

TADCASTER *Creates* ARTS FESTIVAL

3RD - 6TH
SEPTEMBER



VENUES IN &
AROUND TAD

WORKSHOPS • FREE POP-UP
EXHIBITIONS • DEMOS • OPEN
STUDIOS • CRAFT FAIR
PERFORMANCES • LIVE EVENTS

Quick View Timetable of Events

Activity	Who	Where	Day	Time
1. Launch event	Everyone invited	43 Kirkgate	Weds 2nd	5pm
2. Comedy night	Everything Good Goes	2 Westgate	Weds 2nd	8pm
3. Interactive Performances	Freedom Festival	The Barn	Thurs 3rd	11-5pm
4. Craft market	Various	Cobbles, Kirkgate	Fri 4th	11-3pm
5. Skateboarding	Various	The Barn	Sat 5th	11-5pm
6. Exhibition	Young In Tad (YiT)	The Barn	Sat 5th	12-4pm
7. Exhibition	Claire Bentley-Smith	A&K Lee Butchers, 49 York Road	Thu 3rd - Sun 6th	
8. Exhibition	Emy Spinks	43 Kirkgate	Thu 3rd - Sun 6th	10-4pm
9. Workshop	Emy Spinks	43 Kirkgate	Thu 3rd Sat 5th	12-4pm 10-2pm
10. Exhibition	Beth Elsdon	30 High Street	Fri 4th - Sun 6th	10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat & Sun
11. Drop-in Workshops	Beth Elsdon	30 High Street	Fri 4th - Sun 6th	10-4 Fri 10-2 Sat & Sun
12. Exhibitions	Gallery 42	42 St Joseph's St	Thu 3rd- Sat 5th	9-5pm Closed Sun
13. Singing	St. Mary's Church Choir	St. Mary's Church	Sat 5th	4-5pm
14. Exhibition	Andrea Hall	Tadcaster Swimming Pool	Thu 3rd- Sun 6th	Pool opening times
15. Exhibition	Daisy Robson	43 Kirkgate	Thu 3rd- Sun 6th	10-4
16. Golden Hour photography workshop	David Lindsay	43 Kirkgate	Sun 6th	6.30-8.30am
17. Exhibition	Yvonne Hoggarth	30 High St	Thu 3rd- Sun 6th	
18. Storytelling workshop	Sara Last	Library, 8 Station Rd	Fri 4th	2-2.45pm
19. Facepainting	Monica Critchley	The Barn	Sat 5th	10-4pm

Activity	Who	Where	Day	Time
20. Whittling & bushcraft taster session	Project Wild CIC	The Barn	Fri 4th	11-11.45am & 12-12.45pm
21. Whittling and bushcraft drop-in info session	Project Wild CIC	The Barn	Fri 4th	1-2pm
22. Exhibition	Porch Press	The Works, Kirkgate	Thu 3rd- Sun 6th	
23. Print workshop	Porch Press	The Barn	Sat 5th	10-3pm
24. Exhibition	U3A	15 High Street (Old Printshop)	Thu 3rd- Sun 6th	
25. Art Competition	Tad Physio	27e Westgate	Closing date 10th Sept	Exhibition 24th Sept
26. Window Painting	Claire Bentley-Smith & Maude Caldecott	Kirkgate, High St & Commercial St	Thu 3rd- Sun 6th	
27. Bell Ringing	St Mary's Bell-ringers	St Mary's Church, Kirkgate	Sun 6th	3-3:45pm
28. Exhibition	Maryam Farjam	Gallery 42, 42 St Joseph's St	Thu 3rd- Sat 5th	9-5pm Closed Sun
29. Paracord bracelet	Craft 'n' Do	The Barn	Fri 4th	10-12pm
30. Beginners Crochet	Tadcrafters	The Barn	Fri 4th	10-12pm
31. Snufflemats	Tadcrafters	The Barn	Fri 4th	10-12pm
32. Beginners Sashiko	Tadcrafters	The Barn	Fri 4th	1-3pm
33. Unwind with Colouring Books	Tadcrafters	The Barn	Fri 4th	1-3pm

All events are free unless otherwise stated in the individual listings on the following pages.

