

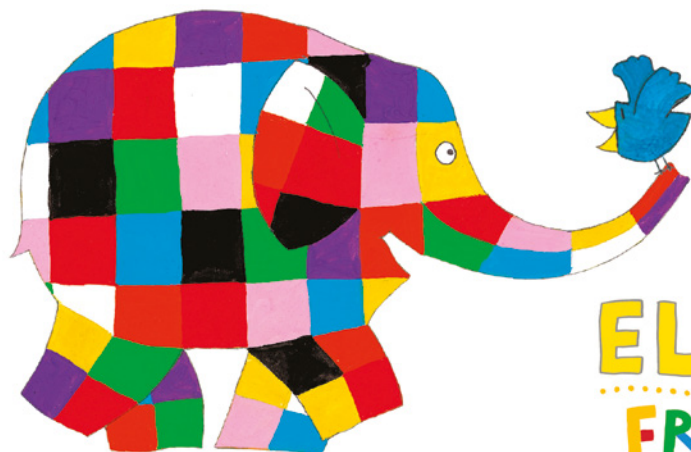


SUNDERLAND
MUSEUM & WINTER GARDENS

What's On

Free Entry

Nov 2023 – Feb 2024



ELMER
and
FRIENDS

THE COLOURFUL WORLD OF DAVID MCKEE

Welcome



Discover Sunderland's fascinating history, outstanding art exhibitions and immersive Winter Gardens - all under one roof!

Delve into the story of Sunderland, its people, its industries and the fascinating worlds beyond. With a collection dating back to 1846, there are plenty of weird and wonderful surprises in store!

Sunderland's rich history is explored across four floors, with spaces dedicated to shipbuilding, coal mining, glass making and pottery as well as many other aspects of the city's past.

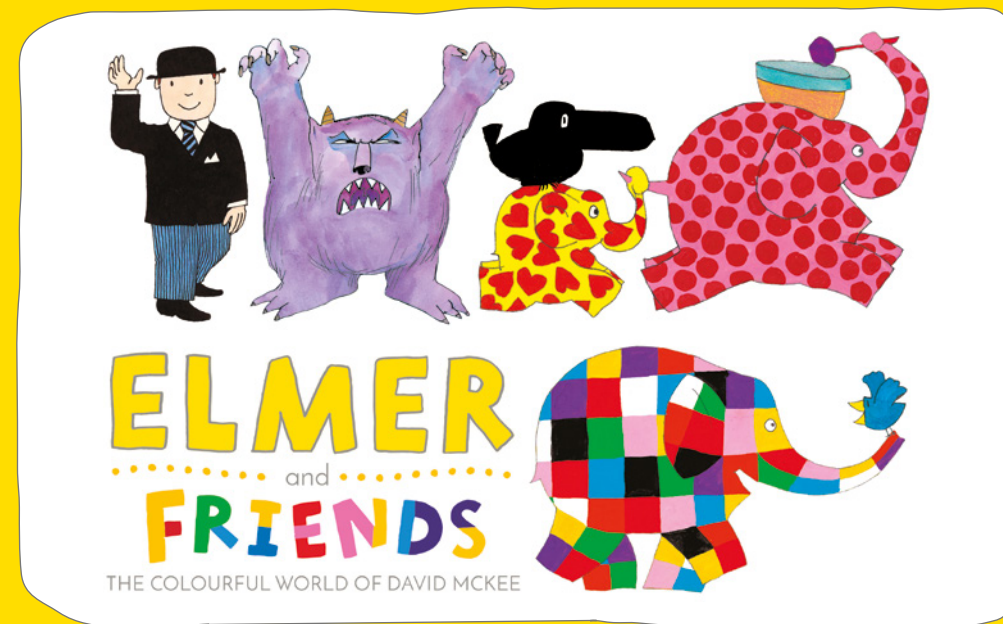
Find out about the lives of the Anglo Saxon monks, who resided at St Peter's Monastery in Monkwearmouth, or Wallace

the Lion who remains our most popular exhibit after 143 years! Our ever-changing family events programme includes themed workshops, crafts and story times. Whilst here, immerse yourself in the Winter Gardens and browse the shelves of the City Library.

