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Core Building Opening Times

Monday to Friday 9am - 7pm
Saturday & Sunday 10am-5pm

Summer Opening 2 July - 20 August

Core Building Opening Times

Monday to Sunday 10am - 5pm

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Cover image by Paola McClure

Exhibition 'Sparkle and Spin'

30 June to 26 August

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Welcome to Howden Park Centre in Livingston, West Lothian's most exciting venue for live music, dance, theatre and more including exhibitions, classes, conferences, community events and dining.

Hire Howden Park Centre

With a range of different spaces available for hire, Howden Park Centre is the ideal choice for business. From the stunning glass walled meeting room to the plush red auditorium with stage and seating for 290. The building is a central Scotland venue for conferences, training, seminars, workshops and more. It is also a stunning venue for private hire for parties, weddings, anniversaries and other community events. Hire a single space or the whole building.

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COMEDY SNEAK PEAK

2012 Fringe Previews - 2 full shows per night!

PLEASE NOTE:

- New material is being worked up on these nights - the shows may not be slick, they won't be finished, but they sure will be funny!
- Contains some adult humour & some rude (but hilarious) jokes. Suitable for 16+

Daniel Sloss

Comedy's internationally acclaimed and award-winning half-man-half-Xbox previews his new fringe show. Having made his stand-up debut at the age of 16 Daniel has in five short years gathered an impressive CV including appearances on Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, 8 Out Of 10 Cats and The Paul O'Grady Show.

“ Hysterical...A stunning show of observational humour ”
Sunday Express



Kai Humphries

Strap yourself in for infectious enthusiasm and high-octane delivery from this loveable Geordie. Kai's surreal, upbeat material has seen him rapidly shoot up the professional comedy ranks.

“ ...catch an emerging superstar early -
grab the chance while you can ” *** One4Review

Mark Nelson

Pure, powerhouse new stand-up show from Scotland's fastest and most exciting rising comedy star and winner of 2006's 'Scottish Comedian of the Year Award'.

“ Mark Nelson is the kind of comic I could listen to all night... Clever and funny.... Lovely, funny, relaxed Scottish funniness for all. ”
The Scotsman



● Thursday 28 June - Daniel Sloss + Kai Humphries, 7.30pm. Tickets: £7.50

● Friday 29 June - Kai Humphries + Mark Nelson, 7.30pm. Tickets: £7.50

● Saturday 30 June - Daniel Sloss + Mark Nelson, 7.30pm. Tickets: £11.50

● OFFERS * Early Bird - £1.50 off if booked by 15 May * 2 nights for £14

Please note: Line-up subject to change

HOMEGROWN

WEST LOTHIAN'S BEST UP AND COMING ACTS!

A Torn Mind

Based in West Lothian, A Torn Mind perform an eclectic blend of modern melodic progressive rock, with a focus firmly set on crafting powerful and forward-thinking contemporary music. The band combines the influence of acts such as The Mars Volta, Genesis and Pink Floyd, with an up-to-the-minute modern rock sound. Renowned for their energetic performances you can expect plenty of musical twists and turns in an exciting night of new music.

"Those seeking genuine new contenders in the field of progressive rock should be in raptures over A Torn Mind" *Mass Movement Magazine*

Friday 6 July, 7.30pm. Tickets: £8, £6.50 full-time student



Passing Through Peapod Productions

At the Dockers Social Club there's been a terrible mistake, the Motorhead tribute 'The Ace of Spades' is in fact Tommy the magician. A sharp exit leaves Tommy nursing a pint and a bruised ego in the pub down the road when Alice stomps in from the rain. What neither of them know is that magic might just be around the corner. A new romantic comedy by Alistair Rutherford (BBC Radio 4, BBC Radio Scotland).

"Sure to put a smile on the face of all but the hardest-hearted" *The Herald*

Age: 14+ Saturday 7 July, 8pm. Tickets: £10, £8 concession, £6.50 full-time students. Performed cabaret style in the Firefly Studio Theatre.



Amy Hawthorn

STV recently describing Amy's vocals as "smouldering" and "fantastic", her growing reputation and following mean this is a performance not to be missed. Amy and her band will be bringing songs of passion, joy and pain with numbers from the greats such as Etta James, Ella Fitzgerald and Nina Simone to the modern sounds of Amy Winehouse and Norah Jones. Livingston lass Amy has spent the last year in Dubai singing and writing new material, this concert is sure to be a warm welcoming night for everyone.

Saturday 18 August, 7.30pm. Tickets: £10 or £8 concession



Kidnapped

Cumbernauld Theatre Company

An exciting production capturing the true spirit of Robert Louis Stevenson's Scottish swashbuckler.

Forged from the fury of the Jacobite rebellion, Stevenson's classic novel Kidnapped recounts the captivating story of young Davie Balfour and his astonishing personal journey across the lochs and glens of old Scotland as he fights to right the wrongs done to him by his scheming Uncle Ebenezer of the House of Shaws.

Cumbernauld Theatre builds upon their growing reputation as an exciting force in Scottish theatre with sensational flair.



> Age: 7+ Thursday 17 May, 7.30pm. Tickets: £12, £10 concession, £6.50 full-time students, £5 West Lothian school groups

Funnybones

The Puppet Lab

Meet three skeletons, Big, Little and Dog as they go adventuring to find fun, frights and friendship. Spooky houses, dancing clocks, dinosaurs and skeleton pets all make an appearance as well as that darned Black Cat. The Puppet Lab has been inspired by the popular books of Janet and Allan Ahlberg, to find the funny side of bones.

