heritage in Curriculums: [Heritage Schools](#) | [Historic England](#)

National Storytelling week

National Storytelling week was from 30th January to 6th February and Create North East Lincolnshire socials reflected on stories including stories told via our creative programming (Festival of the Sea, Our Future Starts Here, Paint The Town Proud and Edible Grimsby), stories captured about our natural avian heritage via Lincolnshire Bird Club and how Our Big Picture's Future Heritage Programme captured stories on how people from 1 to 100 would want our place to be known for in 100 years' time.

Independent Venues week

It was also Independent Venues week from 27th January to 3rd February. It was amazing to see our local independent venue Docks Academy host two Create North East Lincolnshire funded projects during this week, Lowercase Theatre's 'Common Ground' and Unseen Arts 'Unseen Arts Presents'. Common Ground provided an evening of entertainment, conversations, live music, theatre and visual art. Unseen Arts Presents provided a full day of free creative classes and workshops in aerial hoop, show dance, portraiture drawing and life drawing. Both events have provided extremely positive feedback

Opportunities - Funding News

[Small Project Grants is back!](#)

Small grants applications (£500 - £1500) are still open, if you have a project idea and were thinking of applying, please take a [look](#) and submit your application!

[Round 20 of Arts Council England Developing your Creative Practice opens for applications](#)

DYCP is funding to support individuals who are cultural and creative practitioners to focus on their creative development.

Who can apply?

- Individual creative or cultural practitioners.
- If you've made two unsuccessful or one successful application to DYCP since 10 October 2019 (Round 7), you won't be eligible to apply to Round 19. You can find full eligibility criteria in the guidance for applicants.

What can you apply for?

- You can apply for development activities our supported disciplines, for example undertaking a period of research, networking, or time to create new work.

How much can you apply for?

- £2000-£12,000

Can I get help to apply?

- Yes! If you have an access requirement, Arts Council England can provide support including alternative versions of the guidance for applicants or paying for a support worker.

Deadline Date : 11 April 2024, 12pm (midday)

[Creative Catalyst 2024](#)

Innovate UK are offering small businesses in the creative industries up to £50,000 to fund an innovation project in 2024. Applications for the Creative Catalyst programme open on 23 January, with an online briefing on 25 January.

Deadline Date : Wednesday 6 March 2024 11:00am

[Check out their website for full information and too apply.](#)

[Apply to the Endangered Crafts Fund](#)

Heritage Crafts invites craft practitioners and organisations in the UK to apply for small grants to fund projects that support endangered crafts (the craft must be listed as [endangered](#) or [critically endangered](#) on the current [Red List of Endangered Crafts](#)).

Deadline Date: Friday 22 March 2024, 5pm

[Check out their website for full information and too apply.](#)

[PRS Foundation for Music Creators](#)

PRS Foundation have lots of funding opportunities for music creators and developing their practice. For example, The Open Fund for Music Creators supports the development of outstanding music creators of all genres and backgrounds at different stages of their career with grants of up to £5000.

Deadline Date: Round 1 8th April 2024

[Check out their website for full information and to apply.](#)

Sector News!

[Our new website is here!](#)

Since our new brand identity, we have been working very hard behind the scenes developing our new website to match our new identity.

Go and take a look at all the new functions and features! Our main aim was to make the user journey easier and more efficient way for to find the information you need.

New Look: Opportunities

It how has a brand-new look! Being split into local and national funding opportunities its easier than ever for you to find grants and funding opportunities for your creative or heritage project.

New Feature: Resource Hub!

Here you can find links to external sources to help you navigate resources to help your creative or heritage project. It has been broken down into sections to make it easier to find the information.

New Feature: Directory!

The purpose of this was to give North East Lincolnshire a central place to advertise your creative or heritage business. It will enable you to collaborate easier with fellow creatives of the area. Why not submit your entry to be included on the directory.

New Feature: Showcase

So much amazing and exciting things have happened in North East Lincolnshire over the recent years and we wanted a place to showcase all the events. It is still a work in progress but if you want your past event included drop us a message at createnortheastlincolnshire@nelincs.gov.uk.