Complete your visit with a bite to eat or drink at Bennelli's and enjoy the fantastic range of gifts and local craft items available at the Museum Shop.

If you require a large print version of this guide, please ask at reception.

Exhibitions



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Elmer and Friends, the Colourful World of David McKee

Until 6 January 2024

Elmer and Friends is a major retrospective of the late author and illustrator David McKee. See striking illustrations and celebrate over 30 years of Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, McKee's most well-known creation.

First stop is Elmer's world, where visitors can walk through Elmer's jungle, encountering characters and stories along the way. As well

as illustrations from the Elmer series there's original artwork from McKee's other children's classics Not Now, Bernard, Mr Benn, and King Rollo plus the opportunity to visit the fancy dress costume shop featured in Mr Benn.

An exhibition from Seven Stories, The National Centre for Children's Books.

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Wildlife Photographer of the Year

5 February – 7 May 2024

See the world through a new lens.

Explore the planet's habitats, from sprawling urban metropolises to the deep polar seas, and meet the creatures that rely on these places. Come face to face with species at risk of extinction as well as those we've brought back

from the brink. See first-hand how human activities, both good and bad, are shaping the natural world we rely on.

The stunning photography will leave you truly inspired by the beauty and diversity of nature and hopefully give you a renewed drive to do what you can to protect it.

Adult Learning

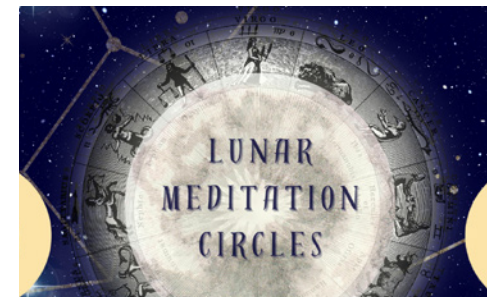


Creative Age

Wednesdays 1pm – 3pm

This free weekly group for adults aged 50+ supports adults living with dementia and their carers, people with long-term health needs and those looking for creative, social activities. Work alongside artists, volunteers and Museum staff on different art and craft projects, enjoy a cuppa and a chat and find your happy place!

If you are interested in joining the group please pop into a session or arrange a chat with Jennie Lambert, Public Engagement & Learning Manager via e-mail jennie.lambert@sunderland.gov.uk. Creative Age is supported by the Sir John Priestman Charity Trust and The Joicey Trust.



Lunar and Meditation Wellbeing Circles in the Winter Gardens

10 January, 7 February and 26 March

Join meditation and energy coach Shaney Barton in the Winter Gardens, a gorgeous safe space, where you will be held in candlelight and sound while we perform our Moon practice. You will feel relaxed and refreshed at the end of the session, learning tools that you can take forward with you on your wellness journey.

£14 per person. Please visit sunderlandmuseum.org.uk for more details and to book your place.

Threads

Tuesdays 7 November, 5 December, 9 January and 6 February

Drop-in session from 1pm – 3pm

Threads is a social, self-help group working with yarn and fabric and a variety of textile

techniques: knitting, crochet, rag-rug and hand sewing.

The group meets monthly to work on individual projects and share their skills. You can bring your own textile project along and everyone is welcome to drop in and chat.

Adult Learning



Clay Creations for Christmas

**Saturdays 11 and 18 November
10.30am - 12.30pm**

Join pottery artist Lindsey Grieves to learn some different techniques for working with clay. Use a variety of slab building, moulding and stamping techniques to make beautiful ceramic Christmas decorations to decorate your home, including unique tree decorations and festive tiles. This taster course takes place over two consecutive weeks; making clay pieces the first week and adding colour, pattern with different glazes in the second week. No previous experience is needed.

£35 per person for the 2-session course. Places must be pre-booked on sunderlandmuseum.org.uk or via the Museum Shop.



Cyanotype Workshop: Inspired by the Wild

**Saturday 24 February
1.30pm - 3.30pm**

Cyanotype is a form of camera-less photography, using objects placed on light reactive, coated paper to create stunning white and blue images. Work with artist Lijie Zhang to create unique cyanotype artworks inspired by themes in the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition.

£20 per person. Places must be pre-booked on sunderlandmuseum.org.uk or via the Museum Shop.



