

10x10 Summer Newsletter for Families and Carers

Sharing up to date opportunities, events and links for activities in Hackney and beyond.



About 10x10

The Hackney 10x10 Programme is a new initiative to support every child in Hackney to achieve 10 amazing activities by the time they are 10 years old.

- Engage in exercise
- Have a musical experience
- Learn to swim
- Take part in drama and performing arts
- Visit the seaside and the countryside
- Experience museums, theatres, galleries and heritage sites
- Take part in camping trips and overnight residentials
- Learn to ride a bike
- Take part in debating
- Use a library

[10x10 Online Directory Website](#)

For ideas on planning activities, community links to organisations delivering all 10 activities are broken down into

- Early years
- Key stage 1
- Key stage 2 and upwards.

There are also free resources including

- 10x10 Journey booklets with curriculum links to support your child
- 10x10 maps to help see where in Hackney you can access the activities
- 10x10 Journey guide for 0-5s

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/10x10-programme>



Engage in Exercise

Badu

- Age range 5-11 yrs
- Multisports & football camp
- 28th July - 22nd August
- 9am-4.30pm
- Badu Summer Camp A fun filled 4 weeks that involves various activities from playing sports to arts and crafts. You will meet new friends and play new sports!
- For more info
- www.thebaduway.com
- Email : camps@thebaduway.com
- Siblings discount : book the whole week at £100 or £25 per day per child

Leaside Trust

- 34 spring lane, E59HQ
- Take part in watersports and land-based activities while spending time in nature
- Age : 8-18
- Dates 23 July to 29 August
- Time 10.00-15.30
- Leaside school holiday activity club is for all abilities, from complete beginners to competent paddlers. Our sessions will take place on the River Lea and will focus on safe, enjoyable learning experiences
- These sessions will be delivered by professional Paddle UK Paddlesports Coaches and leaders with many years of experience working with young people in an outdoor setting.

- These informal sessions follow Leaside's ethos of Safe, Enjoyable, Learning in an outdoor environment and may include a mixture of water (canoe, kayak, SUP) or land-based (cycling, kite flying, hiking, or environmental) activities, depending on the weather, and the groups' abilities.
- Leaside also runs trips and residentials during the summer. We will be going to the beach in Devon for a week at the beginning of the holidays, and spending a week on a narrowboat at the end of the holidays.
- Leaside also have a few residentials and day trips running over the summer - see <https://bookwhen.com/courses-and-trips> for details
- For more information:
- <https://bookwhen.com/holiday-program>
- www.leaside.org.uk
- <https://bookwhen.com/courses-and-trips>
- ☀ Summer Holiday Programme (Ages 8–18)
- An active, inclusive and fun-filled programme running Monday–Friday, 10am–3.30pm all summer! Expect kayaking, paddleboarding, cycling, games, cooking, nature walks and more.
- From £25–£40/day → [Book now](#) (linked)
- FREE HAF places available for FSM-eligible children in [Hackney](#) and [Waltham Forest](#) via <https://eequ.org/>

Racquet Sports

- Squash access for 11-17 year old is an average of £5.40. To book go to either Britannia or Clissold's website and choose squash activities
- 9.Badminton access for 11-17 year old is an average of £5.40 To book go to either Britannia or Clissold's website and choose sports hall activities
- 10.Tennis access for 11-17 year old is an average of £5.40
<https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/britannia-leisure-centre/tennis-activities>

West Reservoir

- Sailing courses
- The Centre has a large fleet of dinghies, suitable for all ages and abilities.
- <https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/london/hackney/west-reservoir-centre/sailing-stoke-newington-west-reservoir-centre>

Hoxton Hall

- Dance, Film, Girls Group
- Age 12-17
- Dates 5th, 6th and 7th of August
- Time 10:30-3:30pm
- Activate! Summer Girls Group project. A three day project looking at creating dance for the camera. Inspired by Hoxton Hall's history of strong creative

women we will look at choreography , storytelling, and filmmaking skills. Whether you want to get insight on making a music video, upskill your tiktok, or just learn something new. This workshop will be led by the participants creating a short video as part of the Hoxton Hall Activate Heritage project and to be presented at The Hoxton Hall PEACE OF NATURE Mini Fest.

- <https://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/youthsummer>

Laburnum Boat Club

- Laburnum Boat Club, Laburnum Street, London E2 8BH
- Age range : 9-18
- Different activities are available throughout the week and throughout the year. Evenings and weekends (term-time) or 10am-4pm during school holidays.
- Laburnum Boat Club provides a range of Clubs, services and activities for young people to take part in paddlesports, rock climbing and more, including a youth club (after school, Saturdays and Mon-Fri) in school holidays, two sports clubs for young people with disabilities, a Family Club and training opportunities and more!
- <https://www.laburnumboatclub.com/>

Youth Club

- Canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, arts and crafts, games and more, for 9-18year olds
- -Term-time 5-7pm on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (£3pp) or 11am-4pm on Saturdays (£10pp)
- School Holidays 10am-4pm (£10pp), with a free breakfast club 9am-10am every day
- **FREE if you are registered for Free School Meals in Hackney**
- -no need to book, complete the membership at: www.laburnumboatclub.com and just turn up!

Year 6+ Transition Project (term time)

- 4-5pm on Wednesdays for Year 6 and 7 pupils who need support in the transition to secondary school. **FREE**
- No need to book, complete the membership at: www.laburnumboatclub.com and just turn up!

Girls Club

- canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, arts and crafts, games and more, for 9-18year old girls
- Term-time 4.30-7pm on Tuesdays (£3pp) or free if on FSM
- no need to book, complete the membership at: www.laburnumboatclub.com and just turn up!
- canoeing, kayaking, rock climbing, arts and crafts, games and more, for 9-18year old girls
- Term-time 4.30-7pm on Tuesdays (£3pp) or free if on Free School Meals

- No need to book, complete the membership at: www.laburnumboatclub.com and just turn up!