FREEDOM festival *on tour*

Join us in Tadcaster on 3rd September to launch our Tadcaster Creates Festival with five amazing performances from international artists, courtesy of Hull's Freedom Festival! All performances are FREE, family friendly and entertainment is guaranteed. Performances take place twice except Lilliput which is on all day from 12-4! The Barn will be open for refreshments.



LILLIPUT – WE PLAY TALES

is an immersive and interactive installation from Catalan company Tombs Creatius , where children and families step inside the world of classic fairy tales. Through playful challenges, sensory experiences and hands-on participation, audiences become the protagonists of well-known stories such as Sleeping Beauty, Tom Thumb, Cinderella and more.

When: 12-4pm

RO-TES

is a celebration of journeys: where we come from, how we move through the world, and who we travel with. Taking inspiration from his Cambodian heritage Nadenh reimagines his wheelchair creating a new world of bold movement. Revel in a joyful celebration of progress, community, and the journey.

When: 11-11.45am and 2 - 2.45pm



SENESCENCE

is a solo circus performance in which a single performer and a large-scale rotating steel installation form a living system, exploring the tension between physical mastery and bodily decline.

When: 11.50am-12.10pm and 2.50-3.15pm



OTEMPODIZ

is a creative dance and movement piece delivered by company ERTZA founded in 2004 under the direction of the dancer and choreographer Asier Zabaleta with the aim of creating a new space where artists could create freely through the interaction of various artistic disciplines alongside contemporary dance.

When: 12.30-1pm and 3.30 - 4pm



ACROBOT

is a groundbreaking performance featuring a self-built robotic acrobat. Blending juggling, acrobatics, humour, and storytelling, the show explores the relationship between humans and technology in our post-digital society. Created and performed by Dutch artist Daniel Simu.

When: 1.15 - 1.45pm and 4.30-4.45pm



1. Launch Event – Social

Join us at the launch event to preview some of work exhibited, showcasing inspiring work from local artists and makers. It marks the beginning of the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival, celebrating community creativity and inviting everyone to get involved. Enjoy a welcoming atmosphere and get a flavour of the activities coming up.

Where: 43 Kirkgate

When: Weds 2nd Sept, 5pm

Follow: @Tadcreates



2. Crackin' Night of Comedy

Come on down to Everything Good Goes, for an evening of big belly laughs and a cracker of a line-up, featuring top talent from the region's fantastic comedy circuit. Your host for the evening is EGG favourite Jed Salisbury, and as usual Gary will be stood near the bar! Limited tables for pre-show pizza so don't delay!

Where: Everything Good Goes, Westgate

When: Weds 2nd Sept, 8pm

Cost: £15 (available at the bar)

Follow: @everythinggoodgoes



3. Freedom Festival – Performance

Freedom Festival on Tour Bringing together international artists from Hull's Freedom Festival on 3rd September at the Barn and on the Riverside - spectacular performances from artists never seen before in Tadcaster.

Where: The Barn, St Joseph's St

When: Thurs 3rd Sept

Website: www.tadcasterbarn.co.uk



4. Cobbles Arts and Craft market

A special bijou market will pop up on the cobbles (outside Costa) on Kirkgate, featuring local artists and crafters selling a variety of products to suit all tastes and budgets! Come and say hi and pick up an early Christmas gift or something just for you.

Where: The Cobbles, Kirkgate

When: Friday 4th Sept, 10am – 3pm

Follow: @Tadcreates



5. SkateBarn x SkateArt! – Event

The Barn's famous Skatepark returns for old and young to get “creative” on our ramps, with skateboards, scooters and BMXs. With the added bonus of a Skateboard art workshop – bring your own deck or buy one for just £10 and decorate it with spray and stencils. Perfect as a piece of art for your bedroom or to impress your friends in the skatepark!

Where: The Barn, St Joseph's St

When: Fri 4th Sept. No booking required

Follow: @Tadcasterbarn



6. Young in Tad (YiT) – Exhibition

An ongoing project delivered by The Barn working with professional artists and makers. A group of young people developing art that expresses their feelings about growing up in Tadcaster. Featuring photography and a special video by the young people and the latest feature of the project – YiT branded products for sale as a ‘social enterprise’.

