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## Arts Factsheet

**The Up for Arts Show** is a television programme which features community-based art across England. It showcases five inspiring stories and looks at excellence and innovation in dance, music, drama, visual arts and the written word.

Participating in arts activities can be enormously fulfilling. However, all too often it's difficult to know where to start. If you are interested in getting involved with any of the art forms featured in the programme, or you would like information on how to go about setting up your own arts organisation, take a look at some of the links below.

The links will direct you to umbrella organisations that will be able to help you find community groups in your area that match your interests. More information about community arts organisations near you can be found at your local library.

### *Organisations featured in the programme:*

#### Streetwise Opera

Streetwise Opera uses music as a tool to help people who have experienced homelessness move forward in their lives.

**Tel:** 020 7495 3133

**Email:** [admin@streetwiseopera.org](mailto:admin@streetwiseopera.org)

**Website:** <http://www.streetwiseopera.org>

#### Leeds Young Authors

Leeds Young Authors (LYA) is an approach to creative education to promote positive social dialogue through the written and spoken word among young people (ages 13-19), primarily in the City of Leeds.

**Address:** 22 Sholebroke View, Leeds, LS7 3HQ

**Tel:** 0113 368 4140

**Email:** [kibrahiim@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kibrahiim@yahoo.co.uk)

**Website:** [www.leedsyoungauthors.org.uk](http://www.leedsyoungauthors.org.uk)

#### Core Arts

Core Arts is a registered charity that exists to promote the artistic and creative abilities of people who experience severe and enduring mental health issues.

**Address:** 1 St Barnabas Terrace, Homerton, London E9 6DJ

**Tel:** 020 8533 3500  
**Email:** [mail@corearts.co.uk](mailto:mail@corearts.co.uk)  
**Website:** [www.corearts.co.uk](http://www.corearts.co.uk)

### Collective Encounters

Collective Encounters is a small professional arts organisation based in north Liverpool. It uses theatre as a tool for social change and makes new work for new audiences in new spaces

**Address:** 3 Hopkins Hall, Cornerstone Building, Haigh Street, Liverpool, L3 8QB  
**Tel:** 0151 291 3887  
**Email:** [info@collective-encounters.org.uk](mailto:info@collective-encounters.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.collective-encounters.org.uk](http://www.collective-encounters.org.uk)

### Swindon Mela

An all day celebration of South Asian art and culture which in 2008 took place on 26 July.

**Tel:** 07788 745 983  
**Email:** [info@swindonmela.com](mailto:info@swindonmela.com)  
**Website:** [www.swindonmela.com](http://www.swindonmela.com)

*For Information about Community Arts in your area:*

### Music and Singing

#### Making Music

**Address:** Making Music, The National Federation of Music Societies  
2-4 Great Eastern Street, London EC2A 3NW  
**Tel:** 020 7422 8280  
**Email:** [info@makingmusic.org.uk](mailto:info@makingmusic.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.makingmusic.org.uk](http://www.makingmusic.org.uk)

#### Sing for Pleasure

**Address:** Bolton Music Centre, New York, Bolton BL3 4NG  
**Tel:** 0800 0184164  
**Email:** [admin@singforpleasure.org.uk](mailto:admin@singforpleasure.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.singforpleasure.org.uk](http://www.singforpleasure.org.uk)

### Writing

#### National Association of Writers Groups

**Address:** NAWG, The Arts Centre, Biddick Lane, Washington, Tyne & Wear  
NE38 2AB

**Tel:** 01262 609228  
**Email:** [nawg@tesco.net](mailto:nawg@tesco.net)  
**Website:** [www.nawg.org.uk](http://www.nawg.org.uk)

### Poetry Society

**Address:** 22 Betterton Street, London WC2H 9BX  
**Tel:** 020 7420 9880  
**Email:** [info@poetrysociety.org.uk](mailto:info@poetrysociety.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.poetrysociety.org.uk](http://www.poetrysociety.org.uk)

## Drama/Musical Theatre/Opera

### National Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA)

**Address:** 58-60 Lincoln Road, Peterborough, PE1 2RZ  
**Tel:** 0870 770 2480  
**Email:** [info@noda.org.uk](mailto:info@noda.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.noda.org.uk](http://www.noda.org.uk)

### Amdram.co.uk

Amdram.co.uk is the free website for the amateur theatre community. It includes free resources for groups and individuals interested in amateur theatre.

**Website:** [www.amdram.co.uk](http://www.amdram.co.uk)

## Visual Arts

### The Society for All Artists

**Address:** PO BOX 50, Newark, Notts. NG23 5GY  
**Tel:** 01949 844050  
**Email:** [info@saa.co.uk](mailto:info@saa.co.uk)  
**Website:** [www.saa.co.uk](http://www.saa.co.uk)

## Dance

### Foundation for Community Dance

**Address:** LCB Depot, 31 Rutland Street, LE1 1RE  
**Tel:** 0116 253 3453  
**Email:** [info@communitydance.org.uk](mailto:info@communitydance.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.communitydance.org.uk](http://www.communitydance.org.uk)

## BME Arts

### Mela Festival

**Email:** [info@melafestival.com](mailto:info@melafestival.com)  
**Website:** [www.melafestival.com](http://www.melafestival.com)

### **Black Arts Alliance**

**Address:** PO Box 86, Manchester M21 7BA  
**Tel:** 0161 8327 622  
**Email:** [baa@blackartists.org.uk](mailto:baa@blackartists.org.uk)  
**Website:** [www.blackartists.org.uk](http://www.blackartists.org.uk)

### **Been inspired to set up your own community arts group?**

For information on setting up your own community arts group, or for more details on the wide variety of voluntary and community arts being undertaken in the UK, please visit the website of the **Voluntary Arts Network** at [www.voluntaryarts.org](http://www.voluntaryarts.org).

This information was compiled by the National Campaign for the Arts (NCA).

### **National Campaign for the Arts (NCA)**

The NCA is the UK's only independent campaigning organisation representing all the arts. It provides a voice for the arts world in all its diversity. It seeks to safeguard, promote and develop the arts and win public and political recognition for their importance as a key element in our national culture.

**Website:** [www.artscampaign.org.uk](http://www.artscampaign.org.uk)

### **Community Channel**

**Address:** Community Channel, 2nd Floor, Riverwalk House, 157-161 Millbank, London, Sw1P 4RR  
**Email:** [feedback@communitychannel.org](mailto:feedback@communitychannel.org)  
**Website:** <http://www.communitychannel.org>

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