New Lodge Arts

New Lodge Arts is a thriving arts organisation providing innovative, fun and educational activities that stretch right across the community and political divide in north Belfast. Set up in 2003 by Ashton, New Lodge Arts has embedded itself at the heart of North Belfast, providing over 800 workshops per year with 2,000 young people participating. With a strong community focus and a passion for supporting the needs of young people within the area, New Lodge Arts provide creative opportunities and challenges that unlock young people’s potential inspiring them to grow and succeed

Ashton

Ashton is a social enterprise and development trust which seeks to make North Belfast a better place for its residents to live and prosper. It does this through the provision of services, employment, training and community development. Ashton has grown over the last twenty years to the extent where it now employs over 250 people.

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New Lodge Arts are supported annually by a range of funders who enable us to deliver our diverse programme of activity. We would like to thank them for their continued support of our organisation.
Dear Little Artist,

We at New Lodge Arts with the help of wonderful artists wanted to create an activity pack especially for you and your family to do together. We understand that staying at home all the time has become boring, we know you miss your friends, school and clubs. We have met some fantastic little artists in Belfast that have loads of creativity and huge imaginations. We thought this pack would encourage you all to take some time out to draw, write, read and create. We hope you enjoy the activities as much as we have making them. If you want to share your work with us please take photos and post them on our Facebook page (New Lodge Arts) or use the #NLAboredombuster, we would love to see them!

We can’t wait to see you all very soon, keep up being the best children! We are very proud of you for staying at home and helping others stay safe.

Lots of love,

All the staff at
New Lodge Arts.
Self-Isolation Story

Alex had been self-isolating at home with her family for three weeks and she was SO BORED!!

She had read every book and magazine she could find - twice, watched all her favourite movies so much she was sick of them, and even tidied her bedroom (!) just for something to do.

Then, one morning, when she opened the kitchen cupboard to get some cereal; behind all the tins and jars and packets of crisps and pasta, she saw something she’d never seen before - a tiny door!

And in the tiny door was a tiny key. Alex reached right into the cupboard, turned the tiny key all the way round until it clicked, and when she did.....

Story by Sarah Davies
Illustrations by Julia Crenuda
Now it’s your turn to finish the story! You can write down or draw a picture of what happened next.

Does something come out of the door, or does Alex find a way inside? - Does she meet anyone on the other side? - What happens when the door closes again?

Share your story #NLAboredombuster
Help cheer up Belfast, Big Fish!

CHALLENGE:

1) Follow the directions to draw the Big Fish. Some fun accessories are needed. Fill in some old magazines, and then use a blue inside the lines of the Big Fish.

2) Draw some shoes!
ANIMALS WHO ALWAYS STAY AT HOME

GUESS THE ANIMALS: SPELL OUT WHAT THEY ARE & THEN COMPLETE THE DRAWINGS

(DRAW MY HOME)

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(DRAW MY FACE & FEET)

(DRAW MY LEGS & ARM)

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NOW COLOUR IN THE ANIMALS!

BY Ciara Dunne
KEEP BELFAST SHINING!

1. Colour in picture
2. Cut out picture
3. Place in window
4. Smile & spread joy!
Can you find all the wee

1. big fish
2. boys
3. black taxis
4. cranes
5. umbrellas
6. shamrocks
7. potatoes
8. Titanic
9. snakes
10. hearts

Once you find us all... colour us in!
Staying at home means lockdown. We can't go anywhere but we can go in our dreams. Where will you go?
The “Harland & Wolff” cranes are one of the most iconic features of good auld Belfasts skyline.

The shipyard sounded its horns for the first time in 2 decades in support of our heros in the NHS

Who’s your Super Hero?

Draw them here and let them know how special they are to you 💙💙💙
A Magical Hot Air Balloon Adventure

Early one morning you suddenly wake up and hear a strange sound outside. You look through your window and see a Magical Hot Air Balloon. But where did it come from? Why is it here? You creep downstairs and climb aboard ready for a big adventure.

Can you continue this story? Where will you go? What will you see? Will you pick up any friends? Let your imagination run wild!

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Colour me in!

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Can you draw / build / create your own Hot Air Balloon?