Laburnum Homework Club (term time only)

- Help in any subject, with a focus on maths and English, up to GCSE, for 9-16year olds
- Term-time 5-7pm on Tuesdays (£3pp) or free if on Free School Meals
- No need to book, complete the membership at: www.laburnumboatclub.com and just turn up!

Inclusion Project

- Once a week after-school youth and sports clubs for young people with disabilities
- Pick up from school, snack and drop off home included
- £3pp or free if on FSM
- Please contact us to arrange and assessment visits via: info@laburnumboatclub.com

Family Club

- Canoeing, kayaking, or narrowboat trips, for any age
- Term-time 10.30-12.30pm on Sundays (£7.50pp)
- Book online at: www.laburnumboatclub.com

Skyway

- Blue Hut Youth and Community Hub, 49 Provost Street, Hackney, N1 7NZ
- For ages 9+, parents can come and take a look and sign young people up. They have food, sports, music, games and other activities available.
- For more information email conor@skyway.london

Better

- Keep Fit/Gym Training
- Junior Gym will operate across 4 gyms with an average Pay & Play price of £4.55 (or £3.10 concessionary) (11-17 years old). To book, go to the relevant centre's website and select gym.
- Juniors get access to Basic Classes with an average price of £4.65 (11-17 years old). To book, go to the relevant centre's website and select fitness class.

Soft Play

- Soft Play £2.60 under 2 & £7.50 over 2 (Britannia Leisure Centre) <https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/britannia-leisure-centre/soft-play/2025-06-27/by-time> or £4.35 under 2 & £7.50 over 2 (Clissold Leisure Centre) <https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/clissold-leisure-centre/soft-play/2025-06-27/by-time>



Have a Musical Experience

Hoxton Hall

- Hoxton Hall, 130, Hoxton street. Hoxton. N1 6SH
- Age 15-19 yrs
- Dates 26th & 27th of August
- Time 11-4pm
- Come along on to work with the famous Ronnie Scott's to take part in music jams, song writing and band arrangement. This is a great opportunity to have fun creating music with other musicians. Band practice will continue in the autumn, so come along to save your space. Some prior experience in playing a musical instrument is needed to get the most out of these 2 days. We look forward to hearing from you.
- <https://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/youthsummer>
- Hoxton Hall. 130, Hoxton street. Hoxton. N1 6SH
- Youth Arts Mini Fest. Music, dance, poetry and more! A Youth Arts Mini Fest.
- Free
- Age 12-19
- Thursday the 28th of August.
- Time 3 - 7pm TBC Check website
- PEACE OF NATURE Creative Health Mini Fest.
- Come soak up Nature vibes indoors ! Nature, mood, and the elements will be let loose and presented through original music, art, dance and much more! This is a youth led event and you are in for a treat ! Wear green if you can ! There will be a performance space and a chill out space too with soft drinks and snacks available.
- If you would like to apply to take part by presenting your art work, performing a song or any other ideas, don't hesitate to be in contact. This is a great opportunity to show your work in a professional space and increase your following. <https://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/youthsummer>
- Drop us an email to come and meet the team and find out more **poppy@hoxtonhall.co.uk**

Music charity Spark The Noise (formerly Girls Rock London)

- Exciting summer opportunity for Clapton Academy students.
- This August, we're running our flagship music camp for girls, trans, non-binary and gender non-conforming young people aged 11–17. It's a creative, confidence-building experience where participants learn an instrument (no experience needed), form a band, write original music, and perform at a live gig – all in a supportive and inclusive environment led by professional music facilitators.
- The non-residential camp runs 18–23 August in Berger Primary School, Homerton. Lunch is provided each day.
- Places are offered on a sliding scale, and we offer both subsidised and fully-funded places, with flexibility to ensure access for all who are interested.
- You can find full details and the application form here:
- [Spark The Noise Summer Camp 2025 – Application Form](#)
- For more information email : **programmes@sparkthenoise.com**
- The activity is £45 per day or £200 per week. There are sibling discounts available and Childcare vouchers can be used on booking.

Performing Hearts Club

- Age range is currently 5 - 11
- Join us for a week of joyful collaboration, fun, mindfulness where friendships will be forged, self-confidence built, and creativity unearthed.
- Join a week-long workshop (club) exploring and developing all of the areas of the arts with specialist teachers guiding them throughout. (Singing, Dance, Acting, Crafts)
- Dates of activity
- Week 1 – Monday 21st July - Friday 25th July
- Week 2 – Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August (9am – 3pm)
- Location
- William Patten Primary School
- Performing Hearts Club combines the creative worlds of music, crafts, acting and dance. Our specialist teachers will develop children's performance skills through fun, engaging and creative activities, culminating in a showcase at the end of the week.
- They start with a script as the core and combine all of our skills around it. You will design and create our own props and sets; we plan and design our own T-shirts that can be taken as souvenirs. We develop our characters through acting and improvisation and have a huge fancy dress area to add to them. We work on dance routines daily and include our own ideas in the choreography. Finish the week with a showcase to parents and carers with

personalised programs each child has created.

To book

- <https://forms.gle/BXd0xGG3wnQgLxLz9>
- Contact Elaine Singleton – Music Coordinator @ William Patten Primary School
- Email : **esingleton7.204@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk**
- “What I feel is special about ‘Performing Hearts Club’ is that every part of the final product is created together, step by step. Every day has fun at the forefront and is led by the children’s ideas, collaboratively. The outcome is of very high quality, not polished, but completely their own regardless of age. Younger children collaborate with older children and it becomes a wonderful collective and a very bonding experience.”
- ‘Join us for a week of joyful collaboration, fun, mindfulness where friendships will be forged, self-confidence built, and creativity unearthed.’