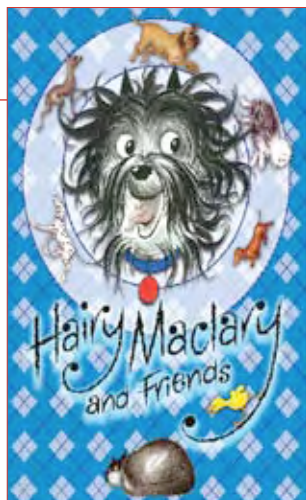
A visual feast full of music and song, leading us through the crazy days of these delightful skeletons. Age: 3-7 year olds and their families.



> Thursday 31 May, 1.30pm. Tickets: £6, £5 concession, £5 West Lothian schools groups

● Hairy Maclary

“Out of the gate and off for a walk, went Hairy Maclary from Donaldson’s Dairy.” Lynley Dodd’s immortal words leap off the page and onto the stage. After last year’s sell-out performances at Howden Park Centre, Hairy Maclary and his friends return. The stage version brings to life many of the characters from the books including Hercules Morse as big as a Horse, Bottomley Potts covered in spots and Schnitzel von Krumm with the very low tum. With music, singing and many favourite Hairy Maclary stories, this show is a must for the whole family.



“ This is old-school children’s theatre in all the right ways. ” **** *THE LIST*

“ ...when, after 55 minutes, the show came to an end, one little girl behind me just burst into tears, wailing that she didn’t want it to end at all. ” *THE SCOTSMAN*

> Friday 6 and Saturday 7 July, 11am and 2pm. Tickets: £7, £6 concession

● The Singing Kettle - Shake Rattle and Roll

Join the Band! Make your own shaker or bring along a musical instrument and play along with this brand new sing-along extravaganza. Bursting at the seams with energy, you will Shake, Rattle and Roll out the rhythm of this non-stop, all action show.

Based in a musical garden full of funky looking plants and lots of surprises, Cilla, Artie, Gary and Kevin bring the sounds of the garden to life as they search for hidden kettles. Jock and Jeremy, the Singing Chefs, will be cooking up a special treat while Bonzo the Dog will be up to mischief in the garden!

With loads of audience participation and favourite songs like ‘Homemade Band’, ‘Green Grass Grew’ and ‘Quartermasters Store’, it’s rip-roaring fun for both kids and adults alike.



“ ...a delight for kids, parents and grandparents alike. The laughter, singing and inter-action is contagious. ” *Edinburgh Evening News*

> Friday 3 August, 2pm

> Saturday 4 August, 11am and 2pm

> Sunday 5 August, 12noon and 3pm

> All tickets: £12.50, £46 Family Saver (4 seats min 1 adult), £10 groups 10+ (plus 1 free with 10), £14.50 Adult & Babe (Babe in arms under 12months)

● Dancing Queen

Back by popular demand following two sold-out performances at Howden Park Centre. Relive the magic of ABBA with the UK's number one ABBA tribute show.

Featuring some of the UK's finest musicians, dancers and vocalists. If you're looking for an excuse to party, reminisce or simply be entertained by some of the best music ever written, then Dancing Queen is the show for you.

Dust down your platforms, put on your flares and sing along with all of your favourites including: 'Waterloo', 'Mamma Mia', 'Thank You For The Music', 'Gimme! Gimme! Gimme!' and many more.



> Saturday 5 May, 7.30pm. Tickets: £15 or £13 concession

● Roddy Woomble

It's best to ask what Roddy Woomble hasn't done musically. Following the huge success of Idlewild, he has recorded solo material and worked with, Karine Polwart, John McCusker and Midge Ure to name but a few. His live performances are legendary - a blend of the best of Scottish traditional and rock music, always with the song at its heart.

Roddy's new album, 'The Impossible Song and Other Songs' was recorded on the isle of Mull and released to critical acclaim...



“ A moving and quietly joyous collection of pieces weaving together strands of folk, jazz and country. ” *The Guardian*

“ This is a distinctly lovely affair ” *NME*

> Saturday 19 May, 7.30pm. Tickets: £13 or £11 concession

08 | Pre-theatre dining available from The Bistro 5 - 8pm

box office: 01506 777666

◆ Festival of Brass

in association with the Scottish Brass Band Association

An annual celebration of the best of brass that features six of Scotland's top brass bands in competition. This contest provides entertainment and musicianship of the highest quality with all the excitement that the competition brings. It is firmly established as one of the highlights in the national brass band calendar. This year's festival will be a one day event.

Competing bands: Lochgelly Band, Kirkintilloch, Bo'ness & Carriden, Kingdom Brass, Co-operative Funeralcare, Exchange Communications Whitburn.



➤ Sunday 10 June, 2 - 8.30pm. Tickets: £11, £9 concession, £6.50 full-time student

◆ Legends of Folk

The best of Irish and Scottish folk music from 'The Dublin City Ramblers' and 'Watt Nicoll'.

The Dublin City Ramblers - touring as a trio for over 20 years, with 8 gold records under their belt, they have recently been awarded the '2012 Irish Ballad Folk Group of the Year' by the Irish Country Music Association and the Sunday World newspaper, Ireland's largest publication.

Watt Nicoll - Transatlantic Records have named Watt Nicoll one of the great Scots along with Billy Connolly, Hamish Imlach and Gerry Rafferty.



➤ Sunday 17 June, 7.30pm. Tickets: £15 or £13 concession

◆ Absolute Elvis starring Johnny Lee Memphis

Johnny's incredible vocal range, stage presence and likeness to the king earned him the title of World Champion at the Elvis World Cup in 2010. He consistently amazes audiences with the attention to detail in his performances.

