

PRESS RELEASE

A World of Art in Basingstoke

There will be a whole world of free craft, music and dance workshops for all the family this half term at the amazing World Arts Day on Thursday 3 June from 10am to 4pm, in Basingstoke's Market Place.

Many of Basingstoke's cultural organisations - Basingstoke Multicultural Forum, Fairfields Arts Centre, Kala the Arts, The Making, and The Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery have got together to organise a programme full of wonderful arts activities led by artists from around the world. And it's all free of charge!

During the event people will be able to make and take exotic craft such as a Chinese lantern, a Venetian carnival mask, an African pot, a whirly Mexican toy bird or a Sikh inspired collage.

They can also watch, dance to or take part in African drumming, Peruvian folk music, Arab belly dancing, Chinese opera face painting, Eastern European songs, yoga, Sitar and Tabla music, and also Indian dance styles from classical to contemporary such as Bollywood, Kathak and Odissi dance style.

For the timetable and booking details, visit www.themaking.org.uk or pick up a leaflet from Fairfields Arts Centre, the Willis Museum, or your local library or children's centre.

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Basingstoke Multicultural Forum exists to promote better understanding between different faiths and cultures in the borough of Basingstoke and Deane.

The Making is an award-winning craft, art and design charity based in Basingstoke. It exists to inspire people of all ages to take part in the making of art.

www.themaking.org.uk

Fairfields Arts Centre is the Arts Centre for Basingstoke and the main public art gallery in North Hampshire www.fairfields.org/

Kala The Arts is a professional South Asian dance and music company based in Basingstoke. www.kalathearts.dial.pipex.com/

The Willis Museum and Sainsbury Gallery www.hants.gov.uk/museum/willis

For further information about the event, contact The Making on 01256 845679.