Where: The Barn, St Josephs St

When: Sat 5th Sept, 12 – 4pm

Follow: @Tadcasterbarn



7. Claire Bentley-Smith – Exhibition

An exhibition of sporting-art paintings to coincide with the beginning of the new shooting season, which brings the great selection of local, seasonal game meat to the shop.

Claire is the artist who painted the large scale murals on an empty shop near Sam Smith's Brewery depicting the lovely shire horses.

Where: A&K Lee Butchers, 49 York Road

When: Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th Sept

Website: www.bentleyinthe field.com



8. Emy Spinks – Exhibition

Emy Spinks is a 30 year old artist living in Cawood. Emy was diagnosed with profound autism at the age of two and remains mostly non-verbal, struggling to communicate verbally in conventional ways. However throughout her life Emy has used art as her voice and enjoys using colours, textures and patterns to add depth to her artwork creating abstract and unique pieces that are inspired only by the world through Emy's eyes.

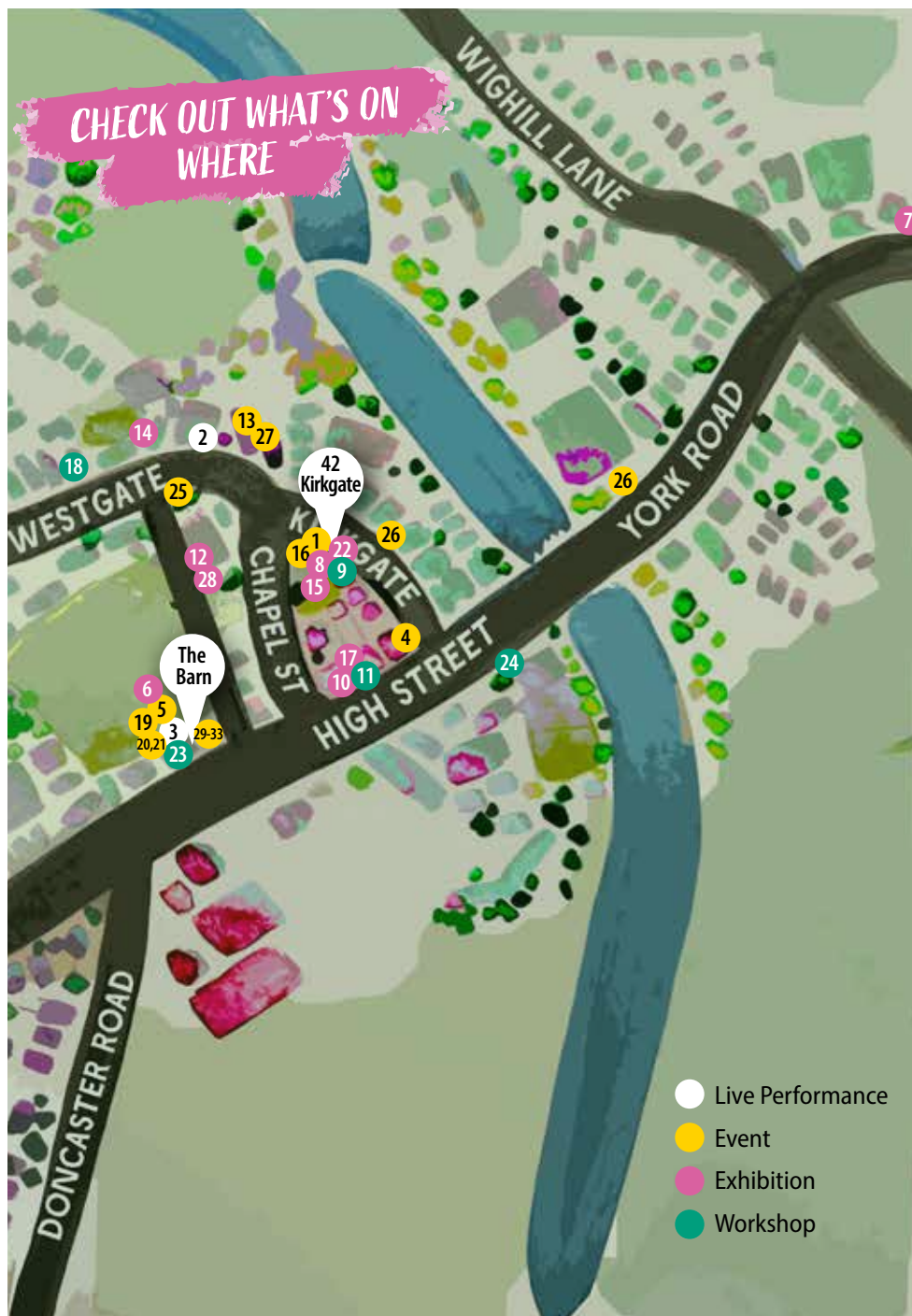
Where: 43 Kirkgate

When: Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th Sept

Follow: @emyspinksart



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- Exhibition
- Workshop

Stepping Stone



9. Emy Spinks – Workshop

Join the amazing Emy Spinks and create your own doodle art to add to an amazing collage of Tadcaster's town scene. We will be creating over the two workshops our very own collaborative Tadcaster town scene and we want you to help us! Open to all ages and no previous artistic experience required! Watch Emy in action and follow her lead.

Where: 43 Kirkgate

When: Thurs 3rd, 12-4pm & Sat 5th Sept, 10-2pm

Follow: @emyspinksart



10 & 11. Beth Elsdon – Exhibition and Workshops

Exploring Art and mental health and how creativity can help us express thoughts and feelings that are hard to say out loud. Original art and prints available alongside both adult and children's workshops

Where: 30 High St

When: Fri 4th – Sun 6th Sept

Website: www.bethelsdonart.com



12. Gallery 42 – Exhibitions

Showcase of many local artists within Tadcaster and surrounding villages, varying from local landscapes to abstract pieces. Dozens of pieces hung across 6 walls, a plethora of local talent and a celebration of what our little town can do.

