



# SOLIHULL CEP NEWSLETTER



January 2023

## STEERING GROUP



On 10th Jan, we held our very first steering group meeting to discuss the future of Solihull CEP and its upcoming projects. Featuring members from educational, organisational and freelance backgrounds, the team will use their experience, skills and knowledge of the cultural education sector to help make strategic decisions and support the development of the CEP as it progresses.

[Find out who is on our Steering group here](#)



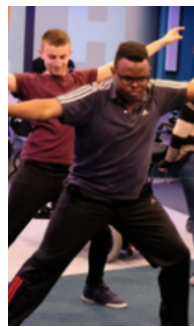
## CREATIVE CAREERS

Solihull CEP are delighted to be providing our first careers event as part of National Careers Week. The event will provide young people from Solihull the opportunity to gain professional creative work experience by running The Core Theatre for a day on 7th March. Students will engage in a range of workshops with the team from The Core and present their vision for running the venue. The day will culminate in a panel of industry professionals including Optomen TV, Coventry City of Culture and The Birmingham REP. Funded by Arts connect and delivered by Solihull CEP with support from Creative Alliance, this creative careers opportunity will give hands on experience in the world of producing whilst creating connections with industry professionals and offering a stepping stone for future careers in the arts and cultural industries.



If you are interested in booking your students a place, email [solihullcep@gmail.com](mailto:solihullcep@gmail.com)

## UNBOUNDED THEATRE GROUP



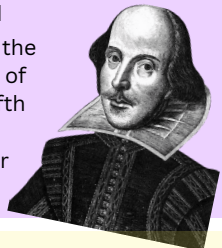
Entrust Care Partnership & Open Theatre invite you to a weekly nonverbal Physical Theatre Group for young people aged 14-19 with disabilities. Participants will develop their creative skills and gain the confidence needed to create quality art as they move towards adulthood and employment.

@The Core Theatre Solihull  
Thursdays  
6pm-8pm  
£3 per session

For more information and to join the group:  
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## MEMBERS NEWS

St Peter's Catholic School is excited to launch a brand new project for KS3 students. The project is open to all students who want to develop their knowledge and understanding of the works of Shakespeare, whilst learning what it takes to stage a drama production. Students will even have the opportunity to be coached on characterisation and acting technique from the Royal Shakespeare Company. The fantastic cast of students and backstage crew have already begun working extremely hard to put together a fresh take on the iconic play: 'Twelfth Night'. The themes of ambition, desire, deception and gender lend itself to a 21st Century take on this timeless show; students and teachers alike are so excited to showcase this performance at the end of the spring term and share the culmination of their efforts over the coming months.



## TEACHER FEATURE

### CLAIRE LITTLE - PETERBROOK PRIMARY



Since taking on her role in art & design, and DT, Claire is doing fantastic things to put the arts at the centre of her school.

She has taken an active role in updating the school curriculum, working with her headteacher to input the Kapow scheme, which works for reception to yr6 to develop skill progression. As part of her mission to build knowledge, Claire is also attending numerous courses offered by Arts Connect, including developing the role of the art co-ordinator. She hopes to use this knowledge to plan a creative arts week and put into practice the ideas shared. We are really pleased to have Claire as part of our CEP steering group;

**"It couldn't have come at a better time, as being part of it is developing my own knowledge and skills, but also creating a network which will provide children in Solihull with cultural opportunities and experiences for the future. The steering group is great it always leaves you feeling inspired and motivated and excited about what's to come!"**

As a result of Claire's passion, Peterbrook Primary are also one of the first schools to take part in a workshop as part of our youth consultation with sculptor Lee Skinner and we are looking forward to seeing what the children create!



## SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Small is Beautiful features the work of 21 artists from across the West Midlands including visual art, theatre, spoken word, circus and dance. All CEP members are welcome to attend Small is Beautiful, perhaps you'll even find your schools next creative partner!

Thurs 9th Feb  
7pm  
FREE

[BOOK TICKETS](#)



## NATIONAL THEATRE LIVE

Did you know The Core have recently started screening NTLive productions? Tickets for NTLive screenings are £10 per head for CEP members with one teacher free for every 10 learners.

The next NT Live screenings are:

**Othello - Thursday 23rd February at 7pm**

An extraordinary new production of Shakespeare's most enduring tragedy, directed by Clint Dyer with a cast that includes Giles Terera (Hamilton), Rosy McEwean (The Alienist) and Paul Hilton (The Inheritance).

**The Life of Pi - Thursday 14th April at 7pm**

Puppetry, magic and storytelling combine in a unique, Olivier Award-winning stage adaptation of the best-selling novel.

**Good - Thursday 20th April**

Starring David Tennant (Doctor Who) making a much-anticipated return to the West End in a blistering reimagining of one of Britain's most powerful, political plays.

**Best of Enemies - Thursday 25th May**

Starring David Harewood (Homeland) and Zachary Quinto (Star Trek) play feuding political rivals in James Graham's (Sherwood) multiple award-winning new drama.

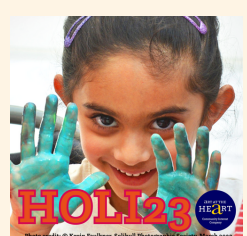


To book group tickets for your school or organisation please email [coretheatre@solihull.gov.uk](mailto:coretheatre@solihull.gov.uk)

## HOLI 2023

## THE FESTIVAL OF COLOUR

Art at the Heart CIC's annual HOLI Art Competition opens on the 1st of February. It's fun - it's creative - and you'll learn something about world culture. The competition culminates in an exhibition at The Courtyard Gallery at The Core, with fabulous prizes for individuals and school and youth organisation. Last year, one lucky school won a drawing workshop with Art at the Heart for submitting a winning entry to the HOLI art competition. The HOLI festivities continue on the 5th March in Touchwood and a day of family activities and celebrations at The Core on Sunday 12th March. Last year's HOLI 2022 event was shortlisted for the Best Family Arts activity by the Fantastic for Families Awards.



If you're interested in receiving an information pack please send your name and email to [office@artattheheartcic.org](mailto:office@artattheheartcic.org)