

# CONVERGE CATCH - UP



## Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Converge at Northumbria everyone! We hope everyone has had a well deserved winter break. This is a celebration of what we have been up to at Converge, and an update of community activities you can get involved in.

## Our Month

This past month has been a cracking start to 2023. Our Connected Theatre students finalised and performed their 'connection' themed monologues that they had been working towards since November 2022. We went to see a fantastic play performed by The Twisting ducks theatre company called 'When we were together', and one of our Converge students had a booklet published by the CNTW called 'Mummy is a hero'.

## Our Courses

We had an absolutely amazing end to our Connected Theatre course. We watched 10 brilliant monologues performed by our students surrounding the theme of 'connection'. The build up to this performance was filled with skill builders and hard work, our students put in so much over the past 12 weeks and we saw how much it paid off in their outstanding performances!



The Twisting Ducks Theatre Company

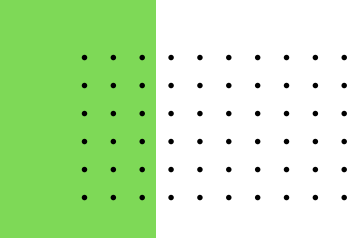
Changing lives through theatre

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## Your Thoughts

"I love seeing everyone evolve and how amazing everyone's becoming"

"I come here and I'm happy because you're all my friends"

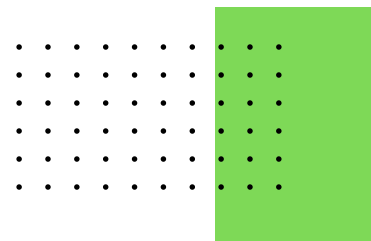
"It's a great group and everybody makes you feel at home"

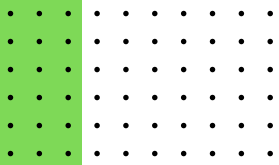
"looking forward to coming back and learning more in each session"

## Our Partners

Learn a little bit more about Converge's partners and what they're getting up to this month. Visit their websites below for activities you can get involved in!

- **Alphabetti Theatre** - <https://www.alphabettitheatre.co.uk/>
- **Chili Studios** - <https://www.chillistudios.co.uk/>
- **NTAS** - <https://northtynesideartstudio.org.uk/>
- **Recoco** - <https://www.recoverycoco.com/>
- **Live Theatre** - <https://www.live.org.uk/>
- **Theatre Royal** - <https://www.theatreroyal.co.uk/>
- **Northumbria Student Union** - <https://mysnu.co.uk/>



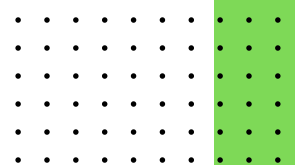


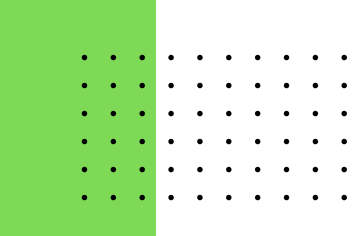
## What's On?

- **NTAS** – Ntas II in Wallsend **Thursdays 1-3pm** a free open arts session and you can visit the cranes for ukraine project in tynemouth metro station
- **Alphabetti Theatre** – Online session to get creative with a drink and a snack on the **18th Feb 4-6pm**
- **Chili studios** – Watercolour **Thursdays** at Chilli Studios **2-4pm**,
- **Andy's Man Club** – Mondays **7pm** in reds bar at Northumbria student union
- **The Hancock Museum**– The way my body feels: exhibition **until 1st March** documentation of experimental workshops that looked at the links between objects, art and medicine.
- **Paines Plough** – Women's playwriting competition: deadline is at **5pm 17th April** submit through 'the women's prize for playwriting'
- **Northumbria University** – Therapy dogs on the **22nd Feb at 11am** in *Escape*, student union

## Warm Spaces

- **Alphabetti Theatre** - Provide heat, wifi, food and drinks from **11am-11pm Tues-Sat**, pay what you feel shows available
- **Big River Bakery** - Lovely fresh bakes, hot drinks and wifi
- **Discovery Museum** - Free wifi and phone charging service with an accessible entrance
- **Dance City** - Accessible entrance, wifi and hot drinks available
- **Northern stage** - Free wifi and an accessible entrance, come and see one of the many performances in February.





Discover more warm spaces near you on the Newcastle and Gateshead council websites, there are many dotted around the two cities and they each provide something different!

For Newcastle warm spaces please see

<https://publichealth.newcastle.gov.uk/WellbeingHub/Directory>

and for warm spaces in Gateshead please see

<https://www.gateshead.gov.uk/article/21258/Warm-Spaces-directory>



## Connected Theatre Show Backs

*Converge proudly presents a collection of monologues exploring the theme of 'connection'. Performed by our talented students on the Connected Theatre course. Special thanks to the Shine Fund for making this all possible.*

