

Course title: Z754 Adventures in Burgertown

Date: 1 June

Time: 10am – 1pm

Number of Sessions: 1

Fee – full: £10.00

Fee – concession: £10.00

Tutor: Lisa Pidgeon and Lindsey Warnes Carroll

Summary Description: Be inspired by the work of cartoonist Jon Burgerman ('Pens Are My Friends') to make a three-dimensional character from recycled textiles, and then use it to create your own stories. Please note children under 8 years must be accompanied by an adult.

Detailed Description:

The participant will:

- Discuss the work of Jon Burgerman and look at some examples of his work as a spark for the craftmaking
- Take part in an inter-active storytelling session to inspire story and character ideas
- Select body fabric and cut out using template (these will be pre-cut for the younger age group)
- Select face parts, they can use the pre-cut pieces or cut their own
- Sew face components to the body, show how to layer each component, and how to sew them to the body using an over stitch
- Once the face is complete start to stitch the front and back body pieces together
- Stuff the body through the small opening. Use small pieces of the stuffing at a time and ensure that the body is firmly stuffed, but not too much that it cannot be stitched closed
- Once stuffed, stitch closed
- For those who finish before others they may want to add in some arms (template available for this) or embellish with lace, ribbons or add hair with the wool.
- sewing techniques demonstrated by workshop leaders as necessary
- The learners will create a name, history and background for their character

- Participants will play a variety of word and story making games alongside the craft activities so the creation of both story and 3-d character run alongside one another
- Working individually and with other members of the group, to devise stories involving the characters they have made
- Sharing these stories with each other
- Positively discuss in a group what each child has achieved.
- Each participant will receive ongoing support throughout the workshops from the 2 artists involved, Lisa Pidgeon and Lindsey Warnes Carroll. All participants will be encouraged to develop confidence in their own ideas and creativity.

Objectives/Outcomes:

- Learn about the work of artist Jon Burgerman
- Use the work of Jon Burgerman as a spark to create their own 3 dimensional characters
- Learn about fabric texture and behaviour
- Make decisions about selecting fabric to make their own character
- Learn how to cut fabric
- Learn how to thread a needle
- Learn basic sewing stitches
- Learn how to appliqué shapes onto the character body
- Learn simple story-making techniques that participants can use again to create further stories
- Learn simple story telling techniques participants can replicate in the future
- Develop skills in creating fictional characters for stories and performances
- Develop confidence in combining art forms
- Develop speaking & listening skills