

Free Creative Learning Workshops in 2021



Bold Tendencies commissions new visual art and architecture and produces a live events programme of music, dance and opera during an annual summer season in its unique home, the rooftop spaces of Peckham's Multi-Storey Car Park.

With the rich artistic programme at Bold Tendencies we provide free access to phenomenal and tactile learning experiences. We bring art and artists to life to engage and inspire youth and families equally across all backgrounds, with special attention to those who live within our immediate neighbourhood of Peckham and Southwark.

Our Creative Learning Workshops are developed with **5 - 14 year olds** in mind but can be adapted for older children or those with SEND requirements in collaboration with schools or carers. We work with local primary schools, youth groups and play schemes as well as families and self-organised groups can access this provision especially during the summer holidays and at weekends.

Where possible we will always try to develop new ways of working or bespoke workshops for your group when requested — for example, we can offer two or more workshops from this Menu or extended single sessions. All workshops are available with a Site Tour — highly recommended!

We have COVID-safe procedures to allow on-site Creative Learning activity to take place in 2021. Full details are available [here](#) or you can contact us with specific questions at florence@boldeverywhere.org

BOLD TENDENCIES

Bold Tendencies Site Tour



A unique welcome to Bold Tendencies. Feel at home on site with a specially tailored tour of Bold Tendencies, taking in our site-specific art commissions, the history of the building and the spectacular city skyline. Be curious and ask questions whilst we explore the site together, become familiar with our surroundings and be introduced to the unique collection of artworks on site.

Our rooftop spaces feature permanent artworks including Simon Whybray's *hi boo i love you*, a monumental bright pink staircase; Richard Wentworth's *Agora*, huge shiny swirly lines covering the floor and the Derek Jarman Garden, a beautiful rooftop garden inspired by the film-maker's unique coastal Dungeness home; as well as six new sculpture commissions for 2021, looking at the theme of Arcadia.

Session Length

45 minutes

Capacity: up to 20 adults and children

(we can accommodate more than one Tour per session)

Age Range: Suitable for all ages

Botanical Sketching



Explore our beautiful Derek Jarman Garden, inspired by the artist and film-maker's coastal garden in Dungeness. Participants will investigate the wonders of this intricate garden and learn about the exotic flora it is home to. Through observational botanical drawings and experimental and creative approaches to engaging with our green space, we will uncover the garden's beauty in our serene space in the middle of the urban landscape and vast concrete building.

Activities include drawing with your wrong hand, with your eyes closed, with your elbows or toes, or working in a pair or as part of a group. Botanical Sketching helps you to connect with each other, be active and enjoy being outdoors and with nature. Participants will learn tools to develop focus, concentration and teamwork, as well as gather an awareness and appreciation of the benefits of the many green spaces that populate the city. Flowers could be your 'cheerful, delightful, affectionate companions', as horticulturist and avid gardener Horace J. Wright once wrote, or they could help you to create your over-the-rainbow place to escape to. How will the colourful Derek Jarman garden change your world?

Session Length

For year groups 1 - 3: up to 60 minutes

For year groups 4+: up to 1 hour 45 minutes

Capacity: up to 30 adults and children

Age Range: 5+

Making Miniatures



First installed at Bold Tendencies in 2013, the Derek Jarman Garden is filled with unique handcrafted sculptures inspired by those found in Jarman's own coastal setting. Choosing to support and celebrate the surrounding environment, Jarman created his sculptures from local materials including seashore-rusted metal and wind-twisted wood, decorating his garden with wonderful items that reflected the life of the Kentish shoreline.

This workshop introduces participants to Jarman's humble and careful artistry. Together we will explore what we find when we are out in the garden, homing in on the intricate designs of this coastal landscape. Using local recycled materials participants will design their very own small sculptures that will be added to the scenery of the garden, uncovering skills that participants didn't know they had, and teaching children how being creative can help support your environment. It will encourage participants to reconnect with the outside, and the joy and discovery to be found in garden spaces.

Session length

For year groups 1 - 3: up to 60 minutes

For year groups 4+: up to 1 hour 45 minutes

Capacity: up to 30 adults and children

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Ask the Artist !?!



Participate in the in-depth exploration of one of the special artworks on site at Bold Tendencies. Working closely with one of our Education Officers, you will spend time with a chosen work of art to explore, question and discuss the ideas and processes behind the artist's vision. Previous workshops have included interviews with Lawrence Lek (2019), Matt Copson (2019), João Vasco Paiva (2018), Isaac Olvera (2017) and Richard Wentworth (2015).

Through discussion of the artist's vision, we will create a visual map that brings together the groups response to the artwork and together choose a series of questions drawn from participants themselves to *Ask the Artist!?!* At the end of the session, we will have a unique opportunity to interview the artist directly, asking them all your questions about their work!

Session length

For year groups 1 - 3: up to 60 minutes

For year groups 4+: up to 1 hour 45 minutes

Capacity: up to 30 adults and children

Age Range: 5+

***Specific dates and booking required - please ask for artist availability.**

Spot the Folly!



Bold Tendencies has a unique and spectacular panoramic view of the whole of London, from Canary Wharf to the London Eye and Big Ben, all the way round to Crystal Palace. See if you can spot the Shard, the Gherkin, St Paul's Cathedral and more, all from our special vantage in the heart of Peckham!