This energetic Vegas style show has over 2 hours of Elvis greats performed by Johnny and his band, featuring The Graceland Horns and the Memphis Belles singers.



“ If you have the opportunity to see Johnny perform, don't miss it, he is doing Elvis proud.”
Charles Stone, former tour manager to Elvis Presley.

➤ Saturday 14 July, 7.30pm. Tickets: £15 or £13 concession

Pre-theatre dining available from The Bistro 5 - 8pm

box office: 01506 777666 09

Jazz on a Sunday afternoon

Listen to the best of jazz in good company in an intimate cabaret style setting. Why not treat yourself to a first class lunch or brunch beforehand in the bistro.

An Afternoon with Nigel Clark

One of the UK's most gifted and in-demand guitarists, Nigel has established himself through leading his own groups and working with a variety of artists like Hue & Cry, Koshka, the Scottish Guitar Quartet and most recently singer Carol Kidd. His recently released first solo album 'Under The Stars' has met with much critical acclaim, incorporating flamenco, jazz standards, Latin and gypsy music with laid-back, acoustic interpretations of Carlos Santana's Samba Pa Ti.



“ Jazz Solo Album of the year’ Jazz Waves ” *Tay AM*

> Sunday 27 May, 2pm. Tickets: £9, £7 concession

Becc Sanderson's PassionFlower

An exquisite selection of original songs and re-workings with a floral theme, Becc Sanderson and friends are here to soothe with guitar, voice, and trombone.



“ Covering a range of musical genres, including Elvis Costello, The White Stripes, and Radiohead the trio is surprisingly diverse.” “... PassionFlower may have started with imitation but it truly is a unique piece of work ” **** *Three Weeks Edinburgh*

> Sunday 24 June, 2pm. Tickets: £9, £7 concession

PARTIES WITH A DIFFERENCE

Creative parties for children and fun parties for Hens.
Each party costs £125 for 2 hours of fun. Max 20 children or 25 adults.

Children

During the first hour the kids can enjoy a dance party learning funky dance routines or an imaginative arty party with an arts and crafts expert. The second hour is available for you to party, eat cake, even provide more entertainment. We can supply a range of buffet food to meet your budget and satisfy the kids. (Prices from £3.50 per head)

Dance Party

Any style of dance including breakdancing, street dance, salsa and Broadway musical numbers.

Age: 5-15

Arts & Craft Party

Create masks, puppets, Kites 2d costumes and more.

Age: 5-12

Adults

Adult Hen Nights:

Enjoy a fun-filled session with a professional female dance teacher to learn fun, easy routines from Chicago and other popular musicals.

Finish off your party in style at our bar with tapas and cocktails or we have a range of hot and cold buffets and drinks to refuel your guests and suit your budget.

For more information and to check on availability please telephone Howden Park Centre, Livingston on 01506 773853 or email venuehire@westlothian.gov.uk

dance

● Tea Dances

Dance to great music at the popular monthly tea dance. Enjoy a full, entertaining afternoon with friends old and new. In association with West Lothian Leisure & Ageing Well supported by West Lothian On The Move and Creative Scotland.

➤ **Fridays, 18 May, 15 June, 13 July, 17 August, 14 September. 1.30 - 4pm.**
Tickets: £3.50, including tea, coffee and biscuits

Youth Dance Showcase

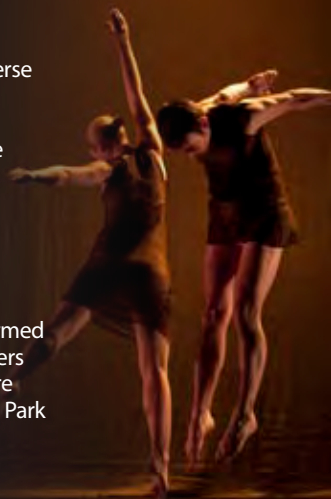
Taking place over two days, these three performances will present the diverse and exciting mix of girls and boys youth dance work going on all across West Lothian. This will include the curriculum dance work at Bathgate and Inveralmond Community High School and all the community youth dance companies from Howden Park Centre, Linlithgow and Livingston Xcite.

➤ **Sunday 1 July 7.30pm and Monday 2 July 2pm and 6pm**
Tickets: £6 or £4 concession

PROJECT Y 2012 YDance

An inspiring evening of new dance works created especially for and performed by the talented dancers of the 2012 Project Y Company. The choreographers for this year's programme are Anna Kenrick, Kerry Nicholls, Natasha Gilmore and Thomas Small. Students from the Foundation course held at Howden Park Centre (13-18 August) will also perform with the opening piece.

➤ **Wednesday 8 August, 7.30pm. Tickets: £7 or £5 concession**



community

● Toccata in Concert

Toccata Ladies Choir

Livingston's award winning Toccata Ladies Choir have been delighting audiences at Howden Park Centre for over thirty years. This year they return with a new look, ideas and the same high standards of performance. Their programme covers a wide range of music and styles from musicals to madrigals, classical to pop, Bach to Beatles, skittish to Scottish. This year features a barbershop ensemble from the choir and quite a few other surprises.

➤ **Friday 11 & Saturday 12 May, 7.30pm. Tickets: £10**

● Me and My Girl

The Livingston Players

The "Happy Ever After" musical. This foot-tapping joyous celebration of love and life features popular songs such as 'Leaning On A Lampost', 'The Sun Has Got His Hat On', 'Me and My Girl' and the show stopping 'Lambeth Walk'. A fun evening for all the family.

