

WRYOA & WRCF Presents

Celebrate Festival

Whalley Range

Celebrate Connections

12-19 June 2021

Across the whole of Whalley Range

Art Trail
Festival houses
Pop-up music performance
Arts & Craft, Growing and Health & Wellbeing packs
Live & Zoom creative workshops
Guided walks & more

Go to our website for the full programme

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Welcome to our 24th Celebrate Festival - with a difference!

The Celebrate Festival is a partnership between Whalley Range Community Forum, a local charity and residents' group who provide a range of adult daytime activities at JNR8 - and Whalley Range Youth Opportunities Association who provide activities for children through JNR8 play scheme during school holidays, and young people at Whiz Youth Project, four evenings per week, throughout the year.

Our Celebrate aims:

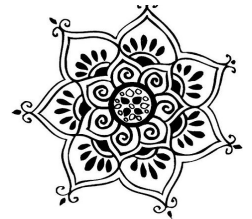
- To celebrate the talent, diversity and resources of Whalley Range.
- To promote a positive image of the area and improve the quality of life.
- To encourage participation of the different communities within the area and work within an anti-discriminatory framework.
- To be low cost and barrier-free.



As we were unable to provide our regular festival in the park due to COVID-19 restrictions and keeping safe, we wanted to work together to reconnect with the positive theme 'Celebrate Connections'.

As ever our team of volunteers will distribute publicity and act as stewards at our in-person events. Co-ordinators Chris Ricard (WRCF worker) and Lotte Karlsen (Alexandra Arts) have worked with communities and schools to provide a covid-safe programme of activities – both online and small group sessions.

- An Art Trail throughout Whalley Range,
- Free creative, growing, decorate-your-window and wellbeing packs,
- Zoom and small face-to face workshops,
- Performance, pop-up music, and small concerts.



We are also supporting local new and existing community groups to run a Celebrate activity during Festival week. Our artists are running workshops in two of our local schools; Manley Park and St. Margarets. Whiz Youth Project and the Time to Change team will be running bike maintenance and repairs workshops - as part of Celebrate Connections.

