



Hallam Art Group. Frequently Asked Questions

HOW OFTEN DOES THE GROUP MEET?

The group meets every Thursday evening in the HYCA hall.

We don't hold meetings during the Christmas / New Year period. If there is very inclement weather, the meeting may be cancelled.

The meetings start at 7.30pm and finish around 9.30pm

IS THE GROUP ANYTHING TO DO WITH SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY?

No. But students and staff of Sheffield Hallam are entirely welcome.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE MEETINGS?

On most occasions, members work on their own art projects. Members mostly paint and draw.

However, there are special events. In recent months we have had talks by members and visitors. We sometimes have a specific painting/drawing goal (for instance, a still life evening).

Once every four weeks we have a DVD presentation. We have included a programme of upcoming events in this pack. Updates to the programme will be posted at the meetings.

On arriving, members have to sign-in with a register. This is for fire safety. Anyone who wishes to leave early should also sign out. Members who are able, participate in setting up tables and chairs and putting them away at the end of the session.

IS THERE ANY ART COACHING?

No. But we have many experienced artists and you might find members willing to share advice. We also have a library of art books and DVDs which can be borrowed.

DO YOU PROVIDE MATERIALS? PAPER AND PAINT?

No. You must bring your own.

CAN I BRING MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ALONG?

Sorry, no. This is a members-only group. Only adults who are members of the group may attend.



WHAT IF MY ART IS NOT SO GREAT?

The group is welcoming and positive. We encourage each other. No one will criticize your work. You may choose to ask for feedback.

WHAT ARE MEMBERS EXPECTED TO DO?

You are expected to attend at least twelve times per year. If you are able, it's helpful if you can assist with setting up the tables and chairs. When exhibitions happen, we need lots of volunteers. If you cannot attend, please let a committee member know.

HOW MUCH DOES MEMBERSHIP COST?

Membership of the group costs £25 per year. But members must also join the Hallam Community and Youth Association. HCYA owns and organizes the running of the building where we meet. HCYA membership is an additional annual fee (exact amount depends on how you pay.)

WHAT DOES THE GROUP DO WITH THIS MONEY?

The group is not a profit-making organization. All monies are invested back into resources for the group. For example; paying for exhibition space.

HOW DOES THE GROUP COMMUNICATE WITH MEMBERS?

We communicate by email (unless you request otherwise). Please check your email regularly

HOW DO I PAY?

Payment of the annual £25 Hallam Art Group subscription can be made by any of these methods:

Bank transfer to **Hallam Art Group**. Account number 31826970 Sort code **56 00 09**. Please use your name as the reference.

Standing order to the same account, stating your name as reference.

Cheque made payable to Hallam Art Group

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To Pay the subscription to the HYCA - Details can be found in the Hallam Citizen and on their website www.hcya.org.uk



WHEN DO I PAY?

Subscriptions are due promptly on 1st September of each year.

WHO ORGANISES THE RUNNING OF THE GROUP?

There is a committee which runs the group with the support of others. The committee meets regularly. The names and email addresses are available at the desk during meetings.

DO YOU HAVE EXHIBITIONS?

Yes, we normally have two exhibitions each year. One at the Botanical Gardens in spring and one at the Hallam Community Hall in autumn. Members exhibit paintings, but we also sell craft items and greetings cards produced by members.

The exhibitions require a huge amount of organization and hard work. We expect exhibiting members to participate both in preparation and by stewarding during the exhibition.

CAN YOU HELP ME SELL MY PAINTINGS AND PRINTS?

Yes. Members sell paintings at the exhibitions. The artist decides the price. We charge a small sum for each painting which is to be exhibited, and the group takes a modest (15%) commission from the sales.

Before each exhibition there is a submissions night where members list which paintings they wish to exhibit and pay the submission fees.

HOW MANY MEMBERS ARE THERE IN THE CLUB?

We currently have 60 full members. Who regularly attend.