Winter 2018 Disabilities Education Programme
From 9 January to 27 February

The Winter 2018 Disabilities Education Programme, which takes place from 9 January to 27 February, includes a wide range of educational offerings for individuals with physical, learning and developmental difficulties to help them discover new ways of self-expression through art. Designed for participants ranging from 3 to 25 years of age, all workshops are facilitated by experienced professionals.

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

Sharjah Art Foundation welcomes participants of all abilities, and all events are free and open to the public. Materials will be provided by the foundation.

Key to symbols:

Person who is blind or has low vision
Person who is deaf, hard of hearing or has auditory disorders
Person with physical disabilities
Person with Down’s syndrome
Person with autism spectrum disorder (ASD)

Workshop: Make Your Own Object
Tuesday, 9 January
10:00 am–11:00 am for the tour and 11:30 am–1:00 pm for the workshop
Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah
Ages: 16+

After a gallery tour of ‘I am an object maker’ in the exhibition Hassan Sharif: I Am The Single Work Artist, participants will learn two types of binding techniques, one using canvas cloth and the other copper wire. Informed by Sharif’s work, participants will then juxtapose found objects presented during the workshop to make their own object.

Workshop: Create Rhythms with Voice and Djembe Drums
Saturday, 13 January
4:00 pm–5:00 pm
Hamdan Bin Moussa Courtyard (near The Urban Garden), Al Mureijah Square
Ages: 5+

Participants will be introduced to basic forms of voice modulation and Djembe drum beats.
Workshop: Upcycled Collages  
Wednesday, 17 January and Thursday, 18 February  
10:00 am–12:00 pm on both days  
Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah  
Ages: 13+  

Using a variety of found and recycled objects, including but not limited to coffee pods, juice packs, chip packets, paper bags and water bottle labels, participants will spend the first day of the workshop making a grid background. Next, they will paint a grey contrasting monotone second layer to add on top of the colourful background collage made earlier. Previous art-making experience is required for this workshop.

Interactive Tour of the Exhibition Hassan Sharif: I Am The Single Work Artist  
Tuesday, 23 January  
10:00 am–12:00 pm  
Meeting point: Information Centre, Al Mureijah Square  
Ages: 11+  

Participants of all abilities are invited to join an interactive guided tour of preselected artworks from the current exhibition in the galleries at Al Mureijah Square and Bait Al Serkal. The tour will include interaction with touch panels about the preselected artworks, which will enable participants to increase their understanding and enjoyment of the exhibition and guided tour.

Workshop: Make your Own Mood Board  
Saturday, 3 February  
4:00 pm–6:00 pm  
Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah  
Ages: 7+  

Participants will learn how to create their own mood board using found objects, colours, fabric and paper. A mood board is a designer’s tool that shows what the designer is thinking and feeling as he or she begins the inspirational journey towards the creation of an artwork.

Workshop: Encaustic Wax Painting with Mixed Media  
Tuesday, 6 February and Wednesday, 7 February  
10:00 am–12:00 pm on both days  
Meeting Point: Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah  
Ages: 14+
Encaustic wax painting enables participants to make two-dimensional artwork look three dimensional. On the first day of the workshop, participants will paint a landscape of their choice in The Urban Garden. On the second day, when their artwork is dry, they will add some encaustic wax elements to their work and finish it off with beeswax.

Workshop: Watercolours on the Sharjah Corniche (Beginner Level)
Sunday, 11 February
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah
Ages: 16+

In this workshop, ideal for beginners, participants will first take a walking tour along the Sharjah Corniche and then paint a scene inspired by their surroundings. They will learn various painting techniques and try out different brushes. The end result of the workshop will be a watercolour painting of an urban landscape.

Workshop: Introduction to Decoupage
Monday, 19 February
10:00 am–1:00 pm
Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah
Ages: 16+

This workshop will introduce participants to techniques of decoupage, the art of decorating an object by gluing coloured paper cut-outs onto a surface and then covering the surface with a thick coating. First, participants will print a preselected image on ceramic dough. Then, using a glue gun, the participants will mount the images on marble and set their artwork to dry. Last, if desired, the participants may use a glaze to finish the artwork.

Workshop: Make Your Own Sketchbook
Saturday, 24 February
4:00 pm–6:00 pm
Art for All Centre, Al Mureijah
Ages: 11+

A sketchbook is an essential tool for every artist, both budding and seasonal. In this workshop, participants will make their own sketchbook using a bookmaking technique. First, they will fold the book together and bind it. After that, they will decorate it using ink markers, staples, super glue and felt cloth.
Excursion and Workshop: Photo Walk
Tuesday, 27 February
10:00 am–12:00 pm
Meeting point: Information Centre, Al Mureijah Square
Ages: 16+

In this excursion and workshop, participants will be introduced to some basic techniques for taking photographs as they walk around the Al Mureijah area. The photo walk will trace a path through the heritage area, beginning at the Sharjah Art Foundation Information Centre in Al Mureijah Square and concluding at Sharjah Art Museum.