Joining these landmarks for the 2021 season is *In Praise of Folly* — a new sculpture by Andy Holden, perched directly on top of Peckham Library. Mimicking the precarious boulders of Wile E. Coyote in Looney Tunes, the sculpture is a marbled pink facade that teeters on the edge of the building, inspired by ornamental pieces of architecture that serve no purpose other than to spark conversation and creativity. Together we will look at the shape and location of this sculpture, welcoming it as a fresh piece of furniture in the home of the bustling skyline.

Skyline Sketching will encourage you to uncover your own stories through collaborative observational drawing of the skyline. We will work from memory, life and imagination to explore London's iconic architectural landscape. Participants will create drawings by focusing on areas of particular interest in the London silhouette, exploring how light and shadow can change the mood and tone of your creations!

Session Length

For year groups 1 - 3: up to 60 minutes

For year groups 4+: up to 1 hour 45 minutes

Capacity: up to 30 adults and children

Age Range: 5+

All around Agora



Imagine a large scale playground, finally giving you the freedom to run wild and explore space. With a longing to be outside, we invite participants to exercise their regained freedom, through physical games, play and fun!

Commissioned in 2015, Richard Wentworth's *Agora* is made up of shiny, silver lines that cover the entire surface of the car park. In *Games & Playtime* we invite children to respond to the work through physical games. We will move through space in new and unusual ways: hiding, stretching, playing... engaging with the artwork through our own performance and actions.

We use the work of Richard Wentworth as a starting point. Together we will share ideas around what it means to be free, to move and play outdoors. We will explore ideas around social engagement and wellbeing. Groups will adapt and remix well known games, or create new games to be played within the space — with the added challenges of being socially distanced and strategically moving around sculptures and art on site.

Session Length

For year groups 1 - 3: up to 60 minutes

For year groups 4+: up to 1 hour 45 minutes

Capacity: up to 30 adults and children

Age Range: 5-11

All The Prophets Play



Take a journey through time and space with *All The Prophets Play*. Devised in response to our commission by Harold Offeh, this workshop centres itself amidst our new art installation: a bright yellow spacecraft hovering above the Bold Tendencies rooftop, poised and ready for take off!

Inspired by legendary Jazz musician Sun Ra, the mothership represents the power to escape everyday tragedies through the power of education and learning, wonder and speculative thinking. It poses questions such as: How would you like to see the future? How can we make a difference now?

All the Prophets Play will introduce Harold Offeh's work and inspiration through the story of Sun Ra film, based on ancient Egyptian/Kemet god Ra. The workshop will feature play, performance and poetry as thinking exercises to re-imagine the future. The spaceship will be a platform and playground for new futures to be imagined and from the heights of Peckham to the city of London.

Session Length

For year groups 1 - 3: up to 60 minutes

For year groups 4+: up to 1 hour 45 minutes

Capacity: up to 15 adults and children

Age Range: 5+

The Art of Protest



Rene Matić's *no more quick, quick, slow* was first made for Bold Tendencies in 2020. Using 6 short words Rene explored the legacy of race relations in the United Kingdom, in particular the role that dance has played in the legacy of multiculturalism and their own personal experience as a queer, Black womxn living in the diaspora. The work challenges what leadership and the ability "to lead" really means, and who has the privilege to do so.

Now installed a permanent commission on site, join us in exploring the inspirations behind this work, including the history of protests, how they are conducted and what changes they have made. Participants will get the chance to create their own flags for their own protest on site. They will be given a voice to express what is important to them as individuals and to proclaim it from the rooftops.

Taking part in this workshop will encourage children to think for themselves, express their opinions, and listen to each other. The session will end with an opportunity for each student to talk about their chosen issue and discuss it with others in order to create a plan for how they want to change the world!

Session Length

For year groups 4 - 10: up to 1 hour 45 minutes

Capacity: up to 30 adults and children

Age Range: 9+

Movement Life Drawing



Since L-E-V was founded six years ago by choreographer Sharon Eyal, the company has performed over 200 times in some of the most important venues and festivals around the world, including The Joyce Theatre – NYC; Jacob's Pillow; Sadler's Wells - London, UK ; The Montpellier Danse Festival – France; Julidans – Amsterdam.

Using access to unseen footage of performances by professional dancers from L-E-V at Bold Tendencies, we will present remote Movement Life Drawing sessions. Using video software we will pause, slow down and repeat certain sequences to reflect the real movement of dancers in the physical session. The dancers will be clothed.

Session Length

1 hour 30 minutes

Capacity: up to 20 adults and children

Age range: 11+

Materials Needed: Any paper you have around the house of any size and drawing materials of any sort - pencils, coloured pencils, felt tips, oil or chalk pastels, or charcoal

Additional Available Activities On-Site



Open Rehearsals

Free access to open rehearsals for world-class performances of music and dance, opening up the creative process for families, school classes and community groups to experience life behind the scenes. Please note for 2021 these events may be subject to change due to COVID-19 and social distancing policies.

Annual Family Day

In September we run an annual open family day on site at Bold Tendencies. This includes our core workshop offer alongside special one-off activities and intergenerational workshops that explore the site and our artworks, access to open rehearsals, and free ice cream from Frank's Cafe!

Art Trainee Programme

We run an annual immersive working and learning experience that offers participants aged 19 - 27 a role in the life and work of our organisation. Applications are open to all regardless of experience, and especially to those interested in pursuing a career in culture and the creative industries. Applications for the 2021 season are closed but if you are interested in learning more about the 2022 programme please contact us trainees@boldtendencies.com.