

Colour and Light on the Downs – A Drawing Course

Tutors Emily Ball and Katie Sollohub

May 8th & 9th 2026 (Friday - Saturday)

Location: Truleigh Hill Centre, Shoreham, West Sussex

Times 9.30 – 4.30 each day

Cost: £290 (all materials included)

Standing on Truleigh Hill there are the most stunning views of the South Downs and the Adur Valley. You are held by the hill, grounded by the chalk beneath your feet, yet exhilarated by being up high, soaring and floating, feeling the air and wind in your face. If you love being in the landscape and are interested in making work that expressively captures the light, space, air and physicality of being on the South Downs then this course will provide you with the location, materials, inspiration and guidance to help you make exciting work.

This is a 2 day structured course led by Emily and Katie. They will offer an exciting collection of processes to help each artist feel immersed in the experience and able to produce drawings that go beyond copying the view and give the artist an injection of courage and creativity to make expressive new work.

We will use the Truleigh Centre as our base while we are in the landscape. It is a fabulous recently converted barn space. We have access to it throughout each day to shelter from the elements, if needed, look at the work created and take breaks. It is spacious and light with all the facilities we need for our comfort. It is situated at the top of the Downs, nestled in the surrounding landscape. All your materials for the 2 days will be provided for you. You will come away from the course feeling recharged, invigorated, enriched and more confident with how to capture the qualities of the landscape that are important to you. The drawings that you will make are pieces of work in their own right and also the material and potential reference to make paintings from in the future.

Materials that we will provide;

A3 board and A1 board (should you want to work larger)

A rucksack stool

Colour Chalk and oil pastels

Oil pigment sticks

Coloured papers

300gm papers and cartridge paper

Charcoal, black and white chalk pastels, erasers, rags,

Felt-tip pens

A choice of watercolours and inks

Please bring a pack lunch and your own water bottle.

Dress appropriately with layers to anticipate what the UK weather can throw at us. Sun screen, hat, walking boots, clothes that can get dirty and are comfortable.

We will have comfort breaks and tea, coffee and home made biscuits and cake will be provided in the barn each day.

Days 1 & 2

At 9am we will meet at the Truleigh Centre

Warren Valley Farm, Truleigh Hill, Shoreham by Sea . West Sussex, BN43 5FB

<https://truleighcentre.co.uk/>

Each day will end at 4.30pm.

For more images of the location please visit their Instagram and Facebook page @truleigh_centre

Any questions please contact emily@emilyball.net