➤ **Tuesday 22 to Saturday 26 May, 7.30pm. Tickets: £12, (£10 concession Tuesday only)**

● The Scottish Starlets 2nd Annual Display

Local competition dance group 'The Scottish Starlets' celebrate their achievements of 2011/12 with a display of cheerleading, hip hop and freestyle.

➤ **Sunday 3 June, 2pm. Tickets: £7 or £4 concession**

● J. M. Barrie - Peter Pan Man

Theatre Broad

Three one-act plays to celebrate the man and writing of J.M. Barrie. Two written by Barrie; 'Seven Women' - a light-hearted love story. And 'The Twelve Pound Look' - takes an early look at female independence. 'M'Connachie and J.M.B' is about the man and written by Anne Stenhouse. Who is M'Connachie? M'Connachie is not a real person. He's Barrie's alter-ego. A ghost. A scapegoat. And responsible for writing all the plays!

➤ **Age: 12+ Tuesday 5 June, 7.30pm. tickets: £10 or £8 concession**

● Tick - Tock

Janice Anne Wilson School of Dancing

A musical dance extravaganza from current pupils learning; street dance, freestyle, tap, ballet, modern dance, cheerleading, majorette and jazz. Pupils appearing range from 2 years to adult and train throughout Livingston.

➤ **Friday 8 and Saturday 9 June, 7pm. Tickets: £12 adults, £10 children**

● Brian Kellock with the Nova Scotia Jazz Band

The award winning piano powerhouse that is Brian Kellock returns accompanied by the hugely popular Nova Scotia Jazz Band. Brian is a world renowned musician who is proud to have played and recorded with some of the very finest names in jazz including Carol Kidd, Liane Carroll and Tam White to name but a few. The Nova Scotia Jazz Band are firmly rooted in the tradition of the swinging Dixieland bands and feature the world class cornet of Mike Daly and the banjo wizardry of Duncan Findlay.

➤ **Thursday 14 June, 8pm. Tickets: £12 or £10 concession**

● The Magical Garden

Edinburgh Ballet

In the "Magical Garden" does a daydream become reality, or is reality all in our imagination? The students aged 2-15 years, bring to life the birds, insects and other creatures that live in this special garden, through a variety of ballet, modern and jazz dances.

➤ **Saturday 23 June, 1.30pm & 5pm. Tickets: £12, £8 children under 12**

● Evening of Clairvoyance, with Psychic Medium Tony Stockwell

For those with an interest in mediumship, the name of Tony Stockwell will certainly need no introduction. Tony has had his own TV series 'Tony Stockwell- Psychic Detective' on Living TV and has worked tirelessly for over 20 years to bring forward messages of love from the grave. Tony has a special gift. He can communicate with spirits, decipher their messages and share them with those who have lost people dear to them.

➤ **Monday 9 July, 7.30pm. Tickets: £15, £12 concession**

● Summer Academies Concert

YAP Music

Young musicians from West Lothian Youth Action Project's summer academies perform.

➤ **Friday 13 July, 7.30pm. Tickets: £3 (Venue: Space 3)**

● Dil Se - Fundraising show for St. Philips Parish Church

Bollywood meets Scotland in this spectacular show celebrating Livingston's 50th anniversary, brought to you by Livingston's Indians of St Alphonsa. Scottish pipers and Highland dancers feature in a diverse line-up of nearly 50 dancers and musicians from 7 different dance groups or bands. Dil Se - from the heart.

➤ **Saturday 28 July, 7pm. Tickets: £12, £10 concession, £6 children**

● Alba Brass

Alba Brass is an exciting brass quintet from Glasgow who add their own original style to traditional brass music. In this concert they will play a wide range of brass classics, jazz, tango and traditional songs, plus new commissions by acclaimed musicians Martin Green (LAU) and Ryan Quigley. Alongside their collective work in Alba Brass, the individual musicians have also performed with the BBC Scottish, Royal Scottish, Scottish Chamber and Scottish Ballet Orchestras.

➤ **Sunday 26 August, 2pm. Tickets: £10 or £7 concession**

🕒 off stage

● Acoustic Open Nights hosted by Tom Clelland

A 'turn up and play' event with all styles of music welcome. Come along and join in or sit back, relax and listen. There is no PA provided. Bar and snacks available.



➤ **Mondays: 7.30pm - 10pm, 21 May, 18 June and 20 August 2012. Free Entry**

● Restoring Burns

A Public Art Seminar by Graciela Ainsworth

Join us for an illustrated talk about the restoration and conservation of sculpture. You will also get an insider's guide to the recent restoration of the Highland Mary and Robert Burns statue, which is now happily installed in the back garden of the New Bathgate Partnership Centre.



➤ **Age: 14+ Thursday 31 May, 7 - 8.30pm. Tickets: Free, booking essential**

● West Lothian Write!

Ellie Stewart

An evening of poetry, reading and story telling by West Lothian writers. If you intend reading your work, entry is free. Please prepare a piece (six minutes or less) and inform the Box Office when you book that you would like to perform. This is a very popular event and reading places are limited. Please book in advance to be guaranteed a performance slot.

Make the most of your evening, with a meal before the event in the bistro.

Bistro Reservations & Enquiries T: 01506 773880.

➤ **Friday 31 August, 7pm. Tickets: £3.50. Performers Free**

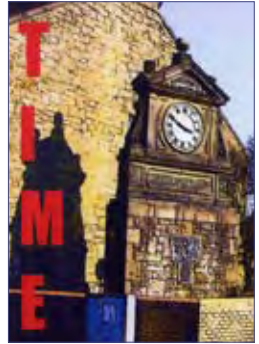
● Livingston Art Association

A popular annual show from Howden Park Centre's resident group, Livingston Art Association. To celebrate Livingston's 50th Anniversary the Association will exhibit their first themed show - 'Time'.

