

# FREE Shows Exhibitions & Workshops

# CREATIVE

CRAWLEY



**March  
to June  
2025**

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Image: Leap Then Look, Play Interact Explore | Photo by Hugh Fox

# Welcome to Creative Crawley's SPRING SEASON

This spring, we invite you to try new things and come together through creativity. From exhibitions you can play with, to Japanese sweet making, interactive dance shows and a community fashion show, we hope there is something for everyone. And, thanks to our funders, it's all completely free.

In March we're launching **two new temporary arts spaces** in the town - a hub in West Green for professional creatives, in partnership with Theatre Centre, and a flexible event and hang out space in County Mall, in partnership with AudioActive and Pop Up Culture Crawley. We hope to see you there.



Image: Invisible (L)ink by Eric MacLennan | Photo by Ian Greenland

## VENUES

### Theatre Centre

1 Town Barn Road, West Green, RH11 7XG

Opposite Crawley hospital. 15 minute walk from Crawley train station. Metrobus routes 2 & 3 or Fastway 10.

### County Mall

Unit 79-80, Crawley RH10 1FP

Next to Crawley train station and served by all major bus routes in Crawley. On the first floor opposite Primark.

### Crawley College

Crawley Campus, College Rd, Crawley RH10 1NR

Opposite Memorial Gardens and 5 minutes walk from Crawley train and bus station.

### The Charis Centre

West Green Dr, Crawley RH11 7EL

Near Crawley hospital. 15 minute walk from Crawley train station. Metrobus routes 2 & 3 or Fastway 10.



Image: Sticky Dance by Second Hand Dance | Photo by Zoe Manders

## FREE EXHIBITIONS

Sat 29 Mar-Sun 6 Apr | 11am-5pm

### Play Interact Explore by Leap Then Look

Create sculptures, take photographs, move things around, get in front of the projection, rock, roll and stack at this fun, interactive exhibition.

County Mall

ALL AGES

*The Play Interact Explore tour is supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England, The National Lottery Community Fund, Creative Crawley, Quay Arts and the Sussex Community Foundation*

Fri 28 Mar-Fri 25 Apr

### Making The Invisible Visible by Eric MacLennan

This exhibition will shine a light on the small things in life that we take for granted, using everyday objects to reconnect us with friends, nature and our home town.

Developing Eric MacLennan's 2024 project In visible (L)ink, in which 102 Crawley people twinned objects with friends across the world, audiences can also use a new map that reveals Crawley's hidden walks of beauty, listening to recorded stories that show how the town is linked with places all around the world.

County Mall

ALL AGES



Image: Breakfast Scene by Sarah Maple and Meg Mosley

Thu 12-Sun 22 Jun | 12-6pm (5pm Sundays)

### Breakfast Scene by Sarah Maple and Meg Mosley

A fantastic, feminist reimagining of comedy duo Morecambe and Wise's iconic 1976 Breakfast Sketch, documented as a film and series of photographs.

In this new body of work, Maple and Mosley explore a transitional period for women, in-between youth and middle age, rarely discussed.

*Created by Sarah Maple and Meg Mosley, supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. Presented in Crawley by Creative Crawley.*

County Mall

ALL AGES



Image: Closer to My Dreams by Chad Taylor | Photo by Amir Shah

# FREE SHOWS

Various dates | 7.30pm (doors 7pm)

## Woodzy & Friends

AGES 16+

A series of monthly events showcasing the talents of local professional creatives.

Wed 19 Mar, Theatre Centre

Thu 3 Apr, County Mall

Thu 8 May, County Mall

Thu 12 Jun, County Mall

*Wed 19 Mar is part of WORDfest*

Sat 1 Mar | 10am-12pm\*, 2pm & 3.15pm\*\*

## The Sticky Dance by Second Hand Dance

Three dancers' shimmy through the audience weaving a tapestry of sticky tape. They invite you to stick and groove or be still, watch and listen. Explore this tactile dance performance freely, where the rules are turned upside down.