Heritage Open Days is back for 2024, Do you want to be involved

[Routes - Networks - Connections](#) - celebrating how people and ideas have moved around and come together throughout history.

The Heritage Open Days (HODs) festival takes place across the UK and Europe every September. It celebrates our built, buried, natural and cultural heritage through a programme of Open Days and events. This year is their 30th anniversary, so the HODs team are encouraging us all to celebrate what connects us – be that ideas or actual transport routes!

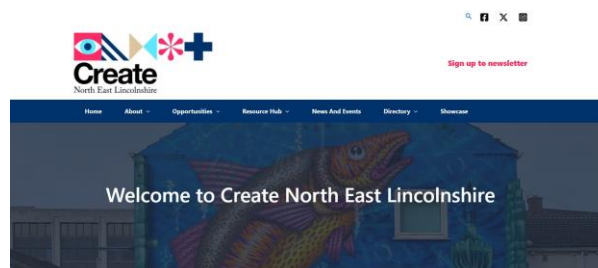
NELC is working closely with [Heritage Lincolnshire](#) to promote and co-ordinate HODs events across Greater Lincolnshire, so if you'd like to take part, please let us know by 18th March.

You would be joining the largest festival of history and culture in the UK, as every year 1000s of events take place across the country, including walks, talks, plays and recitals, with cinemas, museums and galleries opening up archives and backstage areas, and hundreds of buildings that are normally closed to the public, unlocking their doors.

Please note that events do not have to relate to the theme, so don't worry if you're struggling to find a connection. The only requirement is that it is free to enter.

The festival runs from Friday 6th to Sunday 15th September 2024 and events can be at any time and for any duration over the 10 days.

The festival provides its own insurance, and the only requirement is that the building / site / event must be completely free to enter. It's a brilliant way to promote your heritage and the stories of people, places and events that really matter to you. For further information and how to register, please get in touch before 18th March via HAZ@NELincs.gov.uk.



Let's Connect this March!

Drop-ins.

Come and chat to us at our monthly drop-in on 7th March 9am-12 noon at Riverhead Coffee, 110 Victoria Street West, Grimsby, DN31 1BA.

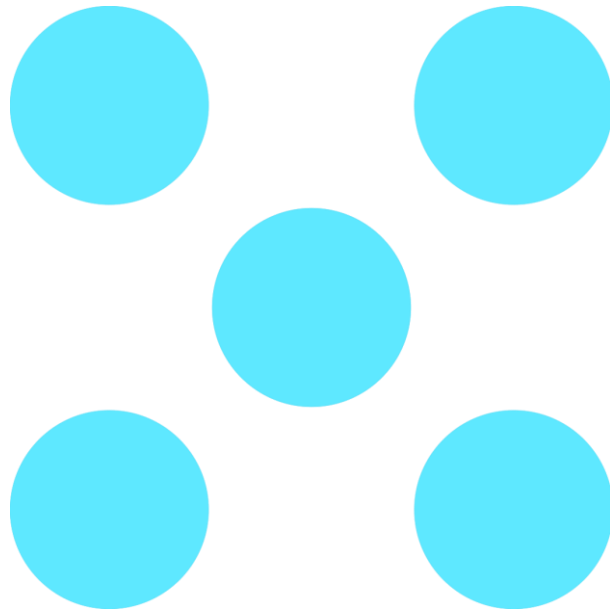
Networking Events

Come and join us for our next in-person networking event for those in the creative industry in North East Lincolnshire on Tuesday 26th March 2024 from 5.00pm.

We are delighted to be hosted at Grimsby Central Hall [Address](#): Duncombe St, Grimsby DN32 7EG.

You'll get the opportunity to network with like-minded people and shout out about activity and opportunities.

[Book your free place here](#)



Sector Events for Local Creatives this March!

