

Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



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

October half term

Art4Space Family Art Workshop – FREE

31 Jeffreys Rd, SW4 6QU

Thurs 22nd October, 2.30 – 5.00pm

Free after school workshop. Drop in on selected monthly dates. Parent / cares stay too (max 20). Refreshments provided

https://art4space.co.uk/

Space to Dream Gallery – FREE

Brixton Village, Unit 22, SW9 8PR

Tues 27th October, 10.30 – 12.00pm and 1.00 – 2.30pm, FREE plant drawing and bioacoustic workshop with artist, Sarina Mantle for young creatives ages 5 – 16yrs, sign up at info@spacetodreamgallery.org

Wed 28th and Thurs 29th October, 2-4pm, FREE creative family drop-in, first come-first served

https://brixtonvillage.com/trader/space-to-dream-gallery/

Brixton House - FREE

385 Coldharbour Lane, SW9 8GL

Tues 27th and Wed 28th October, 12.00 – 4.00pm

Join us for free drop-in creative workshop for local families. Drop in anytime between 12pm–4pm for free family drop-in activities celebrating the season with our *Harvest Roots Scavenger* experience. Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Bring a packed lunch, quiet space is available. Register for a free place in advance at:

https://brixtonhouse.co.uk/shows/october-half-term-activities/

Brixton Windmill - FREE

Windmill Gardens, SW2 5DA

Sun 25th October, 1.00 – 4.00pm

Family Halloween at the Windmill. Free spooky storytelling inside the windmill (suitable for 5s to 11s) and craft workshops in the centre. Story sessions at 1.30pm and 2.45pm. Halloween arts & crafts. Pumpkin carving all afternoon, £3 per pre prepared pumpkin. All children to be accompanied by an adult

https://www.brixtonwindmill.org/events/halloween-at-brixton-windmill/

Kinetika Bloco – FREE

Spirit Level, Royal Festival Hall, Belvedere Rd, SE1 8XX

Tues 27th – Fri 30th October, 11am – 4pm: 4 days of music, movement, creativity and fun for 13- 18yr olds

Experience Kinetika Bloco at a slower pace this October half term, with additional support on hand. Experience Dance, Steel Pans and Sambe Drums in a relaxed and friendly environment. Learn at your own pace, try something new, get creative, meet new people and build confidence. No previous experience necessary. Find out more at:

https://kinetikabloco.co.uk/join-us/#a-taste-of-bloco

National Maritime Museum – FREE

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

Sat 24th October & Sun 1st November

Family fun all week at the National Maritime Museum this October half term. Featuring craft workshops and storytelling sessions, there's something different happening every day. Many activities are FREE and drop-in

https://www.rmg.co.uk/whats-on/national-maritime-museum/october-half-term

Guildhall Art Gallery - FREE

Guildhall Yard, EC2V 5AE

Wed 28th October, 11am – 4pm

As the 'Bayeux Tapestry' returns to the UK for the first time in almost 1,000 years, our new exhibition 'Beyond Bayeux: Tapestry Now' celebrates one of the world's oldest, yet most vibrant and evolving art forms - and this day is all about connecting our youngest visitors to tapestry today. Join us to discover the skills of weft and weave, and the stories of artists creating tapestries of today. Multiple drop activities for families throughout the day – book a spot: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beyond-bayeux-tapestry-now-exhibition-half-term-family-day-tickets-1993477734567

London Museum Docklands - FREE

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

Sat 24th – Sat 31st October, daily 10am – 5.00pm

Dive deeper into London legends and spooky superstitions at London Museum Docklands this October half term. Set sail with superstitious sailors, sculpt clay lucky charms, learn about London's loneliest griffin, explore fairytale forests and write your own 10-word stories with former Children's Laureate Joseph Coelho OBE in these free, family activities in the historic heart of Canary Wharf. All free – some require booking in advance:
https://www.londonmuseum.org.uk/whats-on/october-half-term/