Thanks to all our supporters – including our local Co-op store on Withington Road who have provided lots of resources for our art packs, and will be hosting some Celebrate activities outside the store on Saturday 19th June!

~~~~ Celebrate Connections Art Trail and Creative Packs ~~~~

We distributed free festival creative, growing and wellbeing packs - to inspire people to take part in the Celebrate Connection Art Trail - by decorating their own windows, doors and pavements, showcasing their talents - and learning something new at our online Zoom workshops. Feel free to photograph any art that catches your eye and email to us for our gallery! Artists have decorated windows and made art installations to display at eight Whalley Range houses.

The 11 age-friendly benches across Whalley Range will be decorated as part of the Art Trail and a group of older residents are planning a walk along the bench trail as part of the week of activities.

To inspire people of all ages to participate in the art trail we have provided:

- **50 Seedling Growing Packs** from Wigan STEAM: Seedling is a participatory arts project that aims to improve the mental health and wellbeing of people in our local communities. The boxes contain sunflower seeds, wildflower seeds, compost, newspaper, pencils, paints, string, clay, paper and activity sheets to allow you to get creative with nature. Also cress seeds - so you can grow something in time for Celebrate!
- **80 Wellbeing Packs** (more suited to adults) with crafts, pampering products and information from Buzz to improve your mental health, local info from Alexandra Park Heritage Group and a Whalley Range Climate Action Group newsletter (and a few extras)
- **50 Decorate your window Art packs** from Stitched Up. Children and families from Whalley Range will be working on the 4 Ways to Fly Your Flag project, celebrating their community.
- **50 Creative Art Packs** including: giant chalks, a sparkle notebook, pens/pencils, a stamp pad for potato prints, Mandala colouring book, colouring in prints and stencils, sticky notes, watercolour paints and eco sponge, Story Scouts Whalley Range Wanderer activity pack and a Manchester Worker Bee colouring in sheet from Barney Ibbotson, a freelance illustrator and graphic artist from Manchester.



Make your home part of the Celebrate Connections festival Art Trail!

Take a look at the map to see where you can find some artistic creations, add any others and your road to your map – and send a photo to us for our art (trail) gallery!!

Whalley Range Wanderers - With an adult, find a street you've never visited before, write about it and maybe draw a picture- then choose a house on that street to post a letter to the person who lives there. Celebrate Connections!



Live workshops and Activities

Friday 11th June, 9:30am

Katy Ashworth- 45m storytelling session at Manley Park Methodist Church, gardens- there will be nature based craft activity, and Chi tea at the end.

Alexandra Park Heritage Group- Four Guided Walks around the park, starting at Chorlton Lodge, and ending at the cafe with Coffee Cranks - booking only! Contact Chris on 0161 881 3744 for details.

Shelli Le Fay, facilitated two music banner design workshops that can be seen on the pop up music venues.



Staying connected through Zoom + face-to-face, offering workshops that support health and well being....

Mandy Cleveland Zoom session

Topic: Celebrate Festival Flowers

Time: Jun 8th, 2021 18:00 PM

Join Zoom - <https://bit.ly/34XPp0x>

Meeting ID: 717 3042 4964

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Stitched up Zoom session

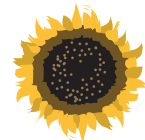
Topic: Art Packs

Time: 9th June 6:00pm

Join Zoom - <https://bit.ly/3uWxBxq>

Meeting ID: 883 5950 0558

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Alison Greyer Zoom session

Topic: Art Packs

Time: 10th June 6:00pm

Join Zoom - <https://bit.ly/3xgih0f>

Meeting ID: 832 2619 0573

Passcode: 458636



Alison Greyer Zoom session

Topic: Book Flowers

Time: 11th June 6:00pm

Join Zoom - <https://bit.ly/3wZTTQc>

Meeting ID: 853 1875 7750

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Shanali Perara Zoom Session

Topic: Digital Art - Play with Pixels

Time: 14th June 6:00pm

Join Zoom - <https://bit.ly/3ijKK0R>

Meeting ID: 380 065 4512

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Debra McCallion - Brighter Days Training

Supporting people who may have low mood, anxiety and depression, who may experience mental health issues, are isolated and lonely and/or lacking confidence and motivation. Contact us to find out more and to join a workshop. 0161 881 3744



School Activities

Two of our local primary schools (Manley Park and St. Margarets) have signed up for Celebrate workshops - and the artwork produced will be displayed on school gates and railings as part of the art trail. Stitched up, a not-for-profit Community Benefit Society, and Lotte Karlsen of Alexandra Arts (and Celebrate Workshop Coordinator) will be running the sessions - look out for upcycled materials, Rangoli and Mandala school artwork during festival week!

Celebrate Connections: Health & Wellbeing

The Health and Wellbeing activities are being run in conjunction with the Build Back Greener group who have sourced local musicians, to provide door step music, and pop up music events, and Brighter Days therapeutic group trainer.



We will be working with people from Whalley Range who have been shielding and/or socially isolated, such as older people and those experiencing mental ill health.



In Whalley Range during the CELEBRATE CONNECTIONS week we have music in unexpected places! This year the musicians come to places near YOU! There are pop up busking events in many streets, and information from your local street volunteer who will be running the events. We are delighted that some of our local venues have been able to arrange the following musical events to coincide with the festival week. There will be limited capacity at all these venues.