[Self-Care for Creatives: Create, Connect, Reflect](#) (FREE EVENT)

- **When: Monday 4th March**
- **Time: 10:00 - 12:00**
- **Where : Grimbarians C.I.C. (Wharncliffe Road North, Grimsby, UK86 Wharncliffe Road North Grimsby DN31 3QJ)**

Join therapeutic creative arts facilitator (and fellow creative), Sarah Allen, for a rejuvenating session exploring self-care practices based on the principles of person-centred therapeutic creative arts. Share time, space and ideas with fellow creatives, where you can connect ideas to your own practice but also to your everyday life.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A VISUAL ARTIST to attend these workshops.

This in-person event is open to any creatives working in N E Lincolnshire and will be held at Grimbarians C.I.C. on Wharncliffe Road North on Grimsby Docks. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and indulge in a morning of relaxation, creativity, and self-reflection. Don't miss this opportunity to recharge your creative batteries and connect with a community of like-minded individuals. Reserve your spot today!

[BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE - 4th March](#)

[Writing Funding Applications with Arts Council England \(FREE EVENT\)](#)

- **When: Wednesday 6th March**
- **Time: 16:30 - 18:30**
- **Where : E-Factor's Business Hive Club (13 Dudley Street Grimsby DN31 2AW)**

Join Katharine Boardman from Arts Council England on Wednesday 6th March from 4:30pm until 6:30pm at The Training Room, E-Factor's Business Hive Club, 13 Dudley Street, Grimsby, England, DN31 2AW, to explore the process of writing Arts Council National Lottery Project Grant applications. You will get the chance to unpick the application form and think about how you will present your project idea and demonstrate need and demand.

North East Lincolnshire Council representatives will also provide their insight into top tips, following a busy round of project grants through the Create North East Lincolnshire Programme. With potential forthcoming opportunities via Create North East Lincolnshire, this session could prove to be invaluable.

You'll get the opportunity to ask questions and have a chat if you have a specific project idea.

[BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE HERE](#)

[Portfolio days with Dale and Darren from Turntable Gallery through 20-21 Visual Arts Centre \(FREE EVENT\)](#)

- **When: Saturday 2 March**
- **Time: 13:30 - 16:00 (bookable half hour sessions)**
- **Where : 20-21 Visual Arts Centre (Church Square, Scunthorpe DN15 6TA)**

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- **When: Wednesday 20 March**
- **Time: 16:30 - 19:00 (bookable half hour sessions)**
- **Where : 20-21 Visual Arts Centre (Church Square, Scunthorpe DN15 6TA)**

Attention Artists!

Are you looking for professional feedback about your work?, guidance on where to go next on your artistic journey?, career advice?, help resolving an artistic dilemma you're facing?, or just want to show and talk about your artwork?

As part of the 'Introducing' series of exhibitions and in partnership with Turntable Gallery, Grimsby - we are offering the opportunity to bring and discuss your work with industry professionals [Dale Wells](#) and Darren Neave. Dale and Darren collectively have over 35 years' experience as artists, curators and educators.

Half hour sessions at 20-21 Visual Arts Centre are FREE but must be booked in advance. Please call the reception during opening hours to secure your place 01724 297070.

Author Talks Louise Beech

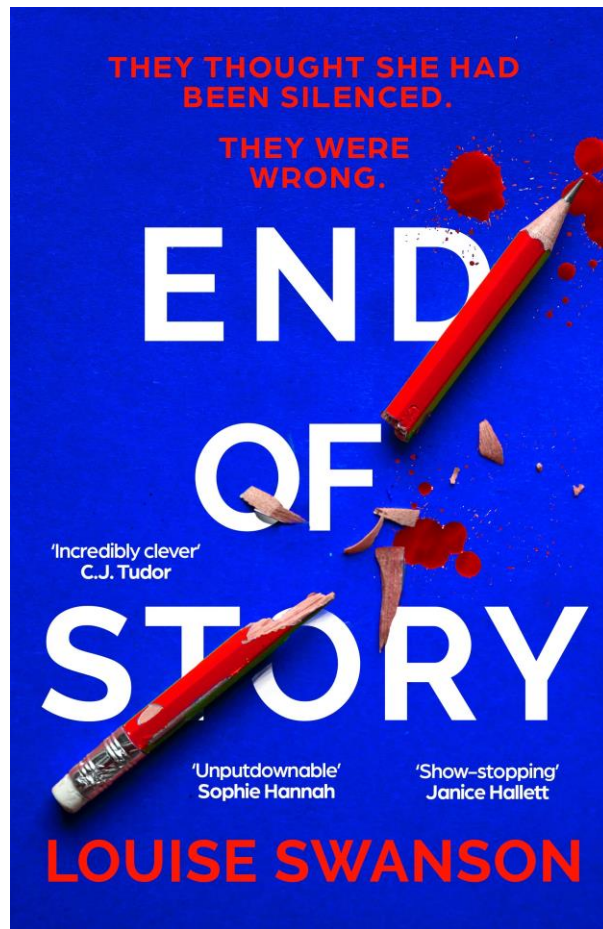
- **When: Thursday 14 March**
- **Time: 19:00 - 21:00**
- **Where : Cleethorpes Library (Alexandra Rd, Cleethorpes DN35 8LG)**