A diverse range of artwork will be on display, pieces will be available to buy at an affordable price. A member of the LAA will be in the gallery during the exhibition for informal chats about the work and to answer any questions you may have about joining the group.

Livingston Art Association Drop In - Age: 14+ Saturday 26 May, 10am – 4pm

Drop by the art studio next to the gallery and find out more about the Association, the current exhibition and the skills and techniques they use in their work.



➤ Saturday 26 May to Sunday 24 June

● Sparkle and Spin

Paola McClure

Strange alien creatures and voluptuous female figures will make the gallery their home this summer.

Paola McClure's sense of fun is clear as she uses second-hand clothing and vintage fabrics full of vibrant colours and patterns to create figures bursting full of personality and individualism.



➤ Saturday 30 June to Sunday 26 August

Call for Entries – 'Folktales and Fables' exhibition

West Lothian artists producing paintings, photographs or any other two-dimensional art are invited to submit work for the second open exhibition at Howden Park Centre.

Working to the theme 'Folktales and Fables' take inspiration from the characters, culture, stories, ideas and illustrations found in folktales. An independent judging panel will choose the most original and contemporary artwork to display in a group exhibition in Spring 2013.

If you are 16+ and live in West Lothian you can submit up to 2 original works.

➤ **Deadline: Monday 8 October 2012 (Drop off between 4 - 6pm)**

Full information about submitting work is available online at - www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk, or in person from Howden Park Centre box office or by telephoning : 01506 773858



● Printmaking and Public Art Walk

Linda Lincoln

Join this interactive public art tour, where you will take an easy stroll amongst 10 of Livingston's local public art works. The morning session will be a 2 hour guided tour where you will find out about the artist and the history of each piece.

The afternoon session you will use the impressions, ideas, patterns, sketches or photos of the artworks themselves as inspiration for creating your own collograph textile print. Use mixed media in the studio to create your own unique work of art inspired by the local public art that surrounds you.



> Age: 14+ Saturday 9 June, 10am-5pm. Ticket: £25 or £23 concession. Please wear appropriate walking shoes and weatherproof clothing. Bring a bottle of drinking water if desired.

● Silk Painting

Tessa Dunlop

Try your hand at silk painting, explore how to manipulate colour and use composition in this fun class. Suitable for beginners to more advanced.



> Age: 14+ Saturday 23 June, 10am – 4pm. Tickets: £38 or £35 concession

● Up-Cycling

Antonia Palmer

Breathe life back into old materials by making a beautiful handmade 'Art Doll' from them. Use clothes, fabric scraps, jewellery and other objects that you'd have normally discarded. Bring materials from home or use those provided.



> Age: 16+ Saturday 14 July, 10am – 4pm. Tickets: £30 or £27 concession

● Waste Not Want Not

Use fabric scraps and remnants to create a small cushion or doorstop. Bring along photographs or images to personalise your fabric using transfer techniques. Embellish with buttons, threads and beads.



> Age: 16+ Saturday 4 August, 10am – 4pm. Ticket: £40 or £37 concession

Adult Dance Classes:

Term week beginning 23 April to 25 June (10 weeks). Term ticket: £40, £36 concession.

Age: 14+ Classes may be cancelled if less than 8 people book.



- **Level 1: Complete beginners, no experience**
- **Level 2: At least one or two terms experience**
- **Level 3: At least one year of experience**

● Pilates - Level 2

The use of Pilates techniques is especially good to correct postural problems and reduce the risk of back problems or injuries. This slow paced class uses small movements to increase abdominal and back muscle strength and flexibility. All Hanson Pilates instructors are trained to the national standard.

➤ **Mondays 23 April to 25 June, 6.15 – 7.15pm. Please bring your own exercise mat.**

● Tap Dancing - Level 3

Focusing on more complex and demanding steps and rhythms you will work on a fun routine which will build each week.

➤ **Mondays 23 April to 25 June, 7.30 - 8.30pm**

● Ballet - Level 1 - 2

A soft, gentle and beautifully elegant style. For all those people who either did Ballet a long time ago or never had the chance to try it...now is your time!

➤ **Mondays 23 April to 25 June, 8.30 - 9.30pm**

● Strictly Come Dancing - Level 1

If you've enjoyed watching the stars from TV learn the waltz, cha cha, quick step and tango and think you would like a go...then this is your chance. This class will take you through the basic in a fun and relaxed manner.

➤ **Tuesdays 24 April to 26 June, 7 – 8pm**

● Strictly Come Dancing - Level 2

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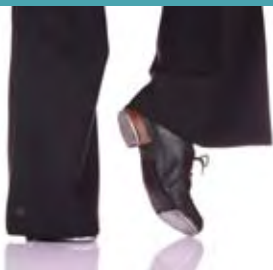
If you've already participated in a term of this class and you want to develop your skills further, then this class is for you! Covering the same styles as the beginners class these sessions will look at longer sequences and additional steps in a fun enjoyable manner.

➤ **Tuesdays 24 April to 26 June, 8 – 9pm**

● Tai Chi - Level 1 - 3

Gentle movement for your body and mind. Slow gentle movements that gently aid mobility and suppleness. The exercises can be adapted for those with physical limitations. Beginners welcome.

➤ **Wednesdays 25 April to 27 June, 10 - 11am. Tickets: £4 or £3.50 concession**



● Street Dance – Level 1 - 2

Come along to our adult street dance class, which is focused on having fun while learning easy to follow street and hip-hop steps. If you want to learn to dance like the stars on MTV, or just get fit in a funky way then come and try it out!