Hackney Music Service

- Do you play an instrument?
- We are recruiting talented young musicians to join the Hackney Borough Youth Orchestra (HBYO)
- Hackney Creative Jazz Ensemble (HCJE)
- Hackney Training Orchestra (HTO)
- Hackney Lift-Off Ensemble
- Join us and you can:
- Play alongside some of East London’s most talented young musicians
- Get involved in projects with the London Symphony Orchestra,
- Brighton and Spitalfields Festivals, Barbican, St Luke’s, The Warehouse, Tate Modern and Hackney Empire
- Our aspirational orchestras and ensembles meet weekly under the leadership
- of professional conductors and instrumental tutors.
- Find out more by calling 020 3076 1534 or
- by emailing **musicservice@hackney.gov.uk**
- Hackney Music Service provides a variety of progression routes into ensembles for young musicians at different stages of learning. These include orchestras, jazz groups, percussion and choirs. These groups perform in a range of large and small scale concerts throughout the year often in partnership with local, regional and national organisations.
- For more information visit
<https://www.hackneymusic.co.uk/activities/ensembles-choirs/>

Classical Meets Jazz Ensemble (CMJ) The Classical Meets Jazz (CMJ) programme

- was set up in 2016 by Hackney Music Service in partnership with LSO Discovery.
- The programme aims to respond to the underrepresentation of professional musicians from black and global majority ethnic groups, as well as those challenged by socio-economic circumstances, in orchestral and jazz ensembles. CMJ is holiday course based and works with young musicians of mixed age and mixed musical ability, and explores improvisation and ensemble playing through music influenced by classical and jazz repertoire. CMJ has performed at several prestigious events and venues including the Barbican, the EFG London Jazz Festival at the Southbank in the Clore Ballroom and the QEH as well as Hackney's annual Schools Music and Dance Festival. Since the programme was established, we have seen an increase in the diversity of membership to our own borough ensembles and have supported young people into the LSO East London Academy and other partnership groups.
- Email musicservice@hackney.gov.uk
- Telephone: 020 3076 1534



Learn to Swim

Better

- For the £1.70 pay and play membership go to <https://memberships.better.org.uk/centre/britannia-leisure-centre>, select Junior and buy 'Better Junior Resident'. Or if you are eligible for a concession, buy 'Better Junior Concessionary Resident'. Both these memberships give significant discounts on activities. Then: Swimming
- Under 18s swim for free in any Swim for All, Swim for Fitness or Sensory Swim session at Britannia Leisure Centre, King's Hall Leisure Centre or Clissold Leisure Centre, if they have a £1.70 pay and play membership. To

book, go to the centre's website, choose swimming and select the relevant session

- Family Fun Swim at Britannia Leisure Centre, including water features and slide for £3.75 per child (£6.40 for adults who must accompany).
<https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/britannia-leisure-centre/family-fun-swim/>
- Over 14s can swim at West Reservoir Centre for an average of £3.70 if they have a £1.70 annual pay and play membership.
- <https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/west-reservoir-centre/swimming>

Aquasplash

- London Fields Lido inflatable Aqua Play session for £3.75 per child.
- <https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/london-fields-lido/aqua-splash/>

SEND swimming

- Britannia has the PoolPod (as does Clissold) plus a Changing Places changing room on poolside and sensory lights during our Sensory Swim sessions.
- **Book Sensory Swim:**
<https://bookings.better.org.uk/location/britannia-leisure-centre/sensory-swim/2025-06-28/by-time>
- **Access information for Britannia:**
<https://www.accessable.co.uk/greenwich-leisure-limited-better/britannia-leisure-centre/access-guides/britannia-leisure-centre>

All children who live in Hackney can apply for a [Better Junior Resident](#) membership. Select 'Single Payment' then 'Junior' and for £1.60 under 18s can pay a one off fee that means they can swim free for the rest of the year at Hackney pools.

<https://memberships.better.org.uk/centre/britannia-leisure-centre>



Take Part in Drama and Performing Arts

Chats Palace Arts Centre

- With themes of friendship and sustainability, 'The Very Busy Bumblebee' is the perfect introduction to live ballet, and helps children understand just how important our little yellow and black furry friends really are! With larger than life characters, crystal clear storytelling and fabulous dancing, The Let's All Dance Ballet Company creates beautifully engaging shows for young and family audiences.
- Age range : 0 - 7 years and families
- Dates 16th August 2025
- Times 11 am - 12 pm and 2 pm - 3 pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-very-busy-bumblebee-tickets-1407538699139>

Eastside Educational Trust

- 37 Hackney Road, London, E2 7NX
- Aged 16-19 with a passion for Film & TV? Looking to learn from industry professionals? Look no further than Eastside's BFI Film Academy.
- Working from Eastside's spacious Shoreditch studios, you will deepen your knowledge of filmmaking and the industry through a series of practical workshops, masterclasses and careers seminars all leading to your final short film project. You will turn short fiction scripts submitted by young writers into original films working in crews with your peers.
- On completing the course, you receive a certificate from the BFI and your films professionally screened in London to audiences of friends, family and industry professionals.
- "I have grown so much in confidence as a writer thanks to the opportunities and care offered by the team at Eastside." - Student (BFI Film Academy)
- Age 16-19 year olds
- Dates : Saturdays between October-December 2025
- Times : 10:00-16:00
- Eastside's building is wheelchair accessible

Hoxton Hall

- Hoxton Hall. 130, Hoxton St. Hoxton. N1 6SH
- Age 12-18 yrs
- Dates 14th, 15th & 18th of August
- Times 10-5pm
- A three day project looking at creating dance for the camera.
- Inspired by Hoxton Hall's history of strong creative women, we will look at choreography, storytelling, and filmmaking skills. Whether you want to get insight on making a music video, upskill your tiktok, or just learn something new. This workshop will be led by the participants, creating a short video as part of the Hoxton Hall Activate Heritage project and to be presented at The Hoxton Hall PEACE OF NATURE Mini Fest.
- Please complete the registration form on our website
- email **Poppy@hoxtonhall.co.uk** for more information.
- <https://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/youthsummer>

Kakilang collaborate with Hoxton Hall to run a three day Creative Lab.