Where: Gallery 42, St Joseph's St

When: 10am – 4pm

Follow: @gallery42tad



13. St Mary's Church Choir – Performance

We sing at three services a month with special services at Easter and Christmas. We also sometimes go to other local Churches - Newton Kyme, Kirby Wharfe and Church Fenton. Singing is fantastic for both mental and physical health and well-being so if you are interested to learn more please speak to Deborah Allis at the event.

Where: St Mary's Church, Kirkgate

When: Sat 5th Sept, 4-5pm

Email: stmarystadcaster@gmail.com



14. Andrea Hall – Exhibition

Designer and illustrator Andrea Hall will be exhibiting her swimming art at the pool throughout the weekend. You'll be able to see her full range of greetings cards, and prints will also be available to purchase. Andrea will be there in person on the Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings, so drop in and say hello.

Where: Tadcaster Community Swimming Pool

When: Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th Sept

Website: www.andreahall.co.uk



15. Daisy Robson – Exhibition

Daisy Robson is a locally based illustrator who specialises in making artwork that is reminiscent of classic children's book illustrations. She has used this style to recreate some iconic Tadcaster High Street shops as 3d paper models in hopes to showcase the beauty of our high street.

Where: 43 Kirkgate

When: Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th Sept

Follow: [@daisyillustrations](https://www.instagram.com/daisyillustrations)



16. David Lindsay – Photography Workshop

Join professional photographer David Lindsay for a Golden Hour photography walk around Tadcaster. Suitable for all cameras (including smart phones) and levels of experience. Learn about the properties of light, plus how to frame and compose a photograph. Coffee after. Max 20 people

Where: Meet at 43 Kirkgate

When: Sun 6th, 6.30-8.30am

Follow: [@photosbydavidlindsay](https://www.instagram.com/photosbydavidlindsay)

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17. Yvonne Hoggarth – Exhibition

Yvonne is a printmaker, exploring place and nature, and our relationship to both. Her work explores the fleeting beauty of nature and plants in seed, bloom and decay. She also focuses on the architectural detail of churches and abbeys, capturing their change through time.

