

Art Café



When does it run?

Art Café sessions take place every Tuesday from 10.00 am to 12.00.

Where does it take place?

The service takes place at the Circle Library, Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton SM5 1JJ

Who is the service for?

The service is for adults with a learning disability who enjoy arts and crafts activities. Whilst we are not able to provide support or personal care, many Art Café members attend with their own support worker or a family member to help them get the most out of the group.

How is the service organised?

The service is group-based. Typical attendance is around 10 to 12 people per session, plus support workers.

Who provides the service?

Each group is run by a team of 2 or 3 staff including a service co-ordinator. All our staff are experienced in working with people with a learning disability and have taken part in our extensive training programme.

We sometimes have volunteer support on the service and encourage service users to help out.

How can I join the service?

People typically self-refer or are referred by their families. It is not necessary for you to have a package of care in place, although if you are in receipt of council funding you may be able to use that to pay for services.

Is there a waiting list?

The service is popular and there is sometimes a waiting list. For up to date information on how long you are likely to wait before accessing the service, contact our Adult Services Manager, Tammy Satchell on 020 8138 8956 or e-mail tammy@suttonmencap.org.uk.

Can I choose when I attend?

Yes. Once you are confirmed as a member of Art Café you can decide which sessions to attend. There is no need to book.

What happens on the service?

Each week Art Café provides different creative projects for people to try. We provide the materials you need and take you through the projects. If you need additional help you can attend with a support worker or family member. Refreshments are provided.

Can I choose the activities I will do?

All the activities feature arts and crafts. We are always keen to involve people in deciding what activities we should do.

Is transport available to attend the service?

No. You will need to arrange your own transport to and from the sessions.

How much does it cost?

Each session costs £9 to attend, which is paid on the day. We are looking to introduce an online advance booking and payment system in the near future.

What needs to happen before I can start?

We need to have the following in place before you can start on the service:

- We need to have a place available for you.
- You will need to complete a client information form.
- We will need to confirm you can attend.

How can I find out more?

Contact Tammy Satchell, Adult Services Manager on 020 8138 8956 or e-mail tammy@suttonmencap.org.uk

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