*Co-commissioned by Southbank Centre and The Place, and Second Hand Dance. With support from Stanley Arts and using public funding by Arts Council England. Supporting DAM Fest powered by DanceHub.*

Crawley College

\*FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN AGED 3-5

\*\* FOR NEURODIVERGENT CHILDREN AGED 3-7

Fri 28 Mar, 5pm | Sat 29 & Sun 30 Mar, 1pm & 3pm

## Super Normal, Extra Natural

ALL AGES

by Requardt & Rosenberg

Dancers and singers are joined by Crawley locals for a County Mall Shopping Centre takeover in this unique, intimate and surprising dance spectacle, from the creators of *Future Cargo* (Memorial Gardens, May 2022)

County Mall

*Co-Produced by The Place. Commissioned by This Is Croydon, the Mayor of London's Borough of Culture, The Place and Stanley Arts. Supported using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England. Presented in Crawley by Creative Crawley, supported by Pop Up Culture Crawley and County Mall. Supporting DAM Fest powered by DanceHub.*

Sat 5 Apr | 7pm

## Living Legends (And Dead Ones Too)

by Brigitte Aphrodite and Quiet Boy

AGES 12+

A wild literary gig-theatre cabaret. Riotously breaking the silence around forgotten stories and exploring sung and unsung heroes, featuring Poly Styrene, Aphra Behn, David Bowie and more!

Theatre Centre



Image: Super Normal, Extra Natural by Requardt & Rosenberg | Photo by Susanne Dietz

Sat 12 Apr | 5pm

## Fashion Show for Crawley County Mall

Celebrating emerging professional designers in West Sussex and Surrey. Shaped with local residents and curated by Crawley born and bred fashion designers Beth Williams and Sophie Merriner.

Are you a local resident? Would you like to get involved in making a community garment or helping behind the scenes? Get in touch by emailing [hello@creativecrawley.com](mailto:hello@creativecrawley.com)

Produced and presented by Creative Crawley with support from Playmakers, curated by Beth Williams and Sophie Merriner.

**AGES 7+**

Thu 8 May | 7.30pm • *Part of Woodzy & Friends*

## Talking About The Fire AGES 14+

by Chris Thorpe & Claire O'Reilly

Nuclear weapons could destroy us all, right now - so why aren't we talking about them? It's a show and a conversation.

County Mall

Supported by Battersea Arts Centre, The Albany, Veronique Christory and using public funding by the National Lottery through Arts Council England.

Sat 7 Jun | 12pm & 2.30pm

## Closer To My Dreams AGES 7+

by Chad Taylor

Weaving together poetry, rap and hip-hop choreography, this powerful show follows the journey of two young black brothers and their friends from inner-city Hulme pursuing their artistic dreams.

Charis Centre

Supported by Without Walls and commissioned by Certain Blacks.  
Produced by Switchflicker CIO.

# FREE WORKSHOPS

Thu 27 Feb, 5.30-7.30pm, County Mall | All Ages

## **Playmakers' Party**

Help us shape our programme & find out how to get involved at this fun, informal event.

Sat 8 Mar, 2.30-5.30pm, Theatre Centre | Ages 16+

## **Using Archives in Creative Practice** with Clod Ensemble

Explore how to use archive material as a source of inspiration and approach archiving as a creative act.

Sat 26 Apr, 2-4pm, County Mall | Ages 16+

## **Inclusive Facilitation** with Access All Areas

Learn how to run workshops, rehearsals and other sessions inclusively and accessibly.

Thu 1 May, 6pm, County Mall | Ages 16+

## **Introduction to Evaluation** with Beckie Smith from Flying Geese

A fun, interactive session looking at the why and how of evaluating creative projects.

Sat 10 May, 10am-6pm, County Mall | All Ages

## **JAPAN! Manga, Anime and Sweets**

Drop in during a day of anime movie screenings, with manga and sweet making workshops.

