

Autumn 2019 Education Programme for People with Disabilities 21 September–21 November 2019

The Autumn 2019 Education Programme for People with Disabilities, scheduled from 21 September to 21 November, includes a wide range of educational offerings for individuals with physical, learning and developmental difficulties. The workshops are designed to help people with disabilities aged 3 and above to discover new ways of self-expression through art. All workshops are facilitated by experienced professionals, and sessions are conducted in English and Arabic, according to the needs of the participants.

Sharjah Art Foundation is committed to making its programmes as inclusive and accessible as possible. Disability access symbols are included in all Education Programme descriptions to indicate the accessibility of individual sessions.

Key to symbols:



Vision impairment



Hearing impairment



Physical disabilities



Down syndrome



Autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

Kindly contact the Education Programme for People with Disabilities in advance to arrange any support needed during the workshops.

For further information, email disabilities.education@sharjahart.org or call (06) 5685050.

Basic Principles of Sign Language

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Instructors: Hasan Odeh Hammoudi and Wael Samir for Arabic sign language; Nada Shahin and Abdalsalam Zourob for English sign language

Saturday, 21 September 2019

4:00 pm–7:00 pm

Arts for All Center, Al Mureijah

Ages: 16+

Languages: Arabic and English

In celebration of the International Day of Sign Languages, Sharjah Art Foundation will host two concurrent workshops, one in Arabic and one in English. Participants will be introduced to the basic principles of sign language, including how to sign numbers, letters of the alphabet and commonly used phrases. Then they will engage in simple conversations in Arabic or English.

Heritage-Inspired Clay Sculpture 1

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Saturday, 28 September 2019

4:00 pm–7:00 pm

Sharjah Art Institute

Ages: 7+

Languages: Arabic and English

AND

Heritage-Inspired Clay Sculpture 2

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Saturday, 5 October 2019

4:00 pm–7:00 pm

Sharjah Art Institute

Ages: 16+

Languages: Arabic and English

Inspired by Adam Henein's sculptures, which show influences from his Egyptian heritage and cultural background, both these workshops will encourage participants to tap into their own cultures and bring their heritage to life using clay. Participants will be able to take their sculptures home at the end of the workshops.

Film Criticism for Kids

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Monday, 30 September 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Center, Al Mureijah

Ages: 16+

Languages: Arabic and English

Offered in conjunction with Sharjah Art Foundation's exhibition *Vantage Point Sharjah 7*, this workshop invites young adults to a film screening followed by a discussion. Participants will learn how to analyse and critique movies.

Mosaic Meets Geometry 1

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Monday, 14 October 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Center, Al Mureijah

Ages: 7+

Languages: Arabic and English

AND

Mosaic Meets Geometry 2

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Monday, 21 October 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Center, Al Mureijah

Ages: 16+

Languages: Arabic and English

Designed for different age groups, both these workshops have been inspired by the Persian art techniques used in the work of Monir Shahroudy Farmanfarmaian, which can be seen at Sharjah Art Foundation in the exhibition *Sunset, Sunrise*. Participants will create their own mosaic pieces to take home.

A Sense of Touch

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Thursday, 7 November 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Center, Al Mureijah

Ages: 3–6

Languages: Arabic and English

In this sensory workshop, participants will first play a game in which they reach into a box, feel various objects and try to identify what the objects are using only their sense of touch. Afterwards, they will create a craft journal, where they will paste various materials and objects they can touch in order to document and learn about different types of textures and the way they feel.

Music and Art

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Thursday, 14 November 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Center, Al Mureijah

Ages: 3–6

Languages: Arabic and English

Participants will first be introduced to a variety of musical instruments to discover the sounds and music they are able to produce. Then they will make upcycled instruments from recyclable and everyday products.

How to Draw Manga 1 (with FOCAL POINT)

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Saturday, 16 November 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Center, Al Mureijah

Ages: 16+

Languages: Arabic and English

Designed for two different age groups, these two workshops focus on manga comics and graphic novels, which are at the heart of Japanese pop and entertainment culture. Informed by the contemporary art in the FOCAL POINT art book fair and the *SHARJAPAN2* exhibition, both workshops invite participants to learn the art of Japanese manga and techniques for creating comic strips.

Observing the Other

Education Workshop for People with Disabilities

Thursday, 21 November 2019

10:00 am–12:00 pm

Art for All Center, Al Mureijah

Ages 3–6

Languages: Arabic and English

In this workshop, participants will observe and imitate various facial gestures and/or body movements during play, such as raising both arms above their heads and then dropping one arm down and seeing if other participants can imitate. They will also learn how to read social cues and facial expressions as well as tone of voice and body language. Finally, they will create faces on paper plates that depict the different facial expressions they have learnt.