

Blog North #1: YSP & The Hepworth Wakefield

Saturday 12 May 2012, 10am-5.30pm

Time	Location	Activity
10am	Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Arrive at YSP and claim free parking* (if driving). Head to the Hayloft in the Kennel Block to register, and pick up your info pack.
10.15am	The Hayloft (Kennel Block), Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Practical writing workshop. An online writing workshop run by Susie Stubbs, Director of Creative Tourist. Susie has written for The Guardian, The Independent and was an editor for Time Out; she has published numerous guidebooks (including the current Time Out Shortlist Guide to Manchester); has published several non-fiction books (including <i>The 20th Century: How it looked and how it felt</i> for Tate Publishing); and has written an award-winning blog. She also conceived and manages the award-winning Creative Tourist website.
11am	The Hayloft and in the grounds, Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Behind the scenes at YSP and tour of Joan Miró exhibition. This is your chance to find out more about Yorkshire Sculpture Park with this exclusive talk and tour with curator, Sarah Coulson. Sarah will then lead a special tour open to Blog North participants only of the current Joan Miró exhibition – the first ever UK survey of the artist's sculpture.
12.15pm-12.45pm	The Hayloft, Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Lunch. A short break for lunch, which you can eat here, in The Hayloft. You are welcome to bring your own lunch, or use the special discount card in your welcome pack to get 10% off all food and drink in the café.
12.50pm		Reassemble in The Hayloft for the second class of the day.
1pm-2pm	The Hayloft, Yorkshire Sculpture Park	Critical Writing Forum. Been blogging for a while but feel uncomfortable writing about contemporary art and culture? Sometimes feel out of your depth when it comes to reviewing an exhibition? Jessica Lack leads a talk on the tricky subject of writing about contemporary art. She looks at the different ways in which the subject can be addressed and the problems that come with writing about a visual medium. No art history degree required – this is a forum for anyone interested in writing about the art and exhibitions they love. Jessica was an arts writer for the Guardian until 2011 and before that was Deputy Editor of Tate Magazine. She co-wrote The Tate Guide to Modern Art Terms with Simon Wilson and has been a contributing editor and writer for various magazines from ID to World of Interiors. She has appeared on television for the BBC and Sky Arts. She will be writer-in-residence at the Jerwood from September.
2.10pm	Car park	Coach departs YSP and takes participants to The Hepworth, ten minutes' drive away. If you haven't already, make sure you register for the return coach at 5.30pm.
2.20pm	Auditorium, The Hepworth	Tea and coffee served
2.45pm	Auditorium, The	Behind the scenes at The Hepworth Wakefield. Director Simon Wallis gives

	Hepworth	an exclusive behind-the-scenes talk and answers any questions you might have about a gallery that has broken records, won awards, wowed the critics <i>and</i> got thousands of people through the door in its first year.
3.30pm	Gallery tour, The Hepworth	Highlights tour. A special curator-led tour of the Hepworth, which focuses on the Hepworth Family Gift, as well as the current spring exhibitions by Heather & Ivan Morison, Ben Rivers and David Thorpe.
4pm		Free time. Explore the Hepworth, including the works sited in its grounds. Take advantage of your 10% discount vouchers for use in the shop and café.
4.30pm	Auditorium, The Hepworth	Networking. Talk to your fellow bloggers, curators from The Hepworth and staff from Creative Tourist in this optional networking event – wine and refreshments will be served.
5.30pm	Coach assembly point, adjacent to gallery	Event closes. Assemble for return coach at 5.30pm prompt (please tell us beforehand if you're not intending on taking this coach). Coach will drop any participants taking the train at Wakefield Westgate station nearby, before heading back to YSP.

*** Claim free parking at Yorkshire Sculpture Park**

Once you have bought your ticket, and you intend to drive to YSP, email susie@creativetourist.com with your registration number by Friday 4 May to claim free parking. We will enter your registration number onto YSP's automated parking system – when you drive into the car park it will automatically allocate you free parking. Please note that we cannot enter your registration number after 5pm on Friday 4 May.

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