

Drawing from Life - St John's

Location	Offsite
Course Type	Adult
Department	Art & Design
Start Date	Wednesday 21st January 2026
Duration	Part-time, 9 Weeks
Time	13:00 - 15:00
Fee	£ 81.00 You may be eligible for support with your tuition fees - please visit the college website - funding and finance page for further information
Course Code	XPQ-CYXZ-1202

Course Overview

Drawing from Life, this course that will take you through basic elements of drawing from the clothed figure and from life. Learners with little or no experience will benefit from this course, as it will allow individuals to explore various techniques as well as develop skills to share with like-minded people.

This course will be held at St John's Centre, St John's Rd, Old Trafford, Stretford, Manchester M16 7GX

Course Requirements

With no formal qualifications required - just an interest in drawing!!

What You Will Learn

Working with practical elements such as composition, tone, form, mark-making and texture.

Some sessions will require students to model for the rest of the class in a seated position and will be done in rotation.

We'll be using a variety of materials to work with, so you can start to build your art portfolio as we tackle subjects like.

- The Basic Shapes used in all art
- Still Life
- Flowers and Plants
- Drawing from real life
- Figures, Portraits

Homework will be set between each session,

Resources students should bring include a sketchbook and drawing materials including range of soft pencils, chalk pastels, charcoal, eraser, and a range of different types of drawing papers

Assessment

Tutor feedback, group discussion

Progression

Photography

Ceramics

Art and Design

Career Options

A Drawing from Life course is an excellent foundation for fine art careers and creative industries. Building a portfolio and continuing into advanced courses (e.g., HNC/HND Fine Art or BFA) significantly expands opportunities. Careers range from traditional art roles (artist, educator) to modern digital fields (graphic design, animation, UX).

Illustrator

Graphic Designer

Animator

Fashion Designer

Art Therapist

Gallery Curator

Concept Artist

Comic Artist

UI/UX Designer

Mandatory Units

There are no mandatory units

Contact Details

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