Sat 7 Jun, 10am & 3pm, Charis Centre | All Ages

## **Foraging** with Izzy Johns - Rights for Weeds

A walking conversation around West Green where we'll be getting to know the local flora.

Sat 7 Jun, 1pm, Charis Centre | Ages 12+

## **How to set up a Community Garden**

with Paul McGann from Grow London

Get tips for setting up a thriving community growing project and explore the challenges involved.

Thu 19 Jun, 6pm-8.30pm, County Mall | Ages 16+

## **Budgeting: Using the Numbers to Make your Project Happen** with Sophie Eustace

Master the basics of running budgets and learn how the numbers are essential to shaping a project.



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# ACCESS

We aim to make our programme accessible and enjoyable for all. All our events and activities are wheelchair accessible and welcome assistance dogs.

If you have any questions about accessibility or require any adjustments, don't hesitate to get in touch at [hello@creativecrawley.com](mailto:hello@creativecrawley.com).

# GET IN TOUCH

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Creative Crawley manages two major projects. *Creative Playground* is led by Crawley residents and celebrates everyday creativity. It is part of Arts Council England's Creative People and Places programme portfolio of 42 projects across the UK.

*The Creative Village* is a partnership between Creative Crawley, Theatre Centre and AudioActive to develop and support creative industries in Crawley, West Sussex and Surrey.

Creative Crawley and Theatre Centre's long-term partnership aims to build a vibrant cultural hub for Crawley in West Green; championing creativity and offering a programme with maximum benefit for local people and professional creatives.

We are supported by Crawley College, where our office is located.

*The Sticky Dance & Super Normal, Extra Natural* are part of DaM Fest, Crawley's Festival of Dance and Movement 2025 running across March and April 2025, powered by our friends at DanceHub CIC.



Image: Crawley Oak by Eloise Gillow | Photo by Ian Greenland



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# WHAT'S ON

Event	Date   Time	Venue	Event type
Playmakers' Party	27/02/25   5.30pm-7.30pm	County Mall	Workshop
The Sticky Dance	01/03/25 10am-12pm, 2pm & 3.15pm	Crawley College	Show
Archiving	08/03/25   2.30pm-5.30pm	Theatre Centre	Workshop
Woodzy & Friends	19/03/25   7.30pm (doors 7pm)	Theatre Centre	Show
Super Normal, Extra Natural	28/03/25   5pm 29/03/25   1pm & 3pm 30/03/25   1pm & 3pm	County Mall	Show
Making the Invisible Visible	28/03/25 - 25/04/25	County Mall	Exhibition
Play Interact Explore	29/03/25 - 06/04/25 11am-5pm	County Mall	Exhibition
Woodzy & Friends	03/04/25   7.30pm (doors 7pm)	County Mall	Show
Living Legends (And Dead Ones Too)	05/04/25   7pm	Theatre Centre	Show
Fashion Show	12/04/25   5pm	County Mall	Show
Inclusive Facilitation	26/04/25   2pm-4pm	County Mall	Workshop
Evaluation	01/05/25   6pm	County Mall	Workshop
Talking About The Fire	08/05/25   7.30pm	County Mall	Show
Woodzy & Friends	08/05/25   7.30pm (doors 7pm)	County Mall	Show
JAPAN! Manga, Anime, Sweets	10/05/25   10am-6pm	County Mall	Workshop
Closer to My Dreams	07/06/25   12pm & 2.30pm	Charis Centre	Show
Foraging Walk	07/06/25   10am & 3pm	Charis Centre	Workshop
Community Garden	07/06/25   1pm	Charis Centre	Workshop
Breakfast Scene	12/06/25 - 22/06/25 12pm-6pm	County Mall	Exhibition
Woodzy & Friends	12/06/25   7.30pm (doors 7pm)	County Mall	Show
Budgeting	19/06/25   6pm-8.30pm	County Mall	Workshop