Kakilang are excited to invite young people aged 12–18 to take part in [The Story Within](#) — a fun and creative summer workshop programme at [Tramshed Theatre](#), Woolwich, designed to explore the art of storytelling through visual arts and performance.

Over four workshops, participants will get hands-on with drawing, sculpture, movement, sound, and more — discovering how to tell their own stories in creative and powerful ways. The sessions are led by two brilliant artists:

 [Bettina Fung 馮允珊](#) – visual artist

 [Vinna Law](#) – actor, writer & interdisciplinary artist

The programme ends with an optional sharing event in Tramshed's theatre space — a chance to celebrate and share what's been created with family and friends.

 Workshop Dates (2:30–5:30pm each day):

- Mon 28 July
- Thu 31 July
- Mon 4 August
- Thu 7 August

 Final Sharing Event:

- Sun 17 August (prep during the day, sharing in the evening)

 Location: Tramshed Theatre, [51–53 Woolwich New Road, London SE18 6ES](#)

No experience needed – just curiosity and creativity!

We especially encourage young people with East and Southeast Asian heritage to take part, but all are welcome.

Please see info below & here: <https://www.kakilang.org.uk/thestorywithinyouth>

How to Join:

👉 Register by Tuesday 9 July via this [link](#)

Participants will receive confirmation by Friday 11 July.

💰 This is a Pay What You Can programme (£3, £8 or £10).

We also offer free spaces and can support with travel or access costs — please just get in touch!

For any questions or to request support:

✉️ Katrina Man – Arts & Community Producer

☎️ 07488 878692

✉️ katrina@kakilang.org.uk

Snacks and drinks will be provided at each session.

- Each day two different art forms will come together to spark new ideas, from video to costume design to performance and more! Amazing artists will guide you as you experiment, explore and develop your creative skills.
- For this project a small donation will be asked for each day (exceptions can be made)
- Please complete our online registration form to find out more or for more information contact poppy@hoxtonhall.co.uk
- <https://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/youthsummer>
- Hoxton Hall. 130, Hoxton St. Hoxton. N1 6SH

Join professional directors, designers, and musicians to create an original play.

- This project is especially focused on engaging young people with SEND and neurodivergent young people, but it's open to anyone passionate about collaboration, creativity, and performance. Hoxton Hall in collaboration with Hackney Shed.
- Age 14-25 with SEND
- Dates 19th, 20th, 21st & 22nd of August
- Times 11-5pm
- 14-25 with SEND
- <https://www.hoxtonhall.co.uk/youthsummer>

Dimensions Entertainment London

FREE summer camp for kids aged 8-18.

- Learn steel pan, carnival costume making, drumming, dancing, perform and more and come along to see everyone's new skills at the Hackney Carnival upcoming event! More details soon. Join Hackney's Carnival artists & discover carnival and its industry.
- Dimensions Entertainment London is a dynamic, community-driven organisation that brings carnival arts, dance, and performance to people of all ages. With a strong focus on culture, creativity, and inclusion, we offer exciting opportunities for individuals, schools, and community groups to engage in dance, costume-making, drumming, and live performances.
- Their work mostly spans across Hackney, Haringey, and Enfield, delivering high-quality workshops, training, and events that celebrate diversity, heritage, and artistic expression. We are proud to support young people in developing confidence, fitness, and creative skills, while also providing pathways into employment within the carnival and creative industries.
- Age Range :8 - 18 years old
- Location : Daubeney and Kingsmead School and Hackney Marsh Adventure Playground
- Dates Daubeney week starting 28th July
- Time : Daubeney 10am - 3pm
- Kingsmead week starting 4th August
- Time : Kingsmead 10am - 2pm
- Hackney March Adventure week starting 11th August
- Time : Hackney Marsh Adventure 10am - 3pm
- Sign Up Today! Contact 07736 068014 or email diment@hotmail.co.uk.

Immediate Theatre

- BREAKOUT:
- Ages - 5-11
- Celebrating Food, Community, and Culture!
- School is out, but the fun and learning continues... Join us and make new friends, boost your confidence and unlock your full potential through drama.
- This year, Immediate Theatre's FREE Breakout project invites you to explore the rich tapestry of foods in Hackney. From diverse cuisines to cultural traditions, we'll uncover the stories behind the foods that bring our community together. A free hot lunch will also be provided.
- Project Highlights: Create and Perform - Collaborate with peers to create a unique performance that showcases the beauty of our community through

food. Discover Local Foods - Learn about the different foods in Hackney and their origins. Celebrate Diversity - Understand how food connects us and celebrates our cultural heritage. Trip - Participants will be allocated a space on our fun-filled, educational trip to Old MacDonalds Farm. AQA Certificates - Work towards an AQA certificate in Performance.

- Email kyarna@immediate-theatre.com
- Location : Nisbet House Community Hall, Crozier Terrace, London E9 6AJ
- <https://immediate-theatre.com/>
- Contact Senior Management - Charmain (Participation Manager):
charmain@immediate-theatre.com
- Kyarna (School Coordinator): kyarna@immediate-theatre.com
- Dates : 28th of July to 1st of August 2025
- Times : 10:00am – 4:30pm
- We would prefer families that are qualified for HAF but welcome all applications.