➤ **Wednesdays 25 April to 27 June, 6 - 7pm**

● Tap Dancing – Level 1

For those people who have never tapped before or haven't for a very long time. It will introduce basic steps and simple rhythms.

➤ **Wednesdays 25 April to 27 June, 7 - 8pm**

● Tap Dancing – Level 2

Introducing a few complex steps and rhythms and working on a fun routine which will build each week.

➤ **Wednesdays 25 April to 27 June, 8 - 9pm**

● Generation Dance – Level 1 - 3

A partnership with Generation Arts Association

This is a fun and relaxed creative movement and dance session suitable for men and women aged over 60 of all abilities. Take part seated or standing, be creative, improve general fitness and socialise. You can also join in tea dances and intergenerational projects throughout the year.

➤ **Thursdays 26 April to 28 June, 11.30am – 12.30pm. Tickets: Free.**

● Restorative Yoga – Level 1

Renew and rejuvenate your body and nervous system by learning gentle stretching and simple breathing techniques. Restorative yoga postures will slowly improve flexibility and strength, balance the body and bring its response systems back into equilibrium.

➤ **Thursdays 26 April to 28 June, 6 - 7pm. Please bring your own yoga mat.**

● Dynamic Yoga – Level 2 - 3

Energetic movements and postures improve stamina, flexibility and strength. This form of yoga will help you work up a sweat and keep you in shape.

➤ **Thursdays 26 April to 28 June, 7.15 – 8.15pm. Please bring your own yoga mat.**

◉ childrens dance classes

These companies are open to young people with an interest in creating new dances, using different dance styles and performing at the Youth Dance Showcase twice a year.



● D Force Howden

Just for boys. Learn to break dance and learn choreography. The group will be led by an experienced male dance teacher.

> Mondays 23 April to 25 June, Age: 5 - 8, 4 - 5pm. Age: 9 - 16, 5 - 6pm
Term ticket: £27 (includes 1 free class). Pay on the day tickets: £3 subject to availability

● Bounce Dance Company

> Age: 8 - 12. Tuesdays 24 April to 26 June, 4.30 - 5.30pm
Term ticket: £27 (includes 1 free class). Pay on the day tickets: £3 subject to availability

● Rush Dance Company

> Age: 13 - 18. Tuesdays 24 April to 26 June, 5.30 - 7pm
Term ticket: £31.50 (includes 1 free class). Pay on the day tickets: £3.50 subject to availability

◉ Childrens art classes

● After school art

Use a variety of media and techniques to explore the arts. Develop your creative skills in a fun and practical class, learn to paint like the masters, illustrate a story or go mad with mixed media.

> Age: 7 - 12, Wednesdays, 5.30 - 7pm. Term One - 2 May to 20 June. Term Two - 22 August to 10 October. Term ticket: £36 includes all materials.



Enriching Young Lives

Firefly offer theatre skills, film and drama activity for children and young people aged 5 to 25 years. We aim to deliver quality and equitable arts activity that builds confidence, aspiration, social and creative skills.

Monday

- Livingston Explorers (P1-P3) 3.45 - 4.45pm
- Livingston Juniors (P4 - P7) 4.45 - 6.15pm
- Firefly Collective (16+ with additional support needs) 6.15 - 7.45pm.

Tuesday

- Firefly Theatre Lab (S3+) 5 - 7pm

Wednesday

- Livingston Intermediates (S1-S2) 4.30 - 6.30pm

Thursday

- Livingston Seniors (S3+) 4.30 - 6.30pm

For information and booking call: 08447 744496

or email: admin@firefly-arts.co.uk

www.firefly-arts.co.uk

Firefly's Autumn programme will re-start on Monday 3 September

● Creative Learning Network

The Community Arts team have secured funding from Creative Scotland for a second year to develop their Creative Learning Network. The network aims to champion the arts, culture and creativity, in schools and communities within the overarching context of Curriculum for Excellence and for the long term benefit to children and young people. Training and networking sessions are open to teachers, youth and community workers.

➤ **For more information on the network programme please contact Fiona Macfarlane, Cultural Co-ordinator, Tel: 01506 773873 or email: fiona.macfarlane2@westlothian.gov.uk**

● Backstage Tours

See the parts of the new Howden Park Centre theatre that audiences never see. Get behind the stage, get a birds-eye view of the stage from high in the control box, find out what stage managers do and how lighting cues create atmosphere. This tour will give pupils the chance to learn about the technical elements of a working theatre. Suitable for pupils studying or youth groups with an interest in drama.

➤ **Cost: £1 per pupil, teachers free (min. 15 pupils, max 30 in a group). For more information please contact Fiona Macfarlane, Cultural Co-ordinator, Tel: 01506 773873 or email: fiona.macfarlane2@westlothian.gov.uk**

● Art Exhibition Tours

Schools are invited to apply for a guided tour of the exhibitions in Howden Park Centre. Places are limited and must be booked in advance.

➤ **Cost: West Lothian school pupils £1, accompanying teachers free. For more information or to book contact Nancy Douglas on 01506 773875 or nancy.douglas@westlothian.gov.uk**

Arts training

Open to teachers, community leaders and artists. Each training session costs £25. For more information about any of these CPD opportunities or to book contact box office: 01506 777666 or email: arts@westlothian.gov.uk

● Dance for special needs groups

This training is specifically for teachers and support workers who work with children and young people who have learning or physical disabilities. It will focus on creative movement tasks, creativity and freedom of expression and ideas on how to motivate people to move and dance.