For families



Mini Science Club

**Fridays 17 November,
15 December, 19 January,
16 February
1.30pm - 2.30pm**

Join the team from Big Science UK for fun activities for 1 – 4 year olds. During each session your child will not only play and explore, but they will also be actively learning, creating and thinking critically every week. Enjoy age-appropriate hands-on experiments, learning and messy play with a science twist.

Mini Science Club session will be messy and involve using the whole body to explore and experiment so please wear appropriate clothes. To find out more visit www.bigscienceuk.com.

£5 per child per session, adults go free. Places can be pre-booked on sunderlandmuseum.org.uk or via the Museum Shop.



Tuesday Museum Club

**Tuesdays 7 November,
5 December, 9 January
and 6 February
10am - 11.30am**

The Tuesday Museum Club is Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens monthly session for home educated families with children aged 5 – 11 years old. It takes place on the first Tuesday of each month and is a fun way of learning about history, science and art through the Museum collections.

£3.50 per child per session, adults go free. Places must be pre-booked on sunderlandmuseum.org.uk or via the Museum Shop.



For families



Elmer's Gift Trail

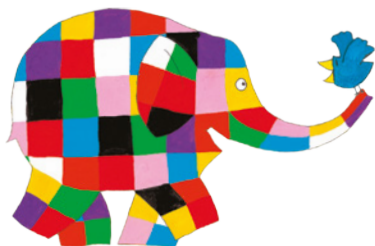
**Saturday 18 November –
Saturday 6 January**
10am – 4pm

Can you find all of Elmer's Christmas gifts hiding in the Winter Gardens?

Find them all to claim a prize sticker. This trail supports the exhibition Elmer and Friends, the Colourful World of David McKee. Trails are £1 each and can be purchased from the Museum Shop.



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Elmer's Christmas Storytime

Saturday 16 December
Sessions at 11am, 1pm
and 2.30pm

Listen to the story of Elmer's Christmas, then make and decorate your own clay Elmer character tree decoration. The recommended age for this activity is 7 and under.

£3 per child, adults go free.
Places must be pre-booked on sunderlandmuseum.org.uk or via the Museum Shop.

Rainbow Art Space

**Saturday 21 October –
Saturday 6 January**
10am - 4pm

Get creative in the Rainbow Art Space and draw amazing characters inspired by the exhibition Elmer and Friends, the Colourful World of David McKee. Share your pictures in our gallery display and see pictures from our Get Ready for Elmer: Drawing Competition.



Rangoli Elephants

Saturday 11 November
Drop-in session from
1.30pm – 3pm

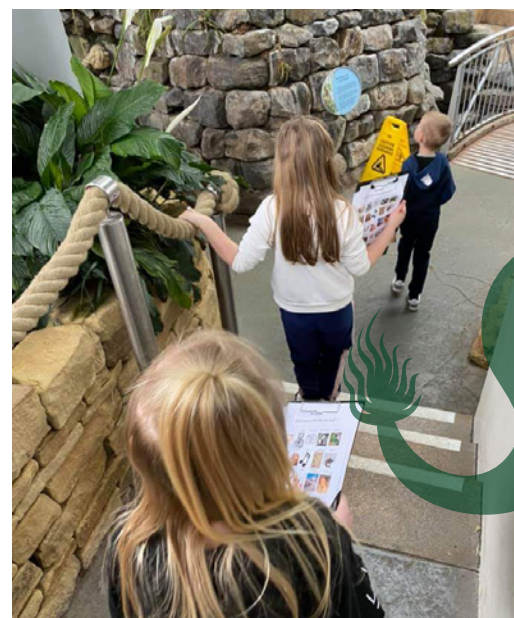
Celebrate Diwali, the festival of lights, as we make colourful rangoli artworks inspired by Indian elephants.



Year of the Dragon

Saturday 10 February
Sessions at 1.30pm and
2.30pm

Make a Chinese dragon puppet and lucky red lantern to celebrate Spring Festival 2024. Free places must be pre-booked on sunderlandmuseum.org.uk or via the Museum Shop.



Chinese Zodiac Animal Trail

**Saturday 27 January –
Saturday 24 February**
10am – 4pm

2024 is the Year of the Dragon! Can you find all 12 animals of the Chinese zodiac in clues hidden around the Museum & Winter Gardens? Discover the personalities of the different animals and try some fun challenges.

