



CONVERGE CATCH - UP



Happy Easter everyone! There is a lot going on that you can get involved with in Newcastle and Gateshead. With spring approaching, this catch up will be all about introducing new things to Converge and discovering fun opportunities.

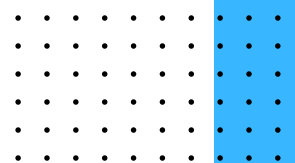
Our Month

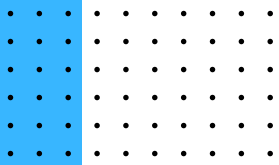
In February we marked the end of our Connected Theatre course, and as one course ends another begins! In March we had our online zoom course 'Zoom to Stage' ran by our lovely facilitator Cat Catizone. This course was a skill building theatre course that will end, next week, with an online performance that will be shown at our Converge Summer Share Back at the York st Johns campus.

Our Team

As many of you know our team our team consists of our brilliant coordinator Ally Hunter-Byron and fabulous facilitator Cat Catizone. However, we have two new additions to our team...Freya Kelly from the BA Theatre and performance course doing a year long placement and Emily Mcwilliams from the MA Creative and cultural industry management course doing an 8 week placement with us. Here is a brief introduction from our newest members....

"Hi I'm Freya, I've been with converge since September 2022 and have loved every minute of it. Working with Converge has always kept me on my toes and has given me so much personal and professional development. I love to watch the students progress in our courses as well as helping Ally and Cat with admin and our social medias!"



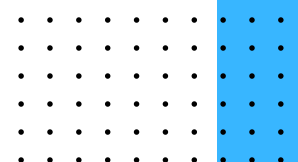


"Hi everyone! my name is Emily and i'm currently on placement as part of my Masters Degree. I graduated from BA Theatre and Performance in 2022 and my background mainly consists of performing!! I used to compete in national theatre competitions and I even held the national title for a couple of different drama awards! I'm absolutely loving Converge so far, and I can't wait to meet you all and get stuck in!"

What's On?

There are lots of cultural events to sink your teeth into this March! Here are a few of the things that you can get involved in:

- Have some fun down at the Spanish City Easter Funfair, **Whitley Bay Fri 7th April 11am**
- Join us on World Book Night: Knives Out, Bewick Hall, Level 2 Newcastle City Library **Sat 15th April 13:00**
- Take a lovely stroll in the Alnwick Garden Cherry Blossom walk
- Find some new foods at the Vegan Market on **Grainger street, April 15th 10:30am**
- Discover more about Newcastle through the Newcastle story at the **Discovery museum, everyday** until 26th may at **10:00-16:00**
- Come and watch FAUN at **Alphabetti theatre, free** until **April 1st 7:30pm** and then **£1-£15 until 15th April**
- Advance your gardening skills with the **Grow How** horticulture , **Gosforth Park** on **April 1st** at **10:30am**
- Get creative with some **Easter Crafts** at Fenham Library and community Hub **Fri 31st March 13:00 – 15:00**





Past Courses

A big part of Converge is celebrating what our brilliant students achieve. So we would like to start putting in reminders every month about the amazing work our students have produced on courses that we have previously run.

This month we want to celebrate all our achievements during the **Sofa to Stage** course that ran in early 2021.

- Click this link to listen to the incredible sound bites from our online course [Sofa to Stage](#)



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.




Converge at Northumbria and Eliot Smith Dance present

Movement, Fashion & Culture

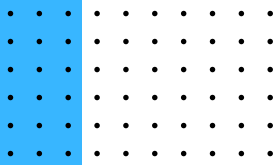
Starting 19th October Wednesdays 3.30-5.30

THIS COURSE WILL INCLUDE AN EXPLORATION OF FAST FASHION ON CLIMATE CHANGE AND ITS IMPACT ON CULTURE VIA THE MEDIUM OF MOVEMENT.

For more information, or to enrol please contact ally2.hunter@northumbria.ac.uk







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://mysu.co.uk/>

Eliot Smith Dance is looking for dancers based in the North East over the age of 40 to participate in a community event in June and July. **No dance experience necessary.** If you are interested click [here](#) to find out how you can get involved.

Warm Spaces

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>

