

Ellesmere Port Cultural Learning Exchange Directory of Freelance Artists & Dance Practitioners

North West based artists, experienced in working with children, young people in schools

Jake Ryan — Visual artist/film maker

Practice: Drawing, crafting, making; video, film, and animation

A multi-disciplinary visual artist engaging children and young people through hands-on making, still and moving images.

Website: <https://www.jake-makes.art>



Faith Bebbington — Sculptor

Practice: Sculpture and large-scale making

Faith works with materials to create expressive, often large-scale sculptural forms. Her practice supports exploration of form, material and concept in ways that inspire discovery and creative risk-taking for young learners **Website:**

<https://faithbebbington.co.uk>



Sarah Bailey — Story, drama & ‘performance poetry’

Practice: Story-making through drama, visual art, poetry, movement and performance

Sarah’s work blends drama and visual art, helping young people explore narrative, embodiment and creative expression.

Website: <https://sarahbailey.net/art/>

James Lyons — Music Making Practice:

Beatbox, rap, music creation

James facilitates high-energy music workshops centred on beatboxing, rap and creative musical expression — building confidence and performance skills.

Contact: lyonsedu@gmail.com **Videos:**

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K0uhxCbZ7pA>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jk2mxlKChyU>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aRw1V95EdsY>
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Claire Owens — Textile Artist

Practice: Textile art and creative making

Claire’s textile work explores fabric, texture and stitch. Her workshops can support textile skills, creative design, and expressive making.



Contact: clare.owens@outlook.com

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/clare.owens.94/?hl=en>

Kevin Dyer — Creative Writing & Drama

Practice: Creative writing, playwriting, collective writing and drama

Kevin is an experienced writer and facilitator whose workshops nurture storytelling, script-writing and expression through creative and collaborative writing.

Website: <https://www.kevindyer.co.uk/index.html>

Natasha Chapman - Drama, Creative Arts and Writing workshop Facilitator.
SEND, At Risk, Sanctuary Seeking and Children Missing from Education specialist.
[Natasha Kim Chapman – Bio 2025 Facilitator. Artist. Theatre Maker. Producer..pdf](#)

Specialist organisations

Cheshire Dance — Dance Practitioners & Projects

Practice: Dance creation, creative movement for all ages and abilities. Cheshire Dance work's extensively with young people in schools and communities, providing workshops, creative dance projects and leadership opportunities through movement and performance.

Website: <https://www.cheshiredance.org/>

Theatre Porto - Theatre/Drama Practitioners & Projects

Practice: Specialist child-centred theatre company, providing theatre making, storytelling, puppetry and creative projects for all ages and abilities. Bespoke projects for children of all ages and CPD for teachers.

Website: <https://www.theatreporto.org/>