Share your creations #NLAboredombuster

Activity by Anne Delaney / Illustrations by Joanne O’Reilly
Exquisite Corpse
(A weird and wonderful drawing game for 2 or more players)
by Anne Marie Taggart

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WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO PLAY

1. You will need 2 or more players... get your sister, brother, mummy, daddy, auntie, uncle, granny or granddad to play along.
2. 1 sheet of paper each
3. 1 pen each... try to get the same colour of pen. It helps with the overall look. But don’t worry if you can’t.

LET’S GET STARTED

FOLD YOUR PIECE OF PAPER INTO 3
1. Will be the head
2. Will be the body including the arms
3. Will be the legs and feet

Make sure you start drawing at the top of the sheet (see above, at No.1)

REMEMBER NO PEEKING AT EACH OTHER’S DRAWINGS! Spread out, so you are not beside other players.

Draw the head – this can be anything you like. I have crossed an onion with an alien

Starting with the marks the last player made for the neck, draw the body including the arms
I have made the body a teapot

Starting with the marks the last player made for the neck, draw the legs. Again use your imagination. Here, I have drawn bird legs and feet

Flip the page over and mark where the neck is going to be for the next player to start drawing the body.

Flip the page over and mark where the legs are going to be for the next player.

Once each player has finished drawing the head, players then swap with each other so they have a different drawing

Once all players have finished drawing, it’s time for the grand reveal. You should have 3 separate very weird drawings!

Once you have your drawings, you can colour them in, give your freaky characters names and maybe you could write a story about the crazy characters that you have created!
Dear Future Self,

Today you are __________ years old.

My favourite food is: ____________________________________

My favourite thing to do is: ____________________________________

I have ____ Baby teeth, ____ adult teeth and ____ Missing teeth.

My favourite song to listen, sing and dance along to is: ____________________________________

I hope you achieve these goals by the end of the year

At School,

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At Home,

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Within yourself,

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Yours Sincerely, ____________________________

Activity by Joanne McGurk
Snapshot Song Writing

Write a song as a family, a special memory made that you can look upon together.

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Activity by Susie Vint
Create your very own album, find 10 songs that will always remind you of this time and write them down.

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4. _______________________

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7. _______________________

8. _______________________

9. _______________________

10. _______________________

Make up dance routines to match your songs for fun!

Share your Top 10 #NLAboredombuster

Activity by Susie Vint
Can you get to the family fun day!

Start
Finish

You forget to take your art lesson from Arty Kids. Lose a turn.

You start ballet lessons. Move forward 5 spaces.

You take part in a drum circle at a festival. Roll again.

You burst your balloon animal. Move back 2 spaces.

You juggle in the afterschool club. Move forward 2 spaces.

You forget the moves at Hip Hop class. Go back 1 space.

Illustrated by Trisha McNally
Board Game

Game set up: Colour in the board, add more drawings if you wish! If you have a dice at home already you can use that. If you don't, build your own dice below. Cut along the outside of the dice below. Make a fold along every line. Fold the sides up to form the shape of a cube. Use a glue stick or tape to secure the tabs. Next create your player pieces. Design and colour in the pieces. Cut along the outside and fold the tabs so the player pieces stand. Use your imagination, if you have mini toys, pieces of legos etc they can also be used as player pieces.

Follow the instructions below and have fun!

Object of the game:
Get to the finish line first to the family fun day!

To play you will need:

- The paper board
- The dice
- The player pieces

How to play:

- Choose a player to go first.
- Roll the dice and move your player forward that number of spaces shown on dice.
- If they land on a blank space it's the next player's turn.
- If they land on an area with instructions they must follow those instructions. It is then the next players turn.
- Two players can share a space.
- First person to land on finish space is the winner of the game.
Every day at 10.45am, the little fox is awoken from her slumber by the sound of the noisy Rabbit she shares her den with. Usually the clever Rabbit knows not to awaken the fox unless she is providing her food LOL but sometimes she chooses to do it for her own amusement.
Once the fox finally gets up, she goes down to the nearby lake and brushes her chompers and washes her face to prepare for her day of eating and relaxing.

Rosie the Fox has a little friend called Penny the Turtle. Rosie has the responsibility of feeding, walking and playing with Penny the Turtle so everyday Rosie must complete her tasks of looking after Penny or the Rabbit will get cross.