Trails are £1 each and can be purchased from the Museum Shop.

Wildlife Spotters

Saturday 10 February –
Tuesday 9 May
10am – 4pm

Families can collect a free wildlife spotters activity sheet filled with puzzles and challenges to help them explore the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition. Recommended age 4+



Drawing the Wild with Dan

Wednesday 21 February
Sessions at 1pm and 2.30pm

Work with artist Dan Waterston to draw animals and landscapes from the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition using a range of materials.

Free places must be pre-booked on sunderlandmuseum.org.uk or via the Museum Shop.

Aurora the Polar Bear's Adventure

From Saturday 24 February
10am – 4pm

Meet Aurora and her polar bear friends as you explore the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition and the Museum's own wildlife collections! Learn fascinating facts about polar bears and other endangered animals and what we can do to help protect them.

Trails are £1 each and can be purchased from the Museum Shop.

Under the Sea

Friday 23 February
Drop-in sessions from 11am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 3pm

Help to decorate a spectacular underwater collage filled with turtles, jellyfish, seals and whales as we take inspiration from the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition. Learn how to reduce plastic waste in the oceans.



Sunderland Teenage Art Market

Saturday 9 December
11am – 3pm

Sunderland Teenage Market is a celebration of young local talent and a supportive network to be a part of. It's an innovative community market where local creative young people offer affordable, good quality produce.

11.30am - 1.30pm Create festive decorations from recycled Christmas cards in this free, drop-in activity.

If you are a young entrepreneur and would like to get involved, please go to theteenagemarket.co.uk/locations/sunderland/, create an account and apply for a table at the market. Cash is recommended for this event.

Bright Lights: Young Wildlife Photographer Exhibition

3 February – 30 March

See photographs of local wildlife taken by young people living across Wearside.

The competition is for young people aged 11 – 19 years and closes on Tuesday 16 January 2024. Entries will be judged by Celebrate Different Collective, Sunderland Culture's young arts leaders.

Visit sunderlandmuseum.org.uk to submit your entry. This competition and exhibition supports the Bright Lights Youth Arts Festival held at Arts Centre Washington.

Young People



Bright Lights Festival Fringe: Young People's Cyanotype Workshop

**Monday 19 February
1pm - 3pm**

Love photography? Love wildlife? Bring your passions together in this fun workshop with artist Lijie Zhang to create cyanotype photography inspired by ocean landscapes and creatures from the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition.

Cyanotype is a form of camera-less photography, using objects placed on light reactive, coated paper to create stunning white and blue images.

The workshop is suitable for young people aged 12+. Tickets are £15 per child, accompanying adults go free. Places must be pre-booked on sunderlandmuseum.org.uk or via the Museum Shop.



Celebrate Different Collective

Wednesdays 5pm – 6.30pm

Do you know a young person aged 13-25 who would be interested in developing their creative leadership skills? By joining the Celebrate Different Collective participants can plan their own projects, co-produce and run cultural events. They will also get the opportunity to work with artists, learn new practical skills and support Sunderland Culture's programme.

The varying ages in the group means we are supporting young people throughout their skills development and can offer more targeted career support to older members.

Get in touch to find out more with rachel.hamer@sunderlandculture.org.uk

Shop



Whether you're buying a gift for a friend or a treat for yourself, the Museum Shop has a great collection of goodies to choose from. From colourful children's gifts, art prints, and greetings cards to beautiful locally crafted homewares and designer jewellery, it's the perfect place to pick up some unique presents and stocking-fillers this Christmas!

Our special Christmas collection includes animal baubles for the tree, scented Christmas candles and Sunderland-made glassware - guaranteed to get you in the festive spirit!

Alternatively visit our online shop at www.shop-sunderlandmuseum.org.uk



Food and Drink



Located on the ground floor, Bennelli's is a fantastic spot to grab a coffee and a bite to eat. Bennelli's serves a range of freshly made traditional Italian food, alongside English classics, a variety of cakes, seasonal ice cream sundaes and cocktails. Gluten free, dairy free, vegetarian and vegan options available.

