



Low Cost/No Cost Family Fun in London



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

Family Day – Morris in May at William Morris Gallery

Sat 26th May **FREE** – drop in - (All ages), 1.00 – 4.00pm

Lloyd Park, Forest Road, Walthamstow E17 4PP / 020 8496 4390 / www.wmgallery.org.uk

Free drop-in event for families with children of all ages. On the last Saturday of every month we pack the Gallery full of fun activities for families to make and do together. Each event includes a make and take so you can remember your day.

This month, celebrate Maytime and summer's arrival by making a decoration inspired by Morris's Labours of the Months and enjoy some Morris dancing!

Victoria & Albert (V&A) Museum

FREE (All ages) Open daily - 10.00am – 5.45pm

Cromwell Rd, SW7 2RL / 020 7942 2000 / www.vam.ac.uk

Sat 26th May, *Special storytelling event* 2.00 – 3.00pm Join multi-award winning picture book creator Oliver Jeffers for a thought-provoking special event as he talks about his new book *Here We Are*. This event will include live drawing, storytelling and time for questions. After the event you can buy this book and get it signed, but please note the queue for signing can be long and patience will be needed! This event is recommended for families with children aged 3 and above

Sat 26th May & Sun 2nd June, *Pop up performance* 11.00 – 3.30pm (performance duration 30 minutes) Hear the heart-warming Japanese tale of the Monkey and the Crab, give a cheer for the delights of the marvellous music hall and delight in stories of theatrical wonder.

Fulham Palace Family Activity Days

FREE – suitable for ages 3+

Fulham Palace Bishops Avenue, SW6 6EA / 020 7736 3233/ www.fulhampalace.org

Wed 30th May - *The Tremendous Tudors* 11am – 3.00pm Travel back in time with tales of Queen Elizabeth I's fantastic feast at Fulham Palace; a pop-up photo booth complete with top-to-toe Tudor garb; many objects to handle and a whole host of fun-filled crafts and games. No booking necessary, children must be accompanied by an adult

Thu 31st May - *The Palace during WW1* 12.30 – 4.30pm Event takes place in the Bishop Sherlock Room. Travel back in time for an action-packed afternoon at the Palace, as part of Historic England's annual celebration of the capital's extraordinary heritage. Pop up exhibition with archive photography, and the opportunity to handle artefacts and don historical costumes! Free mini tours will also be available on the day. Children must be accompanied by an adult

Soapbox Science 2018

Sat 26th May **FREE** (Ages 8+) 2pm – 5pm

Queen's Stone, Riverside walkway (by Gabriel's Wharf) SE1 9PP/ www.soapboxscience.org / Nearest tube: Waterloo
London's Southbank will transform again into a hub of scientific learning and discussion, as some of London's leading scientists take to their soapboxes to showcase their science to the general public. The event's mission remains the same: to help eliminate gender inequality in science by raising the profile, and challenging the public's view, of women and non-binary people in science.

Feria de Londres – Spanish Festival!

Sat 26th May (12.00 – 9pm) & Sun 27th May (12.00 – 9.00pm) **FREE** (All ages)

Bernie Spain Gardens, South Bank, London SE1 9PH (Next to OXO Tower Wharf) / www.feriadelondres.com

Waterloo (5 Mins), Southwark (5 Mins), Temple (10 Mins), Blackfriars (8 Mins)

This Spring Bank Holiday, Feria de Londres, is bringing its famous Andalusian carnival spirit back to London's South Bank. Taking place this year in Bernie Spain Gardens, Feria de Londres will once again line the banks of the Thames with colourful stalls serving up delicious Spanish tapas, cocktails and tastings from official sponsors Tio Pepe, vibrant Flamenco dancing shows, interactive workshops and live Spanish music

Museum of London – Half term fun!

Sat 26th May – Sat 3rd June, FREE (Ages 5+)

150 London Wall, EC2Y 5HN / 020 7001 9844 / www.museumoflondon.org.uk

Nearest tube: Barbican/St Pauls/Moorgate

Sat 26th May: *Make A Flipbook*, *12.30-2pm & 2.30-4pm Drop in workshop -Discover what wild animals used to live in London thousands of years ago and how early man used to tell stories to each other. You will create an animal mix and match prehistoric flipbook to take home.

Sat 26th & Sun 27th May: *Moon Man Boogie-nights!* 1pm, 2pm & 3pm Free drop in (duration 30 mins)

An astronomy enthusiast attempts to spot constellations in London's polluted sky. She tells the story of Moon Man by Tomi Ungerer. Hear how the man in the moon comes to earth to dance the night away after having watched people on earth dancing. Together with the astronomer, learn some of the dances the man in the moon might have seen.

Sat 26th & Sun 27th May: *Light Up London art workshop*, 12.30-2pm or 2.30-4pm Free drop-in Light up famous London landmarks & create atmospheric pictures using special art materials and techniques with special pencils, crayons and collage.

Mon 28th May: *What will you wear workshop?* 11.30 – 1.00pm or 2.00 – 3.30pm Free drop-in. Find out how prehistoric Londoners would have accessorised their outfits by creating necklaces using model magic to create bones and teeth. Finish off your designs with shells and feathers for the perfect cave man look.

Tues 29th May: *London illuminated workshop* 12.30-2pm or 2.30-4pm Free drop-in. London at night can be a magical place. This was certainly true 200 years ago in the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens which attracted Londoners with rare lighting and firework shows. Design a spinning paper plate which will reveal this magical scene.

Tues 29th May: *Storytelling, Villains of the night* 1pm, 2pm & 3pm Free drop in (duration 30 mins) Victorian Londoners loved scary night time tales of truly gruesome proportions. Families looking for a grizzly Victorian story can come and hear the Penny Dreadful account of Sweeney Todd, a villain of Victorian London.

Wed 30th May: *Twinkle Twinkle London (for under 3's)* 10.30 – 12.30pm & 1.30 – 3.30pm (drop in) Experience London at night in our sensory room for little ones and their families. From twinkly coloured lights, to creating London shadows, there'll be lots to stimulate the senses! Suitable for under threes and their parents or carers

Wed 30th May: *Night Time London art workshop*, 12.30 – 2.00pm & 2.30 – 4.00pm (drop in) Create a night time London scene by making a sleepy Big Ben, the Houses of Parliament or your own home and adding it to our model London. Our model London will include the sights and sounds of London at night.

Thurs 31st May: *A Suffragette Story* 11am, 12.00pm, 2.00 pm & 3.00pm Free drop in (duration 30 mins) Celebrate 100 years of female suffrage in the UK and hear stories of courage from a Suffragette who took part in marches, protests, hunger strikes and more. Find out why she joined the fight for votes for women, and what she did to help win women the right to vote. