



CONVERGE CATCH - UP



Hi All, welcome to another edition of our Converge Catch - Up! This Catch - Up marks the end of our busiest academic year yet. We've delivered more courses than we ever have, worked with some brilliant students and branched out into delivering music based courses. This Catch - Up is to keep you up to date with this semesters' activities, so lets get into it...

Our Semester Run Down

The semester so far has been packed with many exciting things!

The Festival of Belonging - Course: Belonging

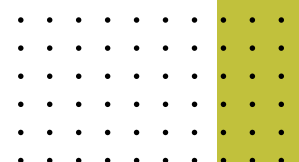
This course is about to conclude; part of a national collaborative project, we have worked with Converge York, Arts Network London, Bolton Solidarity Community Association and Dark Horse Theatre. This multi-disciplinary project has involved each organisation responding to a poem in their own way using various different art forms - in true Converge fashion, our method has of course been drama! We've finally finished filming and editing and are ready to share our finished film with you all soon, so keep your eyes peeled!



Spring Ringing

This was Converge Northumbria's **first ever** music course! This course was designed and delivered by our student intern Isobel (Izzy) and involved a group of us learning how to play hand bells. For more info on Izzy's course, check out the article below!

<https://www.northumbria.ac.uk/about-us/news-events/news/music-students-mental-health-project-hits-the-right-note/>





Our Semester Run Down Continued...

Academic Theatre

Academic Theatre was designed and delivered by our long standing Northumbria Volunteer Freya! Last year Freya was unable to run this course as planned, due to health reasons. But we're happy to say she's now delivered a fantastic 4 week theatre course exploring various theatre practitioners and techniques.



Sink Your Teeth Into Crafting

This was a very exciting one-off art workshop ran by 4 fantastic Northumbria Fine Art students. We recreated the famous Jaws scene as a group, adding to it our own creative spin!

Story Telling Through Movement

Story Telling Through Movement was another one-off session delivered by another wonderful Northumbria Drama student Volunteer Abbie! She has been working with us on Belonging and other projects, leading up to her final assessment which was this special workshop!



Well-being Drop-In Sessions, Northumbria Student Union

We continued running our trial sessions every other week, giving Northumbria uni students a chance to spend some time doing arts and crafts, relax and have space for creativity. Sessions included worry dolls, self portraits, and more! This session was aided by some fantastic Converge Student Volunteers.



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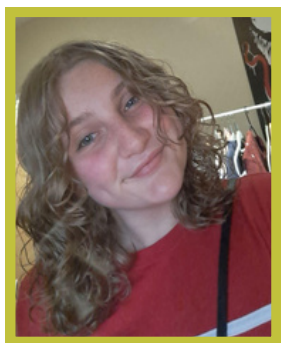
This semester we have also seen another Converge Connected course conclude - 'Zoom to Stage' ran by our very own Cat Catizone. This course has now finished and saw students develop and perform monologues in response to a poem.

For those wanting to get involved online or by post visit:
<https://converge.yorks.ac.uk/>



Student Volunteer Spotlight

Northumbria student volunteers are crucial to the development and delivery of Converge, so here's a little update on what 3 of our long term volunteers have been up too!



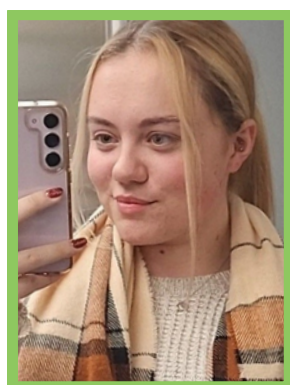
Freya Kelly

Freya is one of our longest serving volunteers, who after completing her year long placement with us, went onto continue volunteering and has recently designed and ran her own course, *Academic Theatre*. Freya will be graduating this summer!



Isobel Randall-Evans

Isobel (Izzy) was our first ever paid internship and after boldly going where no music student has gone before... worked all the way up to running our first ever music course, Spring Ringing! Izzy will also be graduating this summer!