Where: Beth Elsdon, 30 High Street

When: Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th Sept

Follow: @yvonnehoggarth.art



18. Sara Last – Storytelling

Follow the Leader invites children aged 4–8 to step into a world of imagination. Join local author Sara Last for an interactive storytelling adventure where new folklore friends come to life. Expect laughter, movement and magical moments in this lively library session designed to spark curiosity and creativity.

Where: Tadcaster Library, 8 Station Road

When: Fri 4th Sept, 2-2.45pm

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19. Monica Critchley – Facepainting

Free face painting brings colour and excitement to the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival. Transform your children into butterflies, superheroes, animals and more, sparking imagination and joy. It's a fun, friendly activity for all ages, adding vibrant creativity to the festival atmosphere and giving families a memorable artistic experience.

Where: The Barn, St Joseph's St

When: Sat 5th Sept, 11-3pm



20 & 21. Bushcraft Taster Sessions – Events

Nick, from Project: WILD C.I.C. , will be at The Barn on Friday the 4th of September as part of the festival, running a series of short taster sessions and a drop in.

The bookable sessions will involve some basic indoor bushcraft activities and offer the chance to find out about further free opportunities to get involved in wellbeing bushcraft days in the area.

Where: The Barn, St Joseph's St

When: Fri 4th Sept

Email: natherton@projectwildcic.com

Follow: @projectwildcic

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22 & 23. Vicki Munro, Porch Press – Exhibition & Workshop

Porch Press is a Tadcaster-based letterpress printer creating hand-printed posters and cards using antique woodblock type and traditional printing methods. Each print is Inspired by words, humour and everyday moments. (commissions welcome).

Vicki will run a free 'create a letterpress print' at The Barn on the Saturday from 10-3.

Where: The Works, 23 Kirkgate / The Barn

When: Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th Sept / Sat 10-3pm

Follow: @porchpress





24. U3A – Exhibition

This display is a mixture of both art and craft exhibits produced by local Tadcaster people in their leisure time and as part of the art or craft groups run by and for members of the U3a organisation.

Where: 15 High Street

When: Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th Sept

Follow: tadcasterandvillages.u3asite.uk/

25. Art Competition

We are looking for some original and innovative artwork from local artists (of all ages and abilities!) and in any medium. The only rule is that it represents the theme of 'Human Anatomy' in some form. Submit a drawing, painting, or photograph for a chance to win £100 and have your work exhibited. Closing date for entries: 10th Sept

Where: Tadcaster Physio

When: Closing Date 10th September

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26. Window Painting

Windows across Tadcaster burst into colour again for this festival, painted by celebrated equestrian artist Claire Bentley-Smith and Maude Caldecott. Discover Claire's striking designs, including the magnificent life-sized shire horses on the building beside Kirkgate Fisheries. A vibrant, town-wide showcase of creativity that invites everyone to wander, explore and enjoy art in unexpected places.

Where: Kirkgate, High St & Commercial St

When: Thurs 3rd – Sun 6th Sept





27. St Mary's Bell Ringers

A joyful quarter peal will ring out for the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival, celebrating the skill and tradition of the Tadcaster bell-ringers. Stand anywhere near St. Mary's church and hear the bell tower come alive for around 45 minutes.

Where: St Mary's Church, Kirkgate

When: Sun 6th Sept, 3-3.45pm

Email: stmarystadcaster@gmail.com



28. Maryam Farjamfar – Exhibition and Demonstration

Local artist, Maryam Farjamfar, returns to the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival with a striking new collection. Known for her bold abstract style, she now unveils fresh works inspired by Yorkshire's landscapes. These atmospheric pieces blend colour, texture and place, offering a vibrant, contemporary celebration of the region's natural beauty.