See enclosed MAP for venue locations

June 12th ,11:00 am. St. Margaret's Church: Country and Eastern music with local star Paula Darwish and Serpil, a singer from the wonderful Mediterranean cafe.

June 12th, 2:00 pm. Manley Methodists Church, Egerton Road North: Lanlon in the Wood Music with pictures and stories for all the family.

June 19th, 17:30 pm. Carlton Club: The Darley quartet. Philosopher Laurence and his mellow cello joined by three musical friends to bring you early evening strings, with a cold beer and hot fish and chips!

13th to 18th June EVENING pop up concerts bring music close to homes on Whalley Range streets, at nursing homes, sheltered housing and group homes. Look out for the banner and the magic musicians gazebo!

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**Buskers playing in various streets throughout the week:**



Casey Birks  
Henry Colquhoun  
Des Basterfield

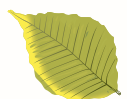
Mica Sinclair  
Dave Taylor  
James Thompson



**All playing the guitar and singing**

All venues have COVID19 risk assessments in place as per government guidelines

## Alexandra Medical Practice



Doctors and staff are always happy to help bring members of the community together to promote good health for all.

365 Wilbraham Road, Whalley Range, M16 8NG Tel: 0161 860 4400

# Whalley Range Youth Opportunities Association is celebrating 'CONNECTIONS' at Whiz Youth Project



**Big Bike Revival is helping us to help you to unlock the joy of cycling...**



Is your bike in need of repair?  
Do you want to learn some new bike maintenance skills?  
Let us help get you back on the road, safely!  
Come along to our bike maintenance and repair workshop



**A FAMILY EVENT!**

**on Wednesday 16th June, 6:00pm - 8:00pm**

## **GRAFFITI WORKSHOP with Jamie Rennie of JMEDZYNZ**

This art project will give young people a chance to get involved in the arts element of Celebrate Connections through designing and making a banner that can be seen on the Art Trail

**on Tuesday 8th June, and Thursday 10th June, 6:30pm - 8:30pm**

*I love to  
make new  
friends*

## **And, at JNR8 Holiday Play Scheme...**



### **LETS GET CONNECTED - having fun with string telephones**

As part of Celebrate Connections children who attended JNR8 play scheme had great fun learning about and making string telephones, and in making these they even considered the social distancing, allowing for 2m of string within bubble groups and 12m with other bubble groups...

### **WHAT IS THE BEST THING ABOUT RECONNECTING WITH YOUR FRIENDS AGAIN AFTER LOCKDOWN?**

Children were given colourful speech bubbles to write what was best about getting back out to play in the community again... We will be making a booklet with all the comments.

**SOMETHING ELSE TO LOOK FORWARD TO IN THE NEAR FUTURE!**

### **CREATIVE ACTIVITY PACKS**

We will be delivering activity packs full of creative goodies, to the children who missed out on our play scheme, allowing for them to make decorations that they can and display on their windows, for the art trail.

**See our website for some fantastic photos of these activities**



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JNR8 Youth & Community Centre , Cromwell Avenue, Whalley Range  
0161 881 3744 [www.wryoa.org](http://www.wryoa.org)



# What's going on at JNR8 Youth & Community Centre

Whalley Range Community Forum - Weekday support and activities for adults



We are slowly bringing back provision at JNR8, sticking to the rule of six for classes.

**Tuesdays:**

**ESOL for women** (female teacher)  
**Hatha Yoga for women** (female teacher)  
 Local residents: £3.00

**Wednesdays:**

**Keep Fit for women** (female instructor)  
**Conversation & Crafts:** Over 50's wellbeing  
**Age Friendly Afternoon Tea** for older residents  
**Foodbank vouchers distribution**  
 (call Chris on 0161 881 3744 to discuss)

**Thursdays:**

**Basic Computer Skills**  
**Be Well** (GP referral)  
**Spanish Practice**  
**Tai Chi** Local residents: £1.00

Whalley Range Community Forum is a representative voluntary organisation for residents of Whalley Range. The Age-friendly Whalley Range & Chorlton steering group hold meetings and social and information events to engage with older people to identify and address priorities.

JNR8 is a:

Third party Hate Crime reporting centre- call into the centre, or phone Chris Call 0161 881 3744 for more information Updates at: [www.whalleyrange.org](http://www.whalleyrange.org)

**Fridays - Time to Change**  
 Mental Wellbeing Social Group - 6-8pm  
 Call Carol for more info on 07788 855544

**Supporting Mental Health**  
 Come and join us in: cooking, eating, pool, live music, and some good conversation.  
**Promoting positive messages!**

## WHIZ Youth Project Ages 11-19 years

Facilitating the personal, social and educational development of young people



**Monday - Girls - Watch This Space**

**Tuesday - Fitness Training**

**Wednesday - Healthy Eating + DoFE Sessions**

**Thursday - Fitness Training**

Including In-house activities- Pool, PS4, Board Games, Table Tennis, Art & Crafts AND... much more!



- Volunteering Opportunities
- One to One Support
- Duke of Edinburgh Award
- Outdoor Activities
- CV/ Job Application support
- Group Workshops

Contact us to find out more!



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## JNR8 PLAY SCHEME

WRYOA's fantastic play scheme runs during school holidays, for children ages 6-12yrs old.



Looking forward to the Summer holidays!

## COVID SAFE ACTIVITIES

All users of JNR8 Youth and Community Centre have extensive COVID19 risk assessments in place, ensuring the safety of all groups who attend the centre. Feel free to contact us to find out further information.,

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# **Jam Street**

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