Mouth That Roars

- <https://mouththatroars.com/>
- Address : Mouth That Roars, 29 Waterson St E2 8HT
- Hackney charity Mouth That Roars run weekly filmmaking workshops for 10-12 year olds
- Age range 10-12 and 13- 19 (25 SEND)
- Dates of Activity - email us for details please
moutthatroars@btconnect.com
- Telephone 02077292323
- or look at Young Hackney offer
- <https://www.younghackney.org/>
- MTR has various extra film activities over the summer, email for details - regular sessions are Tuesdays - SEND 13 plus 5 until 8pm - Saturdays inclusive sessions 1 until 5pm



Visit the seaside and countryside

Are you planning visits to the seaside over Summer? Here are some ideas for getting to the seaside

- [Broadstairs Viking Bay](#) - lovely sandy bay with lifeguards on duty and a 11 minute walk from Broadstairs station to the sea with Charles Dickens house overlooking the bay where he wrote David Copperfield. **Trains to Broadstairs run from Stratford International Station.**
- [Margate in Kent](#) has a sandy beach with a tidal pool and nearby free to enter [Dreamland](#) Amusement venue and free [Turner Contemporary](#) Gallery, the beach is 5 minute walk from Margate train station
- [Clacton on Sea](#) in Essex has a [pier](#), [wheel](#) and pebbly beach. Direct trains from Stratford to Clacton on Sea, the beach is 13 walk minutes from Clacton station.
- [Leigh on Sea](#) in Essex, has a sandy Bell Wharf Beach, the beach is 10 walk minutes from Leigh on Sea station.
- [Southend on Sea](#), has nearby [Adventure Island](#) Amusement Park is a 17 minute walk from Southend Train Station.

Leaside Trust

- 34 Spring lane, E59HQ
- Take part in watersports and land-based activities while spending time in nature
- Age : 8-18
- Leaside is a watersports and land based activity trust encouraging people to spend time in nature. They run trips and residentials during the summer. Leaside will be going to the beach in Devon for a week at the beginning of the holidays, and spending a week on a narrowboat at the end of the holidays.
- They also have a few residentials and day trips running over the summer - see <https://bookwhen.com/courses-and-trips> for details
- **For more information:**

- <https://bookwhen.com/holiday-program>
- www.leaside.org.uk
- <https://bookwhen.com/courses-and-trips>

Hampstead Heath

- Drop-in nature-based activities for children aged 1-11years.
- Open morning for Hackney Families led by City of London Learning Team.
- Come and find out about what Hampstead Heath has to offer families, including our open access Club House youth programme and One O'Clock Club for 0-5s. Join in with making clay creatures, have a go at hapa-zome leaf bashing, listen to nature based stories, and let loose in the mud-kitchen. All welcome.
- Location Hampstead Heath Education Centre, Parliament Hill Fields, Hampstead Heath, NW5 1LT
- Date Thu 31st July
- Time 10.30am - 12.30pm
- Email : heath.education@cityoflondon.co.uk



Experience Museums

Hackney Museum

- **1 Reading Lane, Hackney E8 G1Q**
- Visit Hackney Museum for free over the summer holidays. There are plenty of hands-on activities to keep kids engaged during your visit: a 38 red bus, an Anglo-Saxon boat, Victorian dressing up and much more! Take part in our 'Play' themed trail and design your own puppet inspired by Victorian toy theatres we have on display. Complete these self-led activities and get a stamp as part of the Great Hackney Libraries Quest.
- **Dates : Summer holidays: 23rd July - 30th August**
- **Hackney Museum is open Tuesday - Saturday**

- **Time: Drop-in 10am-5pm**
- All ages. Trail and self-led craft activities are aimed at ages 5+. Toys and interactives are suitable for early years and up with adult supervision.
- For more information
- <https://hackney-museum.hackney.gov.uk/visit/families/>

Imperial War Museum

- Lambeth Rd, London SE1 6HZ
- www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-london
- **SHAPING STORIES: Marking 80 years since the end of the Second World War, families can join us this summer in our activity hub to shape their own paper doves and cranes and add them to our art display. These creations will be on full display from 27 August – 2 September.**
- **CRACK THE CODE: Collect a trail sheet and help Second World War veteran Bernard to ‘crack the code’ as he makes his way home after the end of the Second World War. Discover stories and objects covering a range of history from VE Day to ongoing rationing to VJ Day.**
- **WE WERE THERE FAMILIES: Meet IWM’s veterans and eyewitnesses of conflict to gain a unique insight into the impact of war on people’s lives. You’ll hear an array of personal stories, recollections and powerful memories from those who have experienced conflict first-hand, ranging from driving a tank to being evacuated from the place they called home.**
- Activities are 5 -11 but provides opportunities for all the family to get involved
- Dates : SHAPING STORIES: (Daily) Saturday 26 July - Monday 25 August. You can then see the collective art display created over summer from Wednesday 27 August - Tuesday 2 September / CRACK THE CODE: Family Trail (Daily) Saturday 26 July - Tuesday 2 September / WE WERE THERE FAMILIES: Tuesdays only on the following dates Tuesday 29 July, Tuesday 5 August, Tuesday 12 August and Tuesday 19 August
- SHAPING STORIES 10am - 4pm / WE WERE THERE FAMILIES 11am - 3pm / CRACK THE CODE 10am - 5pm
- SEND Provision - We have SEND Backpacks which can be collected from the admissions desk. Objects within these SEND Backpacks include ear defenders, fidget toys, magnifying glasses, reading ruler, sunflower lanyard.
- There is also access to quiet rooms if needed.
- If you are unable to join us onsite then visit our website to access our family online resource to learn all about the end of the Second World War and how to make an origami paper crane. Available from 26 July 2025



Experience Theatres

National Theatre young people's programme page:

<https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/learn-explore/young-people/>

