

# GALLERY OLDHAM SCHOOL PROGRAMME



Gallery Oldham is Oldham's art gallery and museum. We have one permanent exhibition which tells Oldham's Stories through art, local history and natural history objects, and two exhibition spaces which change regularly.

## FREE SELF-GUIDED VISITS

for KS1, KS2, KS3 and KS4

Check out our website for current exhibitions and free school resources to print and bring with you on the day. Self-guided visits are free and include use of clipboards, pencils, and a cloakroom stand. Please contact us to book your slot for a self-guided visit for your class.

## WORKSHOPS

### WHAT MADE OLDHAM THE BIGGEST COTTON SPINNING TOWN IN THE WORLD?

(2hrs) KS 2

In this enquiry-based workshop pupils investigate, draw and handle museum artefacts, watch original film footage and explore local archival material. By the end of the session pupils will understand what made Oldham the biggest cotton spinning town in the world.

### OLDHAMERS AT WORK

(2hrs) KS 1/2

Pupils explore our exhibitions to discover what jobs people did in Victorian Oldham. Sounds, artefacts and images from a variety of workplaces help bring history to life. With support from an artist, pupils then use replica work day artefacts to create an abstract industrial landscape through 'mark making' and printing or learn drawing and craft skills to create a pop-up millscape to take home.

### OLDHAMERS BY THE SEASIDE

(2hrs) KS 1/2

Pupils explore Oldham artist Helen Bradley's painting, 'A Summer Afternoon on the Sands at Blackpool', to learn where and how Oldham people spent their Wakes Week off from work in the mills. Museum artefacts, smells and sensory materials bring the painting to life before pupils create a seaside inspired artwork to take home.

### HOW HAS OLDHAM TOWN HALL CHANGED OVER TIME?

(2hrs) KS 2

In this outdoor walking workshop pupils consider why the original design of Oldham Town Hall was based on an Ancient Greek temple, and how the building has evolved from being a mayor's parlour in 1841 to a 21st century cinema. Teachers can choose either drawing or photography as a focus for the workshop. Waterproof coats can be provided.

### OLDHAM DURING WORLD WAR ONE

(2hrs) KS 2

This outdoor Living History performance, devised in partnership with Oldham Theatre Workshop, takes pupils on a journey back in time to Oldham during World War One. Starting at Gallery Oldham pupils walk to the war memorial to meet a soldier, find out about the recruiting office and march as soldiers to Central Station. Waterproof coats can be provided.

### ART INSPIRED POETRY

(2hrs) KS 2

Pupils explore an original oil painting, 'The White Mountain', by Victorian artist William Stott of Oldham. Using pre-chosen literary devices, our facilitator guides pupils to create a verse of poetry in pairs, inspired by the painting. Pupils can perform their poem in front of the painting before choosing another artwork or object to write about in one of our exhibition spaces.

### MUSIC IN THE MILLS

(2hrs) KS 1/2

Pupils explore the exhibitions at Gallery Oldham to discover what life was like in Oldham's cotton spinning mills. They then visit Oldham Music Centre to sing songs, create rhythms and compose their own music about mill life. Audio recordings are made so pupils can listen to their own compositions.

### VOLCANO!

(2hrs) KS 2

Pupils discover how a volcano works, examine the museum's volcanic rock collection and carry out a volcano experiment. They will also discover how Oldhamers helped set up Japan's first cotton mill on a volcanic island during Victorian times. After their research they can either visit the Music Service to compose their own music about a volcanic eruption or stay at the gallery and paint a volcano inspired by Japanese artists.

### PATTERN & PRINT

(2hrs) KS 1/2

Pupils seek out the hidden patterns within our building and exhibitions in this artist-led printmaking workshop. After developing their observational and sketching skills in the galleries pupils experiment with printmaking techniques to make their own masterpiece based on the patterns they have found.

## CURRICULUM LINKS

- English
- Art & Design
- Science
- Local History
- Geography
- Music

## FACILITIES

- Fully physically accessible
- Limited accessibility
- Toilets
- Lunch facilities
- Linked loans boxes
- Coach Parking
- Coach drop off
- Gift shop
- Goody bags
- Outreach sessions



## EXTRA INFORMATION

Contact the Education Development Officer for information about:

- Loan Boxes
- Outreach Sessions
- Teacher CPD
- Free site visits to teachers planning a visit

**Excellent organisation. Very welcoming and friendly. Activities appropriate for the age group; an interesting session delivered in an interesting hands-on way - everyone was engaged and enjoyed their learning. Thanks for the resources for the self-guided tour, they were very useful and kept the children on task with their learning.**

Michelle Pollitt, Thorp Primary School  
Year 4 teacher and SENDco



## HOW TO BOOK A SESSION

### Booking is easy!

All sessions should be booked with the Education Development Officer via the online enquiry form or email [kirsty.mairs@oldham.gov.uk](mailto:kirsty.mairs@oldham.gov.uk)

No deposit is needed.

Standard workshops last 2 hours and can be booked for the morning or afternoon.

### Costs

Standard workshops **£100**

Self-guided visits are free but please book in advance with the Education Development Officer.

### Details

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