Hull based bestselling author, Louise Beech, whose debut novel reached number four in the Amazon UK chart is set to visit Cleethorpes Library for an insightful evening of storytelling. Louise has published several award-winning short stories and longlisted novels under her own name and pen name Louise Swanson.

A visit to Cleethorpes sees her share the stories behind the stories, telling tales of her dystopian novel End of Story, set in a future where fiction has been banned by the Government.

The talk will also focus on her 2023 memoir Eighteen Seconds, an honest yet hopeful account looking back on the events that led to the day her mother wrote down her last words, before jumping off the Humber Bridge.





Community Shout Out - Acting Lincs

Actings Lincs is the brainchild of Lee Waddingham which has seen tremendous growth in recent years due to his dedication and commitment and hard work. Acting Lincs partners with Lincolnshire based professional actors offering career support and practical workshops enabling them to take risks, stay on top of their game and stay connected to the industry. Acting Lincs highlight local acting professionals helping them secure acting work nationally. Lee and all the team have been very busy working these months on the release of their new website and most recently UNCHAINED showcase which happened Saturday 17th February.

A review:

Myself (Alisha Cesa) attending the 7pm showing of Acting Lincs: Unchained on Saturday 17th February and all that I can say it was phenomenal. I was gripped into the performances from the get-go. I was thoroughly impressed with the intermediate group their performances were excellent. The professional ground really put the “pro” in professional covering a variety of theatre disciplines. Everyone that took part in the showcase should be very impressed with themselves as getting up on stage in front of an audience isn't easy and they all took it in their stride.



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Exciting things coming up next month!

Grimm

After its sold out 2023 hit preview, Grimm returns promising laughs, scrapes and a whole heap of fish – this is Grimsby as it was. So, grab your mate, skipper or loved one and meet us at the ship's disco where there's a pint with your name on it!

- *When: Thursday 14 March*
- *Time: 19:30*

- *Where* : Docks Academy (First Floor, The Church, King Edward St, Grimsby DN31 3JD)

[The Dice Factory @ The Great Escape Grimsby](#)

The Dice Factory miniature painting and tabletop gaming group @ The Great Escape on Grimsby's historic docks.

March Dates:

- *Friday 1 March - 6pm*
- *Saturday 16 March - 6pm*
- *Friday 29 March - 6pm*

[Docks Academy](#)

- Head to Docks Academy website to find out all the performances gracing the stage in Grimsby.

Our Big Picture

- FREE weekly art group for adults (18+) starting Tuesday , 4-6 pm
- FREE weekly art club for young creatives ages 7-11 - Saturday 10 am - 11 am

Caxton Theatre

- [Game Show](#) - 2nd March - 9th March, 7:30pm - 10pm

[Grimsby Auditorium](#)

- Head to Grimsby Auditorium to find out all the performances gracing the stage in Grimsby.

[Art in The Albert Room](#)

- The Albert Room at Cleethorpes Library will entertain audiences with exciting workshops and events in an exciting creative programme.

And Much, Much More!

If you have a heritage or creative event in March, contact us via email or [social media](#) so we can promote it!



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