



Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London - half term



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

The Big Draw Festival – The World's Largest Drawing Festival

www.thebigdraw.org for full listing of events

including:

The South London Botanical Institute – The Big Botanical Draw

Saturday 27th October 11am – 3pm FREE Suitable for all ages

323 Norwood Rd, London SE24 9AQ 020 8674 5787

www.slbi.org.uk

With the artist Julie Sullock. Come and draw anything and everything botanical using a variety of media. You can make rubbings of fungi, seeds and leaves, contribute to the longest botanical drawing in the world (probably) using the SLBI garden as inspiration, and have an opportunity for a closer look through a microscope. Adults and children can draw from a still life with fungi, ferns & seeds. Your work can then be added to the large drawing or you can take your picture home. We will have a magnificent display of locally sourced fungi available to draw. The house, garden and garden café will all be open.

Shakespeare's Stars – Shakespeare's Globe Theatre

Monday 22nd to Friday 26th October 10am – 4.30pm

Shakespeare's Globe, 21 New Globe Walk, SE1 9DT 020 7092 1400

Take inspiration from Shakespeare and design your own character! Shakespeare wrote about lots of different subjects, and his characters could be good, bad, serious, silly, sometimes scary. Come to the Exhibition beneath the Globe theatre and design your own star for the stage - what will they look like? What will they be wearing? What will they be saying and feeling? What stories might they tell? Are they a main character like Romeo or Juliet, or are they a smaller character but still with an important role to play?

For this event, you can visit just the Exhibition, or you can join one of our Guided Tours of the Globe itself as well.

More details about the other family events happening during half term can be found here:

<http://www.shakespearesglobe.com/whats-on/s/half-term-family-events>

Activities at the Royal Society of Sculptors

108 Old Brompton Road, South Kensington, SW7 3RA

020 7373 8615

Feel the Force

Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd October 11am – 1pm; 2 – 4pm. FREE

Build, balance and create your own colourful sculptures using magnets and cardboard in this free family workshop. Have you ever created art with magnets? Have you ever made a sculpture that you can re-make over and over again? Join us at the Royal Society of Sculptors to draw, cut and magnetise to create your own colourful, balancing sculpture kit that you can stack in as many ways you want! This is a free family drop in event, and everything you make at the workshop you can take home with you.

Wildlife Drawing

Wednesday 24th October 11am – 1pm; 2 – 4pm

Meet playful creatures including hedgehogs, opossums, rabbits and prairie dogs and then sketch them. A drawing class with a difference, observing and drawing real animals live in the gallery. You will be sketching these clever critters as you learn how they show joy and use play to communicate. We will be observing and sketching a 'business' of ferrets and polecats that constantly play and perform what is known as a 'weasel war dance' – consisting of jumping around madly and squeaking. We will meet some lovely rescue rabbits, who do a fun run-and-skip combo named a 'binky' that shows their happiness. And we will meet Guinea Pigs, who jump straight up in the air with all four legs to show their joy in a move called 'pop-corning'! You will also meet a Blossom the skunk, Odie the Opossum and Truffle the hedgehog and watch and sketch, to learn how they play and have fun.

Longfield Hall – half term activities

Longfield Hall, 50 Knatchbull Road, SE5 9QY 020 7978 9153 www.longfieldhall.org.uk

A World of Stories

Monday 22 October, 11am & 3pm Age guide 4-8 (children must be accompanied by an adult) Tickets £7 / £4
Running time 1 hour

Amari Harris is a south London story teller with a passion to retell myths and legends from cultures around the globe. Inspired by ancient storytellers, Amari recreates the tradition of the travelling teller, capturing his listeners' imaginations through his voice and body, with improvisations and music. You the audience play a huge part in his tales as well!

Old Skool to New Skool Hiphop Moves

Tuesday 23 October, 2pm to 4pm with Sunanda Biswas aka B-girl "sunsun"

This fantastic beginner's street dance workshop gives you the chance to work with one of the UK's foremost B-girls to learn hip-hop routines with both classic and new moves.

Age guide 8+ FREE – Booking Essential

Please wear comfortable clothes (no skirts or short shorts)

Dance Together

Thursday 25 October, 2pm to 3pm With McAlpine Dance Studio

Bring your little ones to this free Parent and Toddler class with Louisa McAlpine from Longfield's resident dance studio. Enjoy an hour of child-friendly dance techniques designed to get you all moving and stretching, in a super fun way to get fit.

Age guide 18 months to 3 years (children and adults take part together)

FREE – Booking Essential

Two Gents Drama Workshop

Saturday 27th October 2pm and 4pm

Come and learn how to act, improvise and create theatre. You'll discover how to be a magnetic performer and have the chance to create your own short scenes in the signature Two Gents Style. Come and join in the fun!

Age guide 11 to 14 FREE – Booking Essential Some experience necessary

Pegasus Opera Black History Month – Vocal Celebration of Windrush

Brixton Library, Brixton Oval, London, SW2 1JQ

Saturday 20th October 7pm FREE all ages

This vocal extravaganza features Britain's leading black classical singers performing opera, musical theatre and a Caribbean inspired programme as we pay tribute to the Windrush generation. We know you will love this unique and uplifting event! ... and of course the evening will end with some audience participation so bring your best voice.

Trafalgar Square, WC2N 5DN

Africa on the Square 2018 – Saturday 27th October 12 – 6pm FREE

This popular event continues to grow with over 25,000 attending last year. It celebrates African arts and culture, as well as enhancing Black History Month. We'll be hosting a stage with live entertainment in addition to an African market, food stalls, roaming entertainment and lots of fun stuff for kids, showcasing communities from across the continent.

Diwali Festival 2018 – Sunday 28th October 1 – 7pm FREE

The Diwali Festival, which celebrates the Hindu, Sikh and Jain festival of lights, attracts over 35,000 tourists and Londoners with its exciting music and dance stage line up, complimented by the authentic aromas from the street food market and wander through the embellishing craft and community stalls. Activities and <https://www.westminster-abbey.org/entertainment> ranging for all ages!

Family Day – 100 years since the end of First World War

St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, SW1P 3PA www.westminster-abbey.org

Saturday 27th October 10am – 2pm FREE (entrance via North Green)

The Army Welfare Service and families of those serving in London regiments invite you to reflect on this important anniversary. This will be a special day to share part of our history with the whole family. Visit the Grave of the Unknown Warrior; Meet horses from the Household Cavalry; Listen to music from military bands and choirs; Help us to create a poppy sculpture; Make your own remembrance wreath to take home; Join in an act of remembrance