Southbank Centre: Cardboard Citizens, the Meaning of Home - FREE

Clore Ballroom, Royal Festival Hall, SE1 8XX

Fri 30TH October, 10.30am – 12.00pm

Use art, play and imagination to explore what home means to you and your family at a workshop inspired by Jacqueline Wilson's *The Bed and Breakfast Star.* Cardboard Citizens creates work with and for people who experience homelessness or poverty. Through art, play and imagination join us to explore what home means to you.
https://www.southbankcentre.co.uk/whats-on/cardboard-citizens-the-meaning-of-home/

Horniman Museum & Gardens - FREE

100 London Road, Forest Hill, SE23 3PQ

Open daily from 10am – 5.40pm, and free to visit (some to-pay exhibitions). See details:
https://www.horniman.ac.uk/plan-your-visit/around-the-horniman/

Black Prince Trust sports - FREE

5 Beaufoy Walk, SE11 6AA

Free Football every Wednesday 4-6pm, 11-16yrs, boys and girls

Football – youth sessions (8-14yrs): Tuesdays 6-7pm Pan Disability (mixed), Wednesdays 4-5pm Boys only (11-16yrs) Thursdays, 5-6pm mixed, Fridays 4-6pm mixed, Fridays 5-6pm Girls only

Adult sessions (16+): Mondays 11-12 walking football ages 55+ mixed, Mondays 2-4pm Refugee (Men), Wednesdays 11-12pm Pan Disability (mixed). For more info contact community@blackprincetrust.org.uk

Girls under 18s Basketball session – Sundays, 10am – 12pm (ages 8-17yrs)
https://blackprincetrust.org.uk/

Guy Fox drawing workshops – FREE

Mon 26th October, 10.30 – 11.30am **Shoe Lane Library** – 1 Hill House, Little New St, EC4A 3JR – book a spot at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/guy-fox-drawing-challenge-tickets-1998882098164?aff=oddtdtcreator

Weds 28th October, 2.30 – 3.15pm at **Canda Water Library**, 21 Surrey Quays Rd, SE16 7AR – email jessica.nyantakyi@southwark.gov.uk to reserve a spot

Join Kourtney Harper, founder of educational charity Guy Fox History Project, for a for a fun hands-on FREE drawing session, suitable for children aged 5-11yrs, accompanied by an adult. All materials provided. She is also a cartoonist who has been teaching people how to draw for over twenty years; workshops are famous for being challenging and fun!

Black History Month events

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

Poetry Night: Stories Voices and Conversations – FREE

Clapham Library, SW4 7DB

Tues 27th October, 6.30 – 8.00pm

Come and celebrate the richness, diversity and power of poetry, stories and shared conversation. Poetry Night is hosted and co-compèred by **Dee Majek** and **Alex Murdock**, alongside a line-up of guest poets, including **Maia Watkins** and **Saran Green**, for an inspiring Black History Month evening of poetry, spoken word and conversation. Reserve a spot:

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/poetry-night-stories-voices-conversations-tickets-1998636173597

Stories of Sudan: photography exhibition – FREE

Streatham Library, SW16 1PN

Mon 19th – Sun 25th October, exhibition available during Library opening hours

Discover a unique exhibition bringing together historical photographs of Sudan taken in the 1970s by photographer Jill Orpen and artworks created by children taking part in an art programme in Yida refugee camp, south Sudan. Meet the people, places and stories behind the photographs and discover Sudan through the eyes of those who know it best.

From Mayfair to Brixton: photography of Charles Gimpel exhibition - FREE

Lambeth Archives, SW2 1ET

Running until 31st October, exhibition available during Archive opening hours

Charles Gimple was a successful Mayfair art gallery owner who had come to London from France at the end of the war. He was a keen amateur photographer and this exhibition of his photographs of the Black community in Brixton during the 1960's, was only recently discovered by his sons and passed to Lambeth Archives.

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