Where: Gallery 42, St Josephs St

When: Thurs 3rd – Sat 5th Sept. Closed Sun

Follow: [maryam.art_fjt](https://www.maryam.art_fjt)



TADCRAFTERS at THE BARN on FRIDAY 4th

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Paracord Bracelets

Time: 10-12pm

Join us for a fun, hands-on in-person workshop, with Monica from Craft 'n' Do, where you'll learn the macrame basics to create your own awesome paracord bracelet. No experience needed, just a chill way to meet fellow craft lovers and tie some knots. Don't miss out on this crafty good time!

The event is free to attend but participants will be encouraged to donate to support the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival as a pay as you feel/pay as you can afford basis, with a **suggested donation of £10. Booking required.**

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Beginners Crochet

Time: 10-12pm

Would you like to try your hand at crochet? In this informal skills-sharing session, led by volunteers not experts, you will be part of a small group of people learning the very basics, but you will learn enough to set you on the right path to take on new challenges.

The event is free to attend but participants will be encouraged to donate to support the aims of the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival on a pay as you feel/pay as you can afford basis, with a **suggested donation of £10. Booking required.**

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Snuffle Mats

Time: 10-12pm

Snufflemat making is a fun, free workshop for all ages. Easy to craft with simple materials, these enrichment mats, that are made by repurposing surplus fabrics, are donated by Tadcrafters to charities supporting dogs, helping provide much-needed mental stimulation for pups in kennels. A creative activity that makes a real difference.

Booking is not required. The event is free but donations are welcome.



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Beginners Sashiko

Time: 1-3pm

Offering a gentle introduction to this beautiful Japanese stitching and clothes mending technique. Learn simple patterns, practise mindful, slow sewing, and create decorative designs using traditional running stitches. This relaxed session, led by volunteers, not expert tutors, celebrates the charm of hand-crafted textile art in a friendly, creative festival setting.

The event is free to attend but participants will be encouraged to donate to support the aims of the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival on a pay as you feel/pay as you can afford basis, with a **suggested donation of £10. Booking required.**

Colouring Books

Time: 1-3pm

Colouring books for children and grown-ups offer a calm, creative break during the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival. With free pages to choose from and plenty of pencils, it's a relaxed space to unwind, explore imagination and enjoy art at your own pace. A simple, joyful activity for all ages.

Booking is not required. The event is free but donations are welcome.

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How it works

The event is free to attend but participants will be encouraged to donate to support the aims of the Tadcaster Creates Arts Festival on a pay as you feel/pay as you can afford basis, with a suggested donation of £10.

Is there free parking?

There is a limited amount of parking on site at The Barn, but further parking is available in the nearby central car park accessed off Chapel Street, Britannia Car Park by the bus Station, and on the roadside. All parking is free.

How do I get there on public transport?

Tadcaster is easily accessible on the regular 843 and 843 Coastliner bus service from York and Leeds. Get off at John Smith's Brewery or take a short walk from the Bus Station.

**On behalf of all the artist's, makers, creatives
and traders taking part in this event,**

**thank you for your
support!**

ANATOMY ART PRIZE

**COMPETITION & ART
EXHIBITION - SEPT 2026**

**PART OF THE TAD CREATES
ARTS FESTIVAL**

**£100 1ST
PRIZE**

**£££ for 2nd, 3rd &
MOST UNIQUE &
SPECIAL U18 PRIZE**

Closing date:

10th Sept

Exhibition:

24th Sept



**Tadcaster Physio
& Sports Injuries Clinic**

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MORE INFO OR
TO ENTER**



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Tadcaster Creates is back for a jam-packed weekend of art and creativity in the heart of town.

Don't miss the interactive performances from Freedom Festival on tour at Tadcaster Barn, comedy at EGG, a craft market, and exhibitions from local artists such as Emy Spinks, Andrea Hall, Beth Elsdon, Claire Bentley Smith, Maryam Farjamfar, Daisy Robson, Yvonne Hoggarth, the YiT group and Porch Press alongside hands-on sessions where you can try your hand at printmaking, painting, whittling or photography.

Perhaps you'd like to enter your own work in the Art Competition? There's interactive storytelling with local children's author Sara Last for younger visitors too, plus the workshops and events you loved first time round. Plus much, much more!



Find out more by visiting:

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