ARCOLA YOUTH THEATRE

- 24 Ashwin Street, London E8 3DL
- From first lines to final bows – empowering tomorrow's brightest theatre makers
- Arcola Youth Theatre takes place here at Arcola Theatre and runs between September – December 2025 and January – March 2026 in line with the Hackney schools term calendar.
- Weekly sessions take place from 5.45pm – 7.15pm. We run three groups, tailored to specific age ranges:
 - Tuesday – 9 – 11 year olds
 - Wednesday – 14 – 16 year olds
 - Thursday – 12 – 13 year olds
- Each term consists of 12 sessions. Total cost of Autumn term 2025 is £120.
- Full and part bursaries, as well as concessions are available. Please contact aoife@arcolatheatre.com for further details.
- To express your young persons interest in joining us, please fill out the form [here](#)
- <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe3GCdQ-fQnaqJhEqZIUqlrAL-WT9QyLRhaNTvH7BLOcYu6PA/viewform>
- What to expect?
- Arcola Youth Theatre (AYT) aims to engage young individuals aged 9-16 from Hackney and surrounding areas in the multifaceted world of theatre. AYT focuses on building teamwork, enhancing performance skills, and fostering

creativity through various aspects of theatre-making, including set design, lighting, sound, scriptwriting, and directing. Arcola Youth Theatre creates spaces for imagination and play and fostering a sense of self and group identity.

- Led by London's leading theatre and education based facilitators, our young theatre makers will develop their skills during the Autumn term 2025 and collaborate in the Spring 2025 term to create a performance, culminating in a sharing of their work in our in house theatre as part of Arcola's Participation Festival 2026 to their friends and family.
- Any questions email aoife@arcolatheatre.com
- arcolatheatre.com
- [Facebook](#) | [Twitter](#) | [Instagram](#) | [Linkedin](#)
- Office: +44 (0)20 7503 1645 | Box Office: +44 (0)20 7503 1646



Experience Galleries

Autograph Gallery

- Hackney photography gallery based in Shoreditch with two exhibition spaces open for all age groups.
- Autograph warmly welcome schools, FE/HE, community and youth groups, SEND classes and staff outings to book a free, self-led group visit to Autograph's gallery in Shoreditch, London.
- Upon arrival, groups will be greeted by gallery staff who will provide a short, 5-10 minute introduction to Autograph and our current shows, then they are free to visit the gallery independently.
- More information can be found here:
<https://autograph.org.uk/learn/workshops-tours-and-cpd/book-a-group-visit>
- Opening Hours Wednesday - Saturday open Wednesdays and Fridays 11.00 - 18.00, Thursdays 11.00 - 21.00 and Saturdays 12.30 - 18.00
- Monthly Free Family Workshops for Children with SEND at Autograph gallery in

- Hackney: <https://autograph.org.uk/projects-research/family-send-programme>
- More information can be found here:
<https://autograph.org.uk/learn/workshops-tours-and-cpd/book-a-group-visit>
- For more Information
- <https://autograph.org.uk/>
- Look for the learning section on the website with lots of digital resources and useful videos by artists and creatives to use in classrooms.

Tate Modern:

- <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern>
- **Entrance is free**
- **Tate Modern Family Tours** Each tour is different and unpacks 2-3 artworks through a multisensory experience. They can include responses to textures, shapes, colours and sounds which are expressed verbally and non-verbally. Guides often use hand gestures and activities to explain ideas and encourage children to ask questions and to be curious.
- Tours are suitable for children aged 5-11 years old, last around 30 minutes and begin at 11.00.

Tate Britain:

- <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-britain>
- **Entrance is free**
- **Story Space** Explore the growing Story Space book collection, celebrating books that centre children of colour, featuring books by black authors, indigenous authors and authors of colour from around the world. Story Space also includes books by authors and about characters who have protected characteristics such as disability, sexual orientation and religion/ belief.
- Drop in. Open every weekend, Mondays during term-time and every day during school holidays.
- 10.00–17.00
- **Tate Britain Family Tours** Each tour is different and unpacks 2-3 artworks through a multisensory experience. They can include responses to textures, shapes, colours and sounds which are expressed verbally and non-verbally. Guides often use hand gestures and activities to explain ideas and encourage children to ask questions and to be curious.
- Tours are suitable for children aged 5-11 years old, last around 30 minutes and begin at 14.30.

Courtauld Gallery

- **Family Fridays in school holidays at The Courtauld Gallery**
- Meet a member of the Learning team in the Entrance Hall at The Courtauld. Try out the Family Backpack, pick up a self-led trail, or take a clipboard, pencil and paper and enjoy sketching. <https://courtauld.ac.uk/take-part/families/>

- Family Friday is free with Gallery Entry tickets. Under 18s go free and other concessions apply. Tickets to The Courtauld Gallery are available on our website or in person at the Ticket Desk. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Guildhall Art Gallery

Second Saturday at Guildhall Art Gallery :

- Dates: second Saturday of every month - 12 July, 9 August, 13 September
- Times: 11am to 4pm
- Age range: 3 to 13
- Costs: Free
- Description of activities: A revolving programme of family activities may have you heading into the Roman Amphitheatre and hearing tales of Roman conquests, or creating crafts from the Victorian paintings surrounding you.
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- <https://www.thecityofldn.com/event/second-saturday-family-activities-at-guildhall-art-gallery/>

Little Art Critics TV

- Dates: 27 July
- Times: 11am | 1pm | 3pm | screening at 6pm
- Age range: 5-12 years
- Website: <https://www.sculptureinthecity.org.uk/little-art-critics-tv/>
- Costs: Free
- Description of activities: Try your hand at being a TV art critic! Join Young Film Academy, where children aged 5-12 years take the microphone and give their unfiltered reactions to the Sculpture in the City artworks, live on camera.

Evelyn De Morgan: The Modern Painter in Victorian London (4 April 2025 - 4 January 2026)

- Step into the world of Evelyn De Morgan (1855 – 1919), a pioneering artist whose richly coloured paintings reflect themes of feminism, spirituality, and a passionate rejection of war and materialism. Admired by Oscar Wilde and fellow artist William Holman Hunt, her work remains as powerful as ever.
- <https://www.thecityofldn.com/event/evelyn-de-morgan-the-modern-painter-in-victorian-london/>

Art Explorers: Free Crafting for Families

- Dates: 29 July
- Times: 10am to 4pm

- Age range: 5-11 years
- Website:
<https://www.thecityofldn.com/event/art-explorers-free-crafting-for-families/>
- Costs: Free
- Description of activities: Join London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE for a free, fun and creative family day. Discover the traditions of ancient temples by exploring their latest exhibition and crafting your own art, then discover the mysterious Temple of Mithras.



Experience Heritage Sites

Historic Royal Palaces: Tower of London

- Summer Live programme at the Tower of London.
- It's 1826 and the Duke of Wellington has just been made Constable of the Tower - a place that resembles an untamed, ramshackle town.
- He's been tasked with bringing order to the Tower, whether folks like it or not! He's got big plans, including shutting down the Royal Menagerie and the many taverns operating onsite.
- As word of the new Constable's arrival makes its way around the Tower community, an impending sense of doom starts to set in. What will become of their chaotic yet beloved home?
- Explore some of the characters connected to the Tower's history and early 19th century London. Costumed performances will take place throughout the day at various times and locations.
- Age Range 7-11 Years
- Tower of London
- 7/7/25 - 31/8/25
- Time of activity 10.30-16:30
- For more information

- <https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/whats-on/summer-live-programme/#gs.mnh485>

Visit palaces for £1

- Historic Royal Places have introduced a new low-cost entry scheme for people receiving Universal Credit and other benefits.
- Walk in the footsteps of Tudor monarchs at Hampton Court Palace, explore the childhood home of Queen Victoria at Kensington Palace, or visit the Crown Jewels at the Tower of London for just £1.
- **Tickets sell out quickly, so book in advance online soon to avoid disappointment.**
- <https://www.hrp.org.uk/tower-of-london/visit/tickets-and-prices/one-pound-tickets/#gs.mneoan>

Visit Shoreditch Town Hall with the Ministry of Stories!

- The Ministry of Stories is taking over The Ditch with DreamState - an interactive adventure for families, designed to bring the imagination to life.
- Choose your own path through eight fantastical rooms, jam packed with interactive activities, intriguing experiences and more than a few surprises. Perhaps you'll unearth a strange new plant, party with a neon leopard or get blissfully lost in the miniature worlds of nostalgia.
- Created in workshops with 112 young people between the ages of 6 and 16, DreamState is a fantastical interactive exhibition for all ages that promises to be an unforgettable way to start the summer.
- Ministry of Stories helps young people in east London discover their confidence, imagination and potential through the power of their writing. Find out more at ministryofstores.org
- Age : For families - all ages welcome but children must be accompanied by an adult.
- Dates : Monday 28 July - Saturday 02 August 2025
- Times : 11am, 1.30pm, 3pm daily
- For more information
- shoreditchtownhall.com/whats-on/dreamstate

St Augustine's Tower

- Explore Hackney's oldest building, St. Augustine's Tower dating back to 1275, with a journey through 4 floors, each with a story to tell, ending on the roof with an incredible 360 degree panoramic view across London, and from our guides find out about how the village of Hackney grew from a small medieval village to what we see today.
- For the July and August openings, some super special bellringers from St. John at Hackney Church are coming to the Tower! They're going to tell us all the amazing secrets of the bells, show us how they make different tunes, and even let YOU try ringing some handbells! Get ready for some ringing fun!

- Time
- 27th July and 31st 2pm to 4.30pm; 14 September 11am to 5pm
- Dates : 27th July and 31st August, 2pm to 4.30pm; 14 September 11am to 5pm
- Age range : To suit all ages, particularly family groups. Young people under 16 should be accompanied by a parent or carer.
- www.stagustinestower.org
- Access requirements : Access inside the Tower is via medieval stone spiral stair with a small door onto the roof. It works for most visitors but on occasions some visitors choose not to go up.

Dr Johnson's House

Family Fun Day at Dr Johnson's House

- Explore Dr Johnson's incredible House of Words! Play word games and see how good you are at writing with a quill and ink. Dress up in 18th century costumes and follow the treasure hunt trail throughout the house.
- <https://www.thecityofldn.com/event/family-fun-day/>

London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE

- Visit London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE
- <https://www.londonmithraeum.com/>



Take Part in Camping Trips and Residentials

Woodlarks

- Woodlarks provide camping holidays for people with disabilities and we have many schools who stay with them
- They fund discounted rates of £115.
- For more information www.woodlarks.org.uk

The Hive

- Church Road, High Beach, Loughton, Essex IG10 4AJ
- Exciting Activities for Families at The Hive – A Hub for Fun and Learning!
- Looking for a fun and enriching experience for the whole family? Look no further than *The Hive* – an environmental education centre in Epping Forest.
- *The Hive* is dedicated to providing a welcoming space where families can come together to enjoy creative, educational, and hands-on experiences
- How to Get Involved:
- Ready to join in the fun? Visit *The Hive's* [Eventbrite page](#) to explore all upcoming events and secure your spot. Whether you're looking for one-time workshops or ongoing programs, *The Hive* has something to suit your family's schedule and interests.
- Don't miss out on these amazing opportunities to connect, learn, and play! Head over to *The Hive* today and start making unforgettable memories with your family.
- Family Days Out / HAF / Drop Off Days / School Trips - Day Visits/Residentials
- They also have a Lodge for hire for educational purposes (not parties) or away days etc.
- For more information
- Website: <https://thehiveintheforest.co.uk/>
- Email: thehive@walthamforest.gov.uk
- Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/the-hive-55257220763>
- Dates : various
- Time : Various
- Welcome to The Hive (formerly known as Suntrap), nestled within 7 acres of blissful woodland and buzzing habitats in Epping Forest. Since 1967 we've welcomed schools from early years to A level, families and community groups to explore the natural environment under the guidance of our expert staff. Check out our Website or Eventbrite page for more information - see you there!
- <https://thehiveintheforest.co.uk/?gmb>

Leaside Trust

- Summer Residentials
- More info here
- <https://bookwhen.com/courses-and-trips#focus=ev-s31k-20250705150000>
- Surf Camp in Devon
- Canal Boat Adventure up the River Lea



Learn to Ride a Bike

- Learn to ride a bike plus fun activities
- Age 5-18
- Location : Shoreditch Park
- Thursday 14th August 2025
- 10.30-15.00
- Summer fest- Try a bike, Bike safety checks, smooth bike, exchanging places so cyclists can see the view of a lorry driver and look at blind spots, crafts and quizzes, scooter course, recycling team. It's for the whole family so adults are welcome too!
- For more information email road.safety@hackney.gov.uk

Dr Bike

- <https://hackney.gov.uk/cycle-training>
- Come along to a Dr Bike and get your bike checked for free by an experienced mechanic. Great for minor repairs or a check up. Dr Bikes - pedal cycle maintenance keeps your bike in good condition. If a repair is not possible we will sign post you to various retailers.

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Active Travel			Brougham Rd, London E8 4NX
Event	12/06/25	15:30 - 18:30	51.536600, -0.061946
Active Travel		15:30 - 18:30	"40 Goldsmiths Row

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ZEN Events	24/06/25	09:00 - 14:00	Hackney staff Dr Bike / service pool bikes HSC
Active Travel Event	25/06/25	15:30 - 18:30	Eagle Warf Road Junction of Sheperdess walk and Eagle warf 51.533318, -0.093653

Active Travel Event	02/07/25	15:30 - 18:30	Nevill Rd London N16 8SR 51.554785, -0.079024
Active Travel Event	09/07/25	15:30 - 18:30	"40 Goldsmiths Row London 51.532097, -0.065829"
Exchanging Places & Active Travel Event ETP / ZEN	17/07/25	10:00 - 14:00	Surround a Town In Front of the Sainsbury on Pitfield Street or 1 Charles Square, London N1 6HS

Active Travel Event ETP / ZEN & Bike Tagging	17/07/25	15:30 - 18:30	Paul Street opposite Tokyo Bike and Wahaca. By Old street/ 91 Tabernacle Street.
Active Travel Event	23/07/25	15:30 - 18:30	Britannia Leisure Centre Pitfield St, London N1 5FT
ZEN Events summer fun day	26/07/25	11.00-15.00	Clapton Park Summer Fun Day - Gilpin Square
Active Travel Event	30/07/25	15:30 - 18:30	Well Street Common Junction of Gascoyne Rd and A106 Victoria Park Road 51.541414, -0.038331
Active Travel Event	06/08/25	15:30 - 18:30	40 Goldsmiths Row London 51.532097, -0.065829
Summer Fest Active Travel Event ETP / ZEN	14/08/25	10:00 - 14:00	Shoreditch park/Grange Street
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Active Travel	27/08/25	15:30 - 18:30	10-7 Northchurch Terrace

Event			London N1 4ES
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Take Part in Debating

Debate Mate

- Debate Mate: Speak Up Summer Experience – a four-day Summer School adventure in confidence, communication, and critical thinking for students in Years 5–9.
- It's a fun and enriching educational adventure that students won't want to miss!
- Hosted at the stunning Dulwich College, SE21 7LD, this is more than just a summer camp – it's a chance for young people to find their voice, make new friends, and take on exciting challenges in a fun, supportive environment.
- 🎓 Debate Mate: Speak Up Summer Experience
- Dates: 4th – 7th August
- Times: 9:30am – 3:30pm
- ✨ Wraparound Care: Early drop-off from 8:30am, late pick-up until 4:30pm
- ✨ Venue: Dulwich College, SE21 7LD
- ✨ Secure your spot now:
<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/debatemate/1730482>
- 🎤 What's included:
 - Daily workshops building confidence, teamwork, and debating skills
 - Inspiring keynote speakers from the world of education and beyond
 - A high-energy showcase debate for family and friends to celebrate student achievements

- 🏠 Cost: £350
 ☀️ Early bird offer: £300 if booked before 8th July
 🤝 Sibling discount: £300
- 🎒 Open to students in Years 5–9, with sessions tailored for Primary and Secondary groups
- Please email **holidaycamps@debatebate.com** directly if you have any questions.
- Places are limited, and we'd love to see you there! If you have any questions or would like to know more, don't hesitate to get in touch.

UK Parliament

- Download free resources from UK Parliament on how to structure a debate
- <https://learning.parliament.uk/en/resources/secondary-debating-resource/#cta-target>



Use a Library

- Hackney Libraries: Clapton, Hackney Central, Homerton, Dalston CLR James, Shoreditch, Stamford Hill, Woodberry Down
- Dates 19 July - 13 September

- Times : Various
- The Great Hackney Libraries Quest is a fun library challenge for children of all ages. This year the theme is Let's Play! Register and collect a booklet at any Hackney Library and take part by reading books, doing fun arts and games activities in libraries, visiting Hackney Archives and Hackney Museum, writing stories and book reviews and designing book covers. For each book or activity you will receive a stamp and certificates which will be presented at special events in September.
- For more information
- bit.ly/LibrariesQuest