

Workshops for Schools and Groups

Norwich Taiko Centre has run workshops and projects for a range of community groups.

- schools - from infants to high school
- young offenders and school refusers
- migrant worker families
- asylum seeker and refugee children
- young carers
- young people with disabilities and learning difficulties
- adult mental health groups

We can offer taiko on its own, or in conjunction with other aspects of Japanese arts and culture. We can help you run a “Japan Day” for your school or group, which addresses different curriculum areas:

- citizenship
- music
- art (*origami, manga, calligraphy*)
- physical education
- D&T (*taiko-making*)
- Japanese language



Artwork of students at Great Yarmouth College, working with Graham Meads on East Meets East.



Mayumi Hayashi showing how to do large-scale origami.



Children performing outside the Forum, Fridi Gras, 2010

Our workshop leaders have CRB clearance, and have worked in schools and colleges.

“Our school had an amazing experience when Alice came to do a taiko drumming workshop. We really didn’t know what to expect, the hall became alive with busy interested children, sound and colour. The whole school had the opportunity to enjoy the drumming and rhythms – not all at the same time! It gave an insight into Japanese culture and the children loved it. We were so inspired that with Alice’s help we have been able to start up our own taiko class. It has helped children with confidence, raise self esteem, enjoy teamwork and become adept with body control and movement.” *Jane Rolph, Head Teacher, Chapel Break Infant School.*

Alice Kemp-Welch has taught performing arts in schools and colleges since 1986. In 2009 she co-ordinated East Meets East; a cultural heritage project about Japan – East Anglia connections which involved volunteers aged 14 – 94.

Mayumi Hayashi PhD is a research associate at the U.E.A. specialising in UK-Japan care of the elderly. She has assisted on Japan Days in schools in Norfolk teaching Japanese language and origami.

Graham Meads is a graduate in Illustration from NUCA. He specialises in creating large-scale murals, graffiti and manga (Japanese comics) with young people.

ADULTS • great stress buster • promotes well-being • alternative fitness programme • powerful drumming technique
CHILDREN • physical co-ordination • rhythm and flexibility • turn noise into sound • co-operative atmosphere • listening skills • suits boys and girls • creative teaching