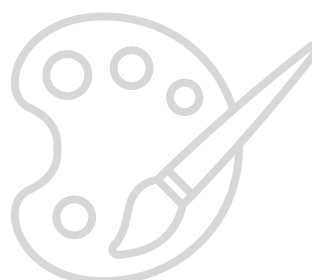


Abbie Clifford

Abbie has spent some time working alongside the Belonging course as part of one of her modules and has come on leaps and bounds with her confidence and skills, with her recently running a one-off workshop 'Story Telling Through Movement,' for her final assessment. Abbie will also be graduating this Summer!

Fine Art Students

This semester we also had four Fine Art Student Volunteers who worked with us to design and deliver a one off course 'Sink Your Teeth into Crafting!' So we'd like to also say a huge thank you to Georgia, Seelam, Syeda and Jasmine who will also be graduating this summer!



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Summer is a quiet time at Converge Northumbria, while we get ready for another academic year. But with lighter evenings and warmer weather, there's tonnes of local events and activities going on that you can get involved with!

First up though we have

The Converge Summer Sharing!

Please do let us know if you are planning to attend, so we can have an idea of numbers.

When: July 10th **Time:** 2pm - 4pm

- **New Bridge Project (Saturday Social)** - 1st Saturday of each month, 1pm – 4pm. Join us in our Art Gallery Space for free tea, coffee and snacks from Big River Bakery. The New Bridge Project, Shieldfield Centre, Newcastle, NE2 1AL.
- **Newcastle Fringe Theatre Festival** - 16th - 27th July, tickets available online. Newcastle Fringe Festival is back this summer with the very best of UK touring performing arts. From comedy to cabaret, theatre to family, music and more! Events/performances to be held all over the city.
- **Jesmond Food Market** - Every 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month from 10am -3pm, there is a Food Market on Armstrong Bridge featuring amazing independent food and craft vendors.



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The Converge Summer Sharing 2024

When: July 10th

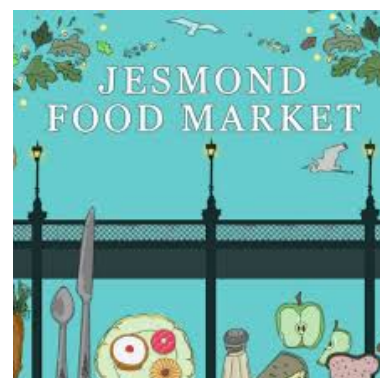
Time: 2pm - 4pm

Where: Northumbria University

Rooms: Squires Building 023 and 027

You are invited for an afternoon of celebration and sharing. A chance to take stock on a wonderful and exciting year at

Converge at Northumbria.



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- **Alphabetti Theatre, Cult Cinema Club** - Various Tuesday's and Wednesday's, tickets £5, showing cult classics like Thelma & Louise (1991) and Some Like it Hot (1959). Alphabetti also offer 'Pay What You Feel tickets' on most of their live theatre performances.
- **Trees in Summer, Heaton Park** - July 18th, 10:30am - 12:30pm, FREE, Heaton Park entrance from Heaton Road. Perfect for beginners, enjoy a short introduction to the identification and evolution of common trees as part of Gosforth's Wild Web.
- **Newcastle's Craft & Flea** - Jun 9th, 10am to 4pm, tickets £2.50 available online. Shop SMALL and shop LOCAL in our authentic twist on the traditional craft market. Boiler Shop, 20 South Street, Newcastle upon Tyne.
- **Baltic Centre for Contemporary Art** - Visit the Baltic for various workshops and events, such as the Monthly Riso Socials. On the first Friday of the month you are invited to join Foundation Press in the Art Room & Studio for a free and informal, creative session in connection to the worksheet brief.



- **Durham Fringe Theatre Festival** - July 24th - 28th with 90 shows and 450 performances spread out across various different venues in Durham, Durham Fringe Festival is back for its 4th year with tickets available online.
- **Star and Shadow Cinema, Art Club** - Sundays, 12pm-4pm in the Star & Shadow meeting room. Free medium, skill-sharing social art group, for pros and beginners alike.





Our Partners

Learn some more about Converge's partners and what they're getting up to. 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/>
- **Converge York St John** - <https://www.yorks.j.ac.uk/converge/>
- **Eliot Smith Dance Company** - <https://www.eliotsmithdance.com/>



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