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### **dot-art Life Drawing Classes at the Bluecoat**

**Liverpool arts organisations dot-art Services and the Bluecoat are delighted to announce a new partnership, which will see dot-art running a series of art classes and courses, hosted by the Bluecoat from September 2011.**

On Tuesday evenings (from 6<sup>th</sup> September), artist and tutor Roy Munday will lead a ten week programme of classes developing skills in life drawing with a live model, including accurate measuring, colour and drawing and painting techniques. In addition, there will be Saturday open sessions, with instruction from Roy, from 10.30am-3.30pm.

If demand is high enough, a second ten week series will begin in November, with further courses running throughout the year, (including painting and a range of art taster session to try new skills) subject to interest.

Roy has taught life drawing for many years, and his strengths lie in putting participants at ease while simultaneously emphasising the importance of the key skills required, as these comments from participants in previous sessions demonstrate: *"Excellent in all respects, very well timed with introduction, rest, practice, rest, more practice..." "Exceeded all expectations. Good atmosphere, very conducive to learning. I learnt a great deal about the discipline of drawing."*

Lucy Byrne of dot-art Services said:

"I am very much looking forward to working with such a fantastic venue as the Bluecoat to launch our new art classes. We work with a wide variety of talented artists, many of whom have extensive teaching experience, so it seemed a natural step for us to provide a platform for them to share their skills and knowledge with the public through a range of accessible and informal courses for all levels."



Emma Smith, Creative Enterprise Manager at the Bluecoat added:

“Engaging people in artistic pursuits is at the very heart of what we do at the Bluecoat. Life-drawing has always been a core strand of visual arts practice and we’re extremely happy that dot-art Services can help us to provide an excellent opportunity for experts and novices alike”.

**Full details and booking information can be found here, with classes starting at just £16 per session:** <http://www.thebluecoat.org.uk/events/view/events/1074> (Tuesdays)  
<http://www.thebluecoat.org.uk/events/view/events/1075> (Saturdays)

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High resolution images available on request.

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**Notes to editors.**

**dot-art Services CIC** is a not-for-profit organisation which exists to support North-West based visual artists, both emerging and established, through a range of services and activities designed to help them develop their careers and gain exposure and promotion for their work. A Social Enterprise with artists at its heart, dot-art Services CIC functions in a unique fashion, operating a membership system which gives artists a range of benefits including their own web page, access to exhibition, career development and promotional opportunities, as well as help and advice, networking events and discounts on art supplies and framing.

See <http://services.dot-art.com> for more information.

**About the Bluecoat.** Situated in the heart of the city, the Bluecoat is one of Liverpool's most distinctive buildings. The widely revered arts centre uses its unique spaces to showcase talent across visual art, music, dance, live art and literature. It also houses a creative community of artists and businesses and runs a participation programme with local communities. In March 2008, the Bluecoat re-opened following an award-winning £14.5 million re-development designed by BIQ Architecten, Rotterdam.

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