

The Urban Commune

is a collaboration between a group of artists who believe that art and creativity are good for the soul.



Our aim is to create a safe space for people to be creative whilst taking care of their physical, mental, and emotional wellbeing, whether that be through art, painting, networking, yoga, movement, music or just being with other likeminded beings.

We will be adding an extensive timetable of creative wellbeing classes, workshops, courses, and drop-in sessions.

There will be something for everyone of all ages and abilities - from arts and crafts, yoga and movement, creative business and photography and holistic wellbeing. Plus exhibitions, artisan markets, and more!

Location

We are based in the former Laura Ashley store - opposite Wickes

Uthink Creative Hub, Westgate Retail Park, Ings Road, Wakefield WF2 9SD

Please note there is ample free parking, however it is a strict 3-hour maximum stay with PCN recognition on entry and exit

The Open Weekend

We are having a (soft) launch event on Friday 26 from 6pm to 9pm for people to see the spaces, meet the team, and help us to make some decisions about the space going forward.

Everyone is welcome to join us, please book through this link so we know how many for refreshments <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-urban-commune-launch-tickets-406203213747>

We will also be open **Saturday 10am - 4pm** and **Sunday/Monday 12noon to 3pm** for people to drop in to see the space.

We are looking for people to exhibit their work, hold stalls, classes and run have-a-go workshops. It's free to exhibit, we just ask that any sales made on the day that you make a 15% donation to the **Uthink PDP** charity. We also ask you help us to promote through your own networks.

Going forward we will be having regular showcase opportunities and we will be setting up creative maker spaces where you can work from, alongside other creatives.

If you'd like to exhibit, please let us have your work/set-up by 4pm on Friday - we will be at the unit from 10am - 4pm Thursday 25 and Friday 26. We have some price tags you can use, but if you want to create your own - please make sure it clearly states your name, title of piece and price (take into account that we need a 15% donation) - plus a list of anything you wish to leave over the weekend.

If you would like to have a stall to showcase your work, you will need to bring your own tables as we will be using the ones we have. Please let us know the days you intend to come along.

If you'd like to run a class or workshop - please email your proposal to raychel@theurbancommune.co.uk with the information and day/time you would like and whether there will be a cost to participate.

Volunteers to help set up the space on Thursday and Friday welcome.

Please Note: As we are at very early stages, we cannot guarantee footfall, future events will be likely be busier as we will have gained some traction in our marketing campaigns.

The Charity

We are delighted and privileged to be working in partnership with the charity Uthink Creative - People Developing People who have worked with young people in demanding urban and rural environments, on behalf of various local authorities.

Uthink PDP believe in making art and creativity accessible for all and using it as an effective tool to support community development.

Uthink also provide Intensive Housing Support to the most vulnerable in society.

Opening Times

Friday 26 August 6pm to 9pm

Saturday 27 August 10am to 4pm

Sunday 28 August 12noon to 3pm

Monday 29 August 12noon to 3pm

How to get in touch

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