➤ **Friday 27 April, 1.30 – 3.30pm**

● Public Art Walk and Talk

This walking tour of some of the accessible Livingston public art works will be your chance to learn more about the history of 5 Livingston sculptures. You will then be able to lead your own culture walk with students, friends or family.

➤ **Wednesday 23 May, 6.30 – 8pm. Please bring rain gear and sturdy walking shoes.**

● Arts for Summer


A chance to gather ideas in various arts & crafts, drama, dance and games for use with young children aged 5 to 12 years for the summer.


➤ **Tuesday 12 June, 6.30pm – 8.30pm**


summer arts

GLEE week

Children will work with three professional tutors in dance, singing and drama, learning sections from different musicals and contemporary songs. Participants will perform for family and friends at the end of the week.

 **Age: 5 - 7, Monday 9 to Friday 13 July**
9am - 12.30pm or 1.30 - 5pm. Tickets: £45

 **Full Day Mash Up** – enjoy a full day of activities when combined with 'Creative Crafts'. Tickets: £80.
(supervision provided over lunch time)

 **Age: 8 - 12, Monday 16 to Friday 20 July**
10am - 4pm. Tickets: £80
Advantageous for participants to have experience in at least one art form or have attended Glee before.



Project Y - Foundation Course

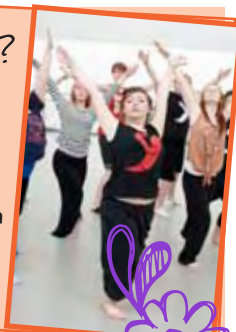
This course is provided by YDance- the National Youth Dance Agency for Scotland. Aimed at aspiring young dancers who want to improve their technique, it includes a daily contemporary dance class and choreography workshops led by specialists. Participants will also be involved in creating an inspiring new dance work with the chance to perform it at the Project Y performance at Howden Park Centre on Wednesday 8 August, (see page 12 for more info).

Cost: £100 - You may be eligible for a grant or bursary to help cover the course fees and/or related expenses. For more information please contact YDance 0141 552 7712

How Do I Apply?

Complete and return an application form including a passport photo/head shot. Forms are available online at www.ydance.org or by calling 0141 552 7712 or from Howden Park Centre's box office

Age: 13 - 18 Monday 23 to Friday 27 July, 10 - 4pm





Creative Crafts

Use your imagination and be expressive with paints, inks, printing and general craft techniques in this week of activities. Make and build your own pieces of art and crafts to take home.



Age: 5 - 7, Monday 9 to Friday 13 July.

Three options to choose from:

★ **Half Day: 9am – 12.30pm or 1.30 – 5pm, 1.30 – 5pm. Tickets: £45**

★ **Full Day: 9am – 5pm. Tickets: £80**

★ **Full Day Mash Up: enjoy a full day of activities when combined with 'GLEE week'.** [supervision provided over lunch time]. **Tickets: £80**



Age: 8 - 12, Monday 23 to Friday 27 July.

Full Day: 9.30am – 4.30pm. Tickets: £80



Felt, Faces and Fun

A fun week of creativity, make lots of things to use, wear or display. Use a wide variety of materials, developing your skills with a professional artist.



Age: 8 to 12, Monday 30 to Friday 3 August, 9.30am – 4.30pm. Tickets: £80

FIREFLY

• **Summer Play-In-A-Week (8 - 12 Year Olds)**

Devise, rehearse and perform a whole play in just 1 week!

Monday 6 to Friday 10 August, 10am - 4pm

• **Firefly Film'sCool (12+)**

Technical and creative film, media and production skills.

Mon 23 - Fri 27 July, 10am - 4pm.

• **Blu'scool (12+)**

Song-writing & recording project [no music experience necessary]

Monday 30 July - Friday 3 August, 10-4pm

For information and booking call: 08447

744496 or email: admin@firefly-arts.co.uk

www.firefly-arts.co.uk



Weekends are to enjoy. So whether you're taking in an exhibition, walking in the park or just visiting us for mouthwatering food, take it easy and join us for brunch. Choose from pancakes, all-day breakfast, filled morning rolls, waffles, scrambled eggs and much more. Served from 10am-4pm.

If you're feeling like something special then our brunch sandwiches are stuffed full of tasty combinations. With six delicious options to choose from, including; crispy smoked bacon with fried egg, rocket and creamy Parmesan mayo, all served on a seeded wholegrain roll with fries.

Don't forget Father's Day - Sunday 17 June.

LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW DAILY SPECIALS BOARD, BRINGING EXCITING SEASONAL OFFERINGS.

All new menus are available www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk

from the Bar

Enjoy a wide selection of drinks, coffee, cakes, sandwiches and more from our well stocked bar.
Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat & Sun 10am-5pm,
performance nights - until late.



Pre-theatre dining

Timeless favourites and exciting seasonal specials. Performance nights 5-8pm, make sure to book early.



- Monday to Friday - Breakfast: 10am - 3pm, Lunch: 12noon-3pm
- Saturday & Sunday - Weekend Brunch: 10am - 4pm
- Performance Nights - Dinner: 5 - 8pm (Booking Essential)
- Reservations & Enquiries T: 01506 773880 E: bistro@westlothian.gov.uk



Howden Park Centre, Livingston, West Lothian, EH54 6AE

Booking: 01506 777666

By telephone or in person.

9am - 7pm (Mon - Fri), 10am - 5pm (Sat and Sun).

Summer opening 2 July to 20 August, 10am - 5pm.

Book Online: www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk

Tickets will be subject to an online booking fee.

Group reservations and booking:

Tickets can be reserved by groups of 10+ only.

Group discounts are available on selected shows only, for more information contact the box office.

Concession tickets:

Available to senior citizens, children under 16, full time students, unwaged, those in receipt of income support, disabled people and their helpers. Proof of entitlement must be shown when collecting tickets.

Other Reductions:

Tickets for children's shows are all priced £6.

There is also a £6 student ticket for selected evening shows - these are highlighted under each applicable event and can be claimed by everyone in full time education. West Lothian School pupils attending in an organised group can claim a £5 ticket for each pupil and teacher. To find out if your group is eligible please contact box office.

Refund Policy

Tickets for performances or workshops cannot be exchanged or refunded unless the event is cancelled. If an event has sold out and we have a waiting list, we will try to find someone to buy your tickets if you let us know in advance that you cannot attend.

Late for the Show?

We regret that if you arrive late for some shows you may have to wait until a suitable break in the performance, occasionally until the interval, before you can take your seat.

Access all areas - Howden Park Centre's public areas are fully accessible for those with limited mobility. Facilities include ramps, a lift, adapted toilets and auditorium seating. Our staff are here to help and happy to do so, please let us know at the time of booking if you have access requirements. Assist dogs are welcome.



Interested in - news, event announcements & special offers?

Sign-up for our e-newsletter at: www.howdenparkcentre.co.uk

Also follow us on:

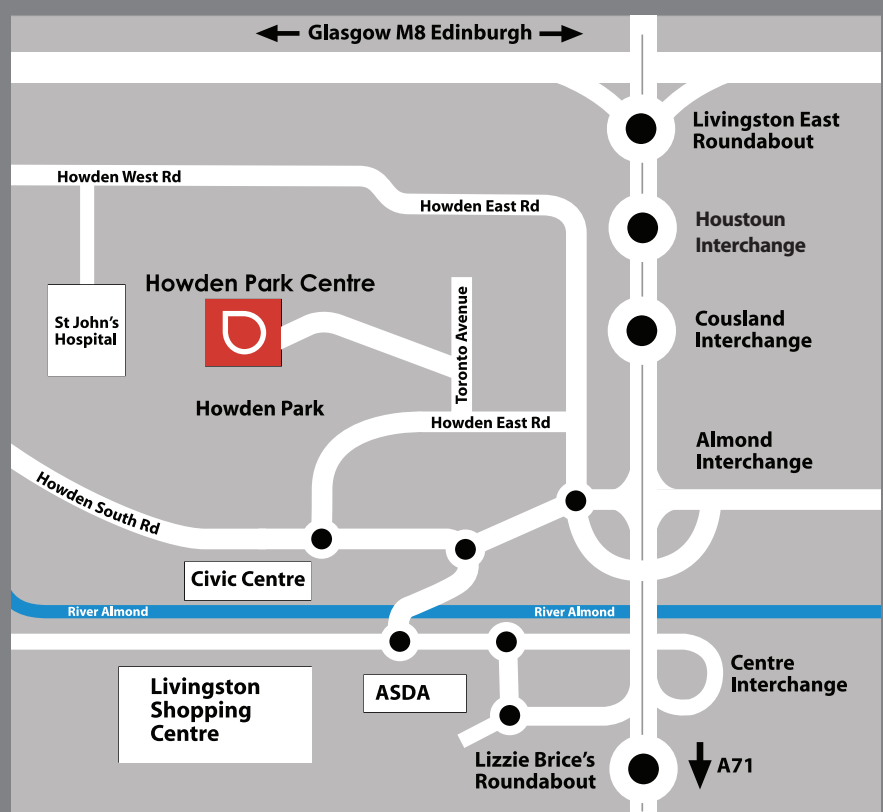
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Information is available in Braille, tape, Large print and community languages.

Please contact the Interpretation and Translation Service on **01506 775000**



On Foot

10 minute walk from Livingston Shopping Centre and bus terminal. Head along Almondvale Boulevard following the pedestrian signs for the Civic Centre. Walking past the entrance to the Civic Centre use the pedestrian crossing on Howden South Road, follow the path ahead through Howden Park to the Centre.

By Bus

Howden Park Centre is well served by buses. It is a 10 minute walk from the bus terminal at Livingston Shopping Centre. The closest bus stops are on Howden East and at the entrance to St John's Hospital, with both a 2 minute walk away. The First Bus services from Livingston terminal to St John's Hospital are: 6, 8, 8A, 12, 16, 27, 28

By Train

Edinburgh Waverley to Livingston North
Journey time: from 23 mins
Glasgow Central – Livingston South
Journey time: from 1hour 4mins
We suggest putting a Livingston taxi number in your mobile and telephoning from the train if you are arriving outside peak times.

By Car

Directions
HOWDEN PARK CENTRE, HOWDEN, LIVINGSTON
EH54 6AE

From Edinburgh: M8, come off at Livingston (j3). Slip road to dual carriageway (A899).

From Glasgow: M8, come off at Livingston (j3). 1st exit off roundabout onto the dual carriageway (A899)

Dual Carriageway to Howden Park Centre
A899 towards town centre exit Almondvale junction - exit marked Craigshill South (brown HPC tourist sign). At the bottom of the slip get into the right hand lane, take the 2nd exit from the roundabout. Left hand lane at the lights and follow the brown HPC sign. Through the roundabout to the next one (Civic Centre on your left) and take 3rd exit. Turn left at the next Howden Park Centre sign (into Toronto Avenue). Left into Howden Park. Follow the road to the end. You have arrived.

There is free parking.

