EDUCATION PROGRAMME

145th Annual Exhibition | Ulster Museum, Belfast | 2026

SCHOOLS & TEACHERS

All school visits must be booked through schools@royalulsteracademy.org. The RUA will liaise with the Ulster Museum regarding bookings, lunch space and special access requirements.

Teachers' Preview

Saturday 24 October, 12 noon | Gallery, 5th floor
A preview tour led by Margaret Bowen. Booking: schools@royalulsteracademy.org.

Meet the Artist

Key Stage 3, Key Stage 4 and A level school groups
Tuesdays and Fridays, 10.15am-12 noon

Each session begins with a guided tour focusing on works in the artist's chosen medium and exploring techniques used in their practice, followed by a demonstration and informal discussion with the artist.

Tue 20 October	**Paul Walls RUA** - Art demo in Acrylic
Fri 23 October	**Cara Gordon RUA** - Drawing with Collage and mixed media
Tue 3 November	**Keith Wilson RUA** - Daily Drawing
Fri 6 November	**Anushiya Sundaralingam RUA** - Build a boat - Tell a story
Tue 10 November	**Stephen Shaw RUA** - Introduction to Watercolour
Fri 13 November	**Anushiya Sundaralingam RUA** - Build a boat - Tell a story
Tue 17 November	**Ciaran Gallagher ARUA** - Great Artists steal, copying the Masters
Fri 20 November	**Alana Barton ARUA** - The Painting Process
Tue 24 November	**Cara Gordon RUA** - Drawing with Collage and mixed media
Fri 27 November	**Cara Gordon RUA** - Drawing with Collage and mixed media
Tue 1 December	**Paul Walls RUA** - Art demo in Acrylic
Fri 4 December	**Anushiya Sundaralingam RUA** - Build a boat - Tell a story
Tue 8 December	**Paul Walls RUA** - Art demo in Acrylic
Fri 11 December	**Anushiya Sundaralingam RUA** - Build a boat - Tell a story

Guided tours and workshops: available for primary and post-primary schools, with tailored tours for special schools. **Self-guided visits:** school groups of all ages are welcome during Museum opening hours, accompanied by teachers. Email your proposed date and time to schools@royalulsteracademy.org.

SOURCES & INSPIRATIONS

For schools and the public
Wednesdays and Thursdays, 11.00am-12.15pm | Lecture Theatre

Professional artists discuss the origins and development of their ideas, share original studies and preparatory work, and answer questions. AS and A2 pupils are encouraged to share their thoughts and join the discussion.

Public: book at the Ulster Museum reception desk.
Schools: book through schools@royalulsteracademy.org.

Wed 21 October	**Eddie Rafferty RUA** - Location Unknown
Thu 22 October	**Chris Wilson RUA** - A personal practice - inspired by landscape
Wed 4 November	**Karen Daye-Hutchinson ARUA** - Finding Your Creative Path
Thu 5 November	**Neal Greig RUA** - Where the elements meet
Wed 11 November	**Stuart Marshall ARUA** - Modelling the Past
Thu 12 November	**Alison Lowry ARUA** - Glass and its Sculptural possibilities
Wed 18 November	**Anushiya Sundaralingam RUA** - What we carry - migration, memory and belonging
Thu 19 November	**Ciaran Gallagher ARUA** - An Artist’s Journey
Wed 25 November	**Colin Watson RUA** - Journeys
Thu 26 November	**Comhghall Casey ARUA** - Working from Observation
Wed 2 December	**Neal Greig RUA** - Where the elements meet
Thu 3 December	**Neal Greig RUA** - Where the elements meet
Thu 10 December	**Artist to be confirmed**

THE McCORD AUTUMN LECTURE

Saturday 7 November, 11.00am | Lecture Theatre

Shannon Greer: Creative Strategist Working with Some of the World’s Biggest Brands

GUIDED TOURS FOR THE PUBLIC

An introductory tour offering an engaging overview of the exhibition. Tours last approximately 40 minutes.

Meet in the gallery on the 5th floor. Booking is not required.

Sat 24 October	**Kim Mawhinney, Senior Curator of Art, National Museums NI** - 2.30pm
Sat 31 October	**Karen Daye-Hutchinson RUA** - 2.30pm
Sat 7 November	**Amanda Croft, Specialist in 20th Century & Contemporary Art** - 2.30pm
Sat 14 November	**Katherine McDonald, Craft NI Director** - 2.30pm
Sat 21 November	**Maggie Bowen, RUA Education** - 2.30pm
Sat 28 November	**Julian Friers PPRUA** - 2.30pm
Sat 5 December	**Peter Richards, President of the RUA** - 2.30pm
Sat 5 December	**Dan Dowling PPRUA - Irish language tour** - 3.30pm

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Short, informal gallery discussions with artists in front of their work.
Fridays, 1.30pm | Gallery, 5th floor | Approximately 15 minutes
Drop in; no booking required.

Fri 23 October	**Dr Angela Halliday ARUA**
Fri 30 October	**Anne Marie Robinson**
Fri 6 November	**Ann Smyth**
Fri 13 November	**Claire Gibson**
Fri 20 November	**Jemma Millen**
Fri 27 November	**Patricia Molloy**
Fri 4 December	**Stuart Marshall ARUA**
Fri 11 December	**Barbara Allen RUA**

PLEASE NOTE: CHANGE OF TIME

From Friday 30 October, Artist Spotlights begin at 1.30pm. This replaces the 11.15am time printed in the catalogue and the 12.15pm time previously advertised online. Sessions last approximately 15 minutes.

SATURDAY MASTERCLASSES

For the public | 10.00am-4.00pm
Learning Zone, Ground Floor

Fee: £50 per masterclass, payable in advance.
To book, email info@royalulsteracademy.org.

Paul Walls RUA - Painting in Acrylic: Using Images from Your Phone

Saturday 7 November

This practical masterclass explores composition, colour, brushwork and techniques for working from digital reference images.

Rosie McGurran RUA - Curioser and Curioser

Saturday 14 November

A still life workshop exploring floral painting and unusual objects in the medium of your choice.

Neal Greig RUA - Painting the Air with Oils

Saturday 21 November

Explore the qualities of light, atmosphere and movement through oil painting.

Colin Watson RUA - Clothed Figure Painting

Saturday 28 November

Develop your observational painting skills through the study of the clothed figure.

Ciaran Gallagher ARUA - Acrylic Portrait Painting from Life

Saturday 5 December

Develop your portrait painting skills through direct observation of a live sitter.

Discover the artworks in the artists' own words

Scan the QR code to access our artist-information web app. Search by artist name or catalogue number to read information supplied by participating artists.

Open the artist-information web app

For programme enquiries, contact info@royalulsteracademy.org.