Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London

Please look at the organisations' websites to double check times and arrangements

Rooted: Celebrating Black Identity – FREE

Minet Library, 52 Knatchbull Rd, SE15 9QY

Saturday 10th October, 10.30am – 12.30pm

A creative family workshop celebrating Black identity, heritage and self-confidence during Black History Month hosted by Harieth Sedrick-Ugo Founder of Mothers Recharge. Through storytelling, creativity, and hands-on activities, children and their families will explore identity, culture and belonging in a welcoming and engaging space. Suitable for families with children age 3-10yrs. Reserve a ticket: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/rooted-celebrating-black-identity-tickets-1998647783322?aff=ebdssbdestsearch

National Gallery – The Welcome Space - FREE

The Roden Centre for Creative Learning, Orange Street, off Trafalgar Square WC2N 5DN

Saturdays & Sundays, Bank Holidays, 10am – 6pm – for families all ages

The Welcome Space is open every weekend and throughout the school holidays, offering families a chance to get creative before exploring the Gallery. Build, dress up, solve puzzles, make up stories and play together with our collection of playboxes. Pick up a pencil, explore a drawing activity and make something of your own to take away with you. Whether you have five minutes or an hour, families are welcome to pause, play and get curious together. Before you head into the Gallery, you can leave your buggy in the buggy park. Lockers, baby changing facilities and a Changing Places toilet are also available. https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/events/ccl-welcome-space-weekends-and-holidays

National Maritime Museum – FREE

National Maritime Museum, Romney Rd, Greenwich, SE10 9NF

Saturday 10th October & Sunday 11th October

Character Encounters: every Saturday, this week meet **John Simmonds**, 11am, 12.30pm, 1.30pm and 2.30pm

John Simmonds (1783–1858) was a black sailor who served with Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar, 1805. Developed with John's descendants and using more than 40 years of family research, the performance will take you on a journey through the museum, from *Nelson's Ship in a Bottle* by Yinka Shonibare CBE to the *Nelson, Navy, Nation* gallery.

John Simmonds plays an important part in bringing hidden black British histories into the mainstream and exploring the histories of the culturally diverse crews that the British navy relied upon.

Sensory Sailors: second Saturday of the month, 11am – 12.30pm. Children aged 13 and under with additional needs and their families are invited to a monthly session at the National Maritime Museum led by disabled creatives. FREE but pre-booking required https://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/national-maritime-museum/sensory-sailors

Discover Sundays: Term time on Sundays 11am – 1pm & 2pm – 4pm, drop-in, join in with family creative activities https://www.rmg.co.uk/national-maritime-museum

Brixton Youth Theatre – FREE

Free After-School Drama Workshops for children aged 7 – 11

Every Friday during term time, 4:15pm to 5:45pm

Fun and creative drama sessions, opportunities to make friends and explore creativity in a safe space

To Join BYT email: info@brixtonyouththeatre.com or call 07960 964558 – No auditions necessary

For 13+yrs, check details at https://brixtonyouththeatre.com/about

Art4Space Crafternoon – FREE

31 Jeffreys Rd, SW4 6QU

Friday 9th October, 2.30 – 5.00pm

Join us for Crafternoon! See the space, meet the team, get creative with a range of craft activities, refreshments served. No need to book, just drop-in. All ages welcome free to attend

See lots of other fantastic arts and craft opportunities on the Art4space website: https://art4space.co.uk/

Black History Month events

Family-friendly Black History Month events in London include cultural fairs, interactive music workshops, and community festivals taking place throughout October 2026

Poetry Workshop & open mic session with poet Jenny Mitchell – FREE

Una Marson Library, 62 Thurlow St, SE17 2G

Saturday 10th October, 2.00 – 4.30pm

Join award-winning poet Jenny Mitchell for a relaxed poetry workshop exploring stories of family, friendship and belonging. What does community mean to you? Join award-winning poet Jenny Mitchell for a relaxed poetry workshop and stay for an Open Mic and poetry readings by Jenny.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poetry-workshop-and-open-mic-session-with-poet-jenny-mitchell-tickets-2002154538120?aff=oddtdtcreator

Finding Billy Waters – London Museum Docklands

London Museum Docklands, No 1 Warehouse West India Quay, E14 4AL

Saturday 10th October, 2.00 – 2.50pm tickets from £6

William 'Billy' Waters was a busker, sailor, immigrant, father, lover, extraordinary talent and a forgotten Black celebrity from Regency London Join Suchitra Chatterjee and Mary L. Shannon for an engaging talk exploring the remarkable story of Billy Waters and discovering how small traces in museum collections can lead to exciting new discoveries about Black British history and the history of disability. Suitable for visitors aged 12 yrs+

https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/finding-billy-waters/

African Americans in Britain during WW2 - London Museum Docklands FREE

London Museum Docklands, No 1 Warehouse West India Quay, E14 4AL

Sunday 11th October 12 – 12.50pm

Join us for this free talk exploring the stories of around 2,000 children known as "GI babies", born to Black American GIs stationed in Britain during the Second World War. Their arrival contributed to a significant increase in Britain's Black population, but many later faced discrimination and other challenges throughout their lives. Through the story of James Masters, discover the experiences of GI babies and their families, alongside the contributions of African American servicemen who played an important role in the fight against fascism. Free event but reserve a ticket:

https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/african-americans-britain-during-the-second-world-war/

My Mother-in-Law's Dresses – Brixton Library

Brixton Library, Windrush Square, SW2 1JQ

Saturday 10th October 2.00 – 5.00pm,

A reminiscence workshop dedicated to the memory of Girleyvine - a Windrush Pioneer - showcasing some of her beautiful dresses and photographs, documenting her arrival from Jamaica to West Norwood in 1958. Girley has left behind a wealth of memories for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to share and remember her by. Bring your own photographs, bring the family and that favourite dress, come along and share your own memories. Workshop by Sonia Winifred, Windrush Campaigner, former Lambeth Councillor and Cabinet Member

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/my-mother-in-laws-dresses-tickets-1998543079149?aff=ebdsoporgprofile

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