

New North Press INTRODUCTION TO LETTERPRESS WORKSHOPS



Our workshops offer a hands-on introduction to the craft of letterpress. Participants experience the entire process from composition (*hand-setting, spacing and locking up type*) to printing (*inking and pulling the press*). Access to our substantial library of wood and metal types is open and everyone leaves with a printed example of their work.



These introductory workshops are an ideal opportunity for anyone who would like to acquire a practical knowledge of the letterpress process, using an Albion printing press, at a beginners level. A basic understanding of graphic design or interest in typography helps, but is not essential.

We begin with a tour of the press and the type library and talk about the historical context of letterpress. We then demonstrate the techniques involved in composition, make-ready and printing. Groups work on a project with a combined outcome, with each person taking part in all stages of the process and leaving with an accomplished final print.

New North Press workshop leaders are: Graham Bignell, who founded the press in 1986, collaborator Beatrice Bless and graphic designer Richard Ardagh.

Workshops run over one or two days and cater for groups of eight. A deposit of £50 is required to reserve your place on the course. We do accept group bookings—corporate or otherwise—but these need to be reserved in advance. Please be aware that these workshops are very popular, so we advise you to book promptly to avoid disappointment. We run them on a monthly basis and will contact you with upcoming dates closer to the time.

Lunch and all materials are provided, but please wear old clothes or bring an apron. Advanced workshops, for those who have completed our introductory class, will start at a later date. It is also possible to hire the studio at a commercial rate, to work on personal projects, but please call for more details.

DATES – Spring 2012
Fri 24th & Sat 25th February
£216 per person
£108 students (max 4)

Sat 24th March (ONE DAY ONLY)
£108 per person
£54 students (max 4)

Sat 21st & Sat 28th April
£216 per person
£108 students (max 4)

BOOKING
Please call 020 7729 3161