

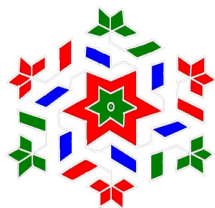


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*Kala - Art; Sangam - Confluence*

# E-BULLETIN: JANUARY 2009

*Bringing people together through south Asian and collaborative arts*



## THOUGHT OF THE MONTH

*Do not protect yourself by a fence but rather by a friend.*

*-- Czech proverb*

*Wishing you all Joy, Peace and Prosperity in 2009. Happy New Year!!!*



## VOLUNTEER AND GET WORK EXPERIENCE IN THE ARTS?

Kala Sangam would like to hear from anyone who has an interest in the arts and want to share their skills by volunteering their time. We can provide volunteering opportunities for you in school settings, dance / music classes, youth arts, arts in health, community and box office programming where you can assist and help the artists to deliver workshops, classes, performances, events and festivals. To register as a volunteer, just email us with your contact details and your area of interest and we will be in touch.

## ARTS IN EDUCATION

### CREATIVE PATHWAYS

Creative Pathways, a skills development programme in partnership with Fabirc and Artworks offers a range of Open College accredited modules on developing negotiation skills, group, teamwork communication skills, improving assertiveness & decision making. The programme leads to a National Open College Network Level 2 Awards for Progression Qualification. Getting a fresh start for the New Year and getting clear about what you want & how to achieve it, improving self confidence in a fun creative ways including recognising employment opportunities, understanding prejudice & discrimination is what it is all about. This project is in partnership with Fabric & Artworks.



### DANCE CLASSES

We welcome the new year with our regular Bharata Natyam dance classes starting on Monday 5th January in Bradford, Wednesday 7th January in Leeds and Saturday 19th January in Ashton-U-Lyne and Wakefield. If you are interested in joining classes please contact Remya on 07870 458388 or email [info@kalasangam.org](mailto:info@kalasangam.org)

## ARTS IN HEALTH

### WESTBOURNE PRIMARY GETS HEALTHY !

Kala Sangam will be working with a parents group at the school, starting in Jan 09. The artist will deliver 8 workshops in arts and crafts, various techniques in textiles from printing to silk painting. The issues that will be tackled will be all health based, promoting good health, healthy eating & exercise. There also will be some dance workshops to promote physical activity.



## YOUTH ARTS

### YOT BREAK DANCE!

Break-dancer Lloyd Thompson led four Bradford YOT workshops but also performed for our annual showcase Kala Utsav 08. With the assistance of two of his breakdancing peers, Lloyd also put on a rousing performance thoroughly re-engaging the young people. One remarked that it was a "Great session today". To follow on was Rad Miller who ran what one attendee described as the "best session yet". Rad captivated the young people as he led them through the processes of script writing, acting and video production. The young people have also worked on questions of self image through drama workshops, created their own rap and later designed a CD cover for their CD.



### KALA PAL FINISHES WITH A BASH AT KALA SANGAM!

Kala Pal was a new arts initiative for Kala Sangam in collaboration with four youth groups in urban and rural areas. The premise was to develop an urban/rural exchange while looking at issues such as barriers to culture as there is a growing gap between the two communities in particular rural cultural diversity. On 15th December 2008 we had an evening of workshops with all four youth groups with their twinned group which ended with a seasonal celebration. This was well enjoyed by all the young people, staff and artists. "It was a sad feeling to say goodbye" said a few of the participants on the projects final session. This project was funded by the Big Lottery Fund.



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