**Introduction to acrylics**

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This workshop will introduce you to painting with acrylics. Aspects we will cover during the workshop include:

* the materials to use - the paint, paper, canvas or board, brushes and other applicators, palette, water.
* Cleaning up, which is important with acrylics.
* how to set out your palette, how much and how to mix the colours
* the preparation of the surface to paint on.
* Colour: primaries, secondaries and tertiary colours and the colour wheel, warm and cool colours. Colour as tone.
* tone/value and how to lighten and darken your colours.
* composition and finding your focus.
* Acrylic in contrast to watercolour or oil

There will be exercises on paper to familiarise participants with colour mixing and tone.

Then we will move on to painting a still life on a canvas board. This will be a simple set up.

We will also be painting a scene from a photograph on a canvas board.

This an opportunity for participants to use all the things they have learnt through the day.

There will be lots of individual attention!