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Winter Art Classes: dot-art at the Bluecoat

Following the success of a pilot course in September, dot-art Services and the Bluecoat are delighted to announce a full program of art classes and courses for all levels, in a wide range of subjects, starting in November 2011.

Three ten week evening courses, suitable for everyone from complete beginners to those wanting a refresher, will take place from late November: **Life Drawing**, Introduction to **Painting**, and **Applied Art Sampler**. This final course will offer participants a unique opportunity to try a new skill each week for ten weeks. With a diverse range of applied art sessions from felt-making to book-binding, lead-lights to paper-making there's bound to be something here to delight and entertain and will be a fantastic course for gifts and decorations this festive season.

In addition to the evening courses, there will be monthly full day Saturday sessions in both Life Drawing and Painting, which can be booked individually, as well as Sunday morning "**Photowalks**" starting at the Bluecoat, in which experienced photographer and teacher Steward Ellett will lead a guided walk around the architectural highlights of Liverpool looking at different ways of capturing photos using various in camera techniques.

Lucy Byrne of dot-art Services said:

"The response to our art classes has been really encouraging and I am very much looking forward to working with the Bluecoat to develop and improve our program over the next twelve months. I am particularly excited about our Sampler course, which not only gives people the chance to try their hand at unusual skills and techniques such as stained glass and stop motion animation, and provide ten talented local artists and craftspeople the opportunity to share their expertise, but also allows us to see which disciplines will be suitable (and popular!) for future longer courses."



Emma Smith, Creative Enterprise Manager at the Bluecoat added:

"The Bluecoat believes that everyone can be creative. This new strand of classes broadens dot-art's existing programme, offering everyone an opportunity to learn a new skill and experience something different. We are pleased to be working with dot-art and hope the classes succeed in igniting new interest in these art forms. Opening up creative practice is something the Bluecoat does in its exhibitions, its programme of events and its Participation activities and we believe dot-art's classes continue to do just that."

Full details and booking information can be found here, with classes starting at just £16 per session: www.dot-art.co.uk/art-classes.php

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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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