Dine in the relaxing coffee shop or on the outside patio overlooking the park. For more information visit [@Bennelli's_coffeebarbistro](https://www.facebook.com/Bennelli's_coffeebarbistro) on Facebook.



Redevelopment

Big things are happening behind the scenes at the Museum! Sunderland City Council (SCC) has been awarded £300k from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, thanks to National Lottery players, to help develop plans to improve access to the collections and upgrade the building and exhibitions. SCC also received £350k from DCMS Museum Estate and Development Fund to undertake urgent repairs to the roof, and £180k from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund to create a new Community Garden in Mowbray Park. Visit www.sunderland.gov.uk for updates.



Conferences and Meetings

Set in a convenient city centre location, our unique galleries and spaces are ideal for conferences, lectures and meetings. From small groups to larger events, we can provide an unusual and inspiring venue. If you are interested in booking, please contact the Museum at museums@sunderland.gov.uk

City Library

City Library can be found on the ground floor of Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens. A range of events and workshops

take place at the Library throughout the year including the annual Literature Festival. For more information visit: www.sunderland.gov.uk/libraries

Museum Learning

We welcome group visits from nurseries, schools, FE and HE, community and family learning groups. If you are interested in booking a visit, please contact the Public Engagement & Learning Team at museumlearning@sunderland.gov.uk

Sunderland Pianoforte Society

A series of monthly piano recitals at Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens. For more information, please visit sunderlandpianofortesociety.org

The Friends of Sunderland Museums (FOSUMS)

FOSUMS is a voluntary organisation which supports Sunderland Museum through a monthly talks programme, fundraising activities and raising the profile of the Museum in the region. For more information, please email aps690@yahoo.co.uk.



Sunderland Museum & Winter Gardens is part of the Sunderland Culture family, which delivers an exciting programme across the city's key cultural venues including Arts Centre Washington, National Glass Centre and Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art as well as a programme of cultural engagement and events with communities across the city. Highlights across our venues include...



Glass World
14 October 2023 – 10 March 2024
nationalglasscentre.com

Northern Gallery for Contemporary Art



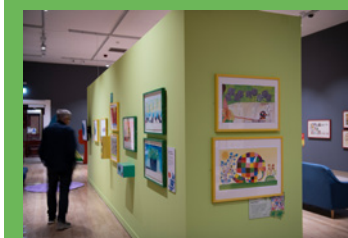
Mike Nelson: Hybrid Scripts
23 September 2023 – 21 January 2024
northerngalleryforcontemporaryart.org.uk

Arts Centre Washington



A Town Called Christmas
5th – 10th December 2023
artscentrewashington.co.uk

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Until 6 January 2024
sunderlandmuseum.org.uk

Visit

Admission:

Admission is FREE for everyone. Some events may have a charge. Donations are welcome.

To book:

Telephone: 0191 561 2323

Online: sunderlandmuseum.org.uk

Opening times:

Monday - Friday: 9.30am-5pm*

Saturday: 10am - 4pm

Sunday: closed

*Late night opening Wednesday until 7pm.

Upper level galleries including the Art and Special Exhibitions Galleries, Winter Gardens and Bennelli's Café are open 10am-4pm.

Please check our website for the most up to date opening hours.

Address/Contact:

Burdon Road, Sunderland,
Tyne and Wear SR1 1PP

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sunderlandmuseum.org.uk

Access:

Accessible toilets and baby changing areas available. Lifts are available to upper floors except in the Winter Gardens. For our Access Statement please visit sunderlandmuseum.org.uk

Getting here:

By car

A1: Take the exit at Jct 62 on A1 northbound or southbound;

follow A690 for Sunderland; then A1231 for Hendon.

A19: Take the exit for A183 on A19 southbound; take the exit for A690 on A19 northbound; then A1231 for Hendon.

Parking

We are based in Sunderland city centre with numerous car parks nearby.

By Metro/Train

Sunderland Station is 100m walk from the Museum and operates Tyne & Wear Metro services and trains to Newcastle and Middlesbrough. Sunderland Station is undergoing major refurbishment works.

By bus

Numerous buses stop at nearby Fawcett Street, Borough Road and John Street. These include Stagecoach buses 3, 23, E1, E6 plus Go North East 33, 35, 36 and 56.

For a more detailed map and directions visit sunderlandmuseum.org.uk

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