



Courses on Offer for 2015

Abstracting the Landscape with Laurie Plant

This is one of our most popular courses taught at Gregynog. You will be using acrylic paint. The study will include a mix of classroom teaching, lots of laughter and en-plein air painting around the lake.

Cover to cover: The Altered Book with Judy Macklin

Prevent books from ending up being burnt or sent to landfill. By understanding the anatomy of books and developing a sensitivity to their specific qualities, it is possible to produce an exciting and unique work of art from something discarded. In the process of alteration, existing text or images might be kept and developed into something new or the pages and cover might be changed totally beyond recognition.

The Sister's Influence: an Art History course with Dr. Jacqueline Jeynes

By popular demand, we have written a new art history module. Learn about the influence of the extraordinary Davies Sisters and the Davies family who lived at Gregynog and Llandinam. The course helps to set art history in a broader context and will include discussion, study sessions, presentations and talks. You will be able to use the on-site library.

We are trying to do something new this year by introducing a natural history course to complement the art courses.

Understanding British Bats

This course gives a thorough introduction to British bats: species identification including dried/pickled specimens, life cycles, habits and habitats will be just some of the topics covered in the workshops. Practical and field exercises will involve a guide to summer and winter roosting sites and flight corridors, feeding patterns and behaviour. Come and learn about our British bats with an expert ecologist Richard Crompton and explore this superb venue which boasts a number of different species of bats and provides feeding areas for the important lesser horseshoe bat.

An alternative to holidaying abroad

Enjoy three memorable days of tranquillity and creativity. Many students treat their stay at Gregynog as their holiday. Imagine; no cooking, shopping and no commuting once you have settled in this peaceful environment.



Accommodation

All courses are residential. Accommodation at Gregynog is not an everyday experience. We can offer a range of choices from shared rooms, spacious traditional rooms with original furniture, grand views and Victorian bathrooms. There are also smaller en-suite rooms in a converted courtyard block, as well as rooms for families and for people with disabilities. Accommodation is issued on a first come, first served basis; pre-booking is essential.

Residential Course fees for 2015 include your tuition, accommodation and all your food

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| • Standard Fee (sharing) | £350 |
| • Discount Fee for booking before 1st March 2015 | £310 |
| • Fee Waiver (material may be extra) | £160 |
| • Single Room Supplement | £60 |

Gregynog is a wonderful place where creativity just happens. Treat yourself to three days of fun!

For further details and an application form, please contact:

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Lifelong Learning Summer School Mid Wales

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Gregynog

Gregynog has a serene, lost in time atmosphere; today's Lifelong Learning Art students enjoy the opportunity to steal a few days away, forget all the distractions of modern life and learn new skills in the Arts and Science.

Gregynog Hall

Rich in inspiration for the artist, Gregynog was the home of the Davies' sisters in the 1920's and housed a magnificent collection of Monet, Renoir, Picasso and Cezanne paintings, which can now be viewed in the National Museum of Wales, Cardiff. The Hall has beautiful grounds, woodland walks, ponds, interiors and formal gardens accessible for all students.

During your stay you will be able to participate in a high quality learning experience and gain an accredited university qualification. It does not matter if you have not experienced Higher Education before, all courses are aimed at developing your own personal style and the courses are run with fun and laughter by enthusiastic experienced tutors who are specialists in their fields.

What is unique about Gregynog?

You really get a sense of history in this unique environment; the smell of furniture polish, the smiling faces and helpful staff of which nothing is too much trouble. The gardeners neatly manicuring the grounds, a role performed by generations, add to the ambience of this beautiful, unique place.

For sixteen years Lifelong Learning students have enjoyed working and creating at Gregynog. What stories our staff and indeed the walls of Gregynog could tell of our yearly visit; laughter, hilarity and some very silly experiences, but always the hard working ethic of like-minded people making the most of their precious few days.



We are all a bit older and wiser, but still have the energy to allow you to fulfil your creative needs and enjoy the beautiful surroundings. All courses are taught in a supportive learning environment. Join us in our sixteenth anniversary year, and help celebrate our success. The courses cater for all abilities, accommodation is on site and included in the package together with all meals during your stay.

What our students have to say:

"I have found this course to be the best art course I have attended. People are nice and the tutor is very good."

"The atmosphere at Gregynog is hypnotic. Without pictorial proof, I'd think it was a dream."

"An excellent way to learn with no outside distractions, very enjoyable and mind expanding."

"Good tuition, demonstrations, personal attention and guidance. Fabulous setting."

"Organisation of the school is extremely professional with supportive learning."

"Inspiring tutors who fired up the imagination of all students!"

"The interaction between course members was fun and stimulating"

The Learning Structure

Courses are aimed to make use of the wonderful landscape and nature on your doorstep but there is a room to retreat to if the weather is not so kind. All courses start at 9am and run throughout the day with complementary evening activities to enhance your learning and bond with new friends. There is also time to relax; who would want to miss evening bowls, croquet and a 'Bonfire bards' opportunity?

