

The Alma Project

The Alma Project is a Scottish Charity Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) that aims to improve mental health and well-being.

The name 'Alma' means 'soul' in Latin. We see the arts as being 'food for the soul' - health for mind and spirit.

All groups are held at Craigentenny Community Centre, 9 Loaning Road, EH7 6JE.

The centre looks like an old castle. You can park in the grounds.

Buses - 19, 21, 25, and 49 go to Craigentenny Road, beside Loaning Road. Buses 19 and 34 go to Marionville Road, which is very near Loaning Road. Nos. 13 and 15 go to nearby Sleigh Drive. Buses 5, 45, 124 go to the end of London Road, 15min walk to Loaning Road.

The lounge and main hall are on the ground floor and are accessible, but the Castle Hall is on the first floor which is unfortunately only accessible up 11 steps.

What you will need

Groups are free, but please bring along a suitable pad of paper for art or creative writing and money for tea/coffee (30p). Other materials are provided.

Service-user Referral Procedure

If you would like to come to any Alma Project groups/activities, you can telephone to arrange a visit (come with a support worker if possible). Everyone needs a referral from a support worker or health professional. We have a form for this. Once we receive this form, we will then contact you regarding a place.

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Timetable of Groups

Mon Art Group	Mon	11.45 - 1.45pm
Tues Art Group	Tues	12.30pm - 2.30pm
Creative Writing	Wed	12 noon - 2pm
Drama Group	Thur	12.30 - 2pm
Photos to Life	Thur	1pm - 3pm

We would like to thank our funders -



Christ Church, Morningside

NHS Lothian



Thanks also to donors and those who support our fundraising events.

Patrons: Stefan Tymkewycz; artist and art therapist Lucy Proctor; film and tv director Robert McKillop

About The Alma Project Groups

Mon Art Group - in the Castle Hall

A relaxed, friendly art group where you can do your own thing but where the group will occasionally be shown techniques and ways of working with a variety of media. We have pencils, pastels, printing ink, paint, clay, fabric and other materials free for you to use.

Tues Art Group - in the Castle Hall

A relaxed, friendly group that offers time and a safe, supported space for you to explore your creativity. Practical help or tuition are on hand. Materials available as above.

Creative Writing - in the lounge

These are structured, workshop style sessions for people interested in playing with words and using their imagination. Each session focuses on a theme, technique or writing style. You don't need any experience of creative writing.

Photos to Life - in the Castle hall

As part of a wider project, this group will be taking photos of buildings in our local community and using them as an inspiration for drawings, paintings and prints.

Drama Group - in the main hall

If you enjoy playing you will love drama. You will get to try out drama games, exercises and improvisations. This group will run when funding is available. Please phone to check.