



## Welcome to February ACe-mail.

If we're completely honest, we're quite glad January is over now and we can start thinking about spring!

There's a lot happening at the moment - our arts learners are starting to prepare for the Inspirations festival by submitting their work for the exhibitions and we're doing lots of work with colleagues in other teams on events taking place in the city this summer.

If you'd like to find out more about what's happening in York, don't forget you can sign up for the free yortime newsletter which goes out every month.

**Happy Learning from all at ACES!**

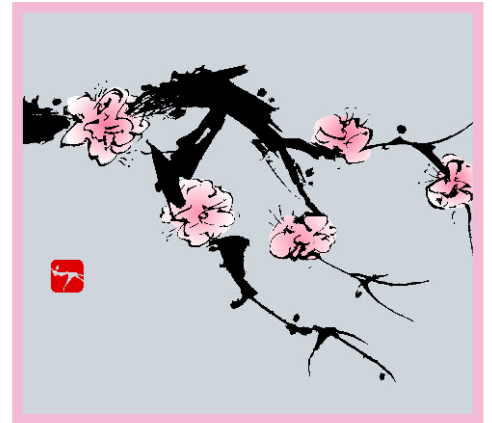
## Courses starting soon

If your course finishes soon and you're wondering what to try next, take a look at what's on offer in the [Learning4Life guide](#).

Whether you're into crafts, cookery or computing, we think there'll be a course that's appealing to you. You can download the guide to see all our courses, but why not consider.....

Chinese Brushpainting - starts Monday 22 February  
Crochet: develop an idea - on Saturday 27 February  
Photoshop Elements Beginners - starts Tuesday 23 February  
Cook Around the World - starts Tuesday 23 February

Once you're ready to book your place, call Future Prospects on 0800 834239.



## Get some Inspiration

All the final details are being confirmed for this year's [Inspirations Festival](#), taking place this year at the Merchant Adventurers' Hall on Fossgate.

We're expecting around 800 people to come along on Friday 5 & Saturday 6 March to see the exhibitions, join a workshop or take part in The Patch Project.

Around 300 pieces of art created by our learners will be on display, including paintings, drawings, photography, ceramics and textiles.

We're absolutely thrilled that nearly all the workshops have filled up already, but there are still a few places left, so if you'd like to try something new, download the [festival brochure](#) to see what's on when and give us a call.

If you'd like to get involved in The Patch Project, either as a group or on your own, drop us an email and we'll send you out a worksheet - you can also download it from our website or find out more about 'Patch' on page 2.



# the patch project

Our live project this year will bring people together from all over the city to create a beautiful and unique patchwork.

## How can I get involved?

Make a patch! Each patch needs to be 15cm x 15cm (please add a 2cm border so we can stitch them all together!) It doesn't matter if you've never done patchwork before as your square doesn't have to be 'traditional' - you can knit, paint onto fabric, embroider, print, appliqué.....the list is endless!

## When can I make a patch?

**Come and say hello during Inspirations.** Our quilting tutor will be on hand between 10am and midday on Friday & Saturday to advise and inspire. We'll provide all the materials you might need, but if you'd like to use particular colours or sparkly bits, you can bring your own too.

**Patch at home,** then send it in to our office or bring it along to the festival

**Patch with friends.** Get together and make some group patches

Why not [visit our blog](#) to see other people's patches, find out more about the festival and get inspiration for your own projects. You can also follow @InspirationYork on twitter.



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## Make the most of yortime!

Don't forget - if you'd like to find out for FREE what's on in York, you can sign up to [Yortime News](#).



This monthly e-newsletter will keep you up-to-date with all the events happening locally that we work on - such as festivals, family days, sporting events and summer fairs in our parks.

All you have to do is visit the yortime homepage and fill in your email address - you're one step away from making the most of yortime!



Crowds enjoying the Dragon Boat Race as part of Festival of the Rivers - taking place this year from 10 - 25 July

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