(Obviously the little Fox is practicing social distancing)
Every day the young Fox misses her friends and family – especially her older sister Rhiannon. So every day the two foxes Facetime and play Animal Crossing on their new Switches that the older fox has treated them to. The Fox could speak to her sister for long amounts of time – ranging from 15 minutes to 7 hours!

The Fox also takes part in a group where they tell a story about how isolation is going so far.

The young fox also stays in contact with her pals Ella the Otter and Taylor the Bunny as well as all her other friends from school.

At night time, the Fox and the Rabbit get all cozy in the den and turn on Netflix for the evening of Disney and munch away on the nightly snacks the Fox and the Rabbit have gathered.
The young fox spends a lot of her time playing her games on her playstation or her switch and spending time on her phone. These all fill the fox with peace and relaxation as she could easily spend her day doing nothing. Some could say she’s THRIVING.

Sometimes the young fox will sleep the day away but she also spends it being productive by doing things like school work, art and cleaning all to keep the rabbits happy LOL!

The End
Hi my name is Scribbles and I am a gremlin.
Gremlins love to get up to mischief with their friends.
You will find us playing tricks in the strangest of places
around our home... Can you help and design me a new friend?
Take a photograph of my new friend getting up to mischief
and send it into us at New Lodge Arts.

To make Scribbles a friend,
colour the outline below in anyway you like.
Cut it out and stick it to a toilet roll tube to make
the gremlin stand. Place your gremlin somewhere only
gremlins would go and take a funny photograph.
Dress me up!

Design your own outfits

Colour me in

Dress up don't go me out!
Use this time at home with your Family to explore and to discover more about everyone in your Family. Phone your relatives, look for photographs and find out stories about how special your family are.
City Hall
Citizenship

Duncairn Art Centre
Arts and Music

H & W Cranes
Industry
find a mirror

DRAW YOUR PORTRAIT

Don’t forget to give it a title
What is the instrument called?
Match the name with the picture?
Can you draw a musical note?

Tin Whistle
Accordian
Violin
This is the Logo of Belfast
CAN YOU COLOUR IT IN?

Citizenship
MAKE YOUR OWN LOGO
one for your family?

What animals will you use? Or will you use something else?
How to wire a plug

CAN YOU COLOUR IN THE PLUG WIRES?
Remember each wire has a specific colour
How to make a herb garden.
Follow the instructions to make herb garden

**MATERIALS:**
- 1 metal or plastic shopping basket, (with holes in the sides and base and a good handle)
- Plastic bag, large enough to cover your basket and clear enough to let the light in.
- Potting soil, or good quality soil, don’t skimp here.
- Old woollen material, cut into 40cm by 60cm (ish) (Black material is suggested)
- Scissors
- Watering can with fine end
- Chive, nasturium, parsley, thyme, sage, mint and coriander seeds. (or any other herbs that you use in your day to day cooking, all be to outside hardy and therefore do not use basil, read the back of the packet if unsure).

1. Line basket with the woollen material, neaten up the edges with scissors

2. Add soil to a good depth in the basket then water soil well

3. Sprinkle soil with seeds, or make drills and drop them in, (read the back of the pack if unsure). If you want your garden to be crazy then you could plant a pattern with the seeds like a face?

4. Cover the basket with a clear plastic bag and allow the seeds to germinate somewhere warm and light on a windowsill or greenhouse.

5. After the seeds have germinated then take off the plastic bag but keep them somewhere warm and light until the seedling are about 2 inches high

6. Take the basket outside during the day and inside at night to protect from frosts and slugs. This is called HARDENING OFF. Soon you can leave your basket outside permanently and you will have a hanging herb garden.
Can you find these Belfast Sites in the Word Search below?

Botanic Gardens  Waterfront Hall  City Hall
Titanic Belfast  Europa Hotel  SSE Arena
Falls Road  The Big Fish  Ulster Museum
Cavehill  River Lagan  The Crown Bar
Shankill  Stormont
SS Nomadic  Shaws Bridge

Activity by Tracey Loughens / Illustrations by Joanne O’Reilly
Gratitude Jar

- Think about different people, things and events you are grateful for. Write about what and who you are grateful for in the jar below.
- Look around the house, find a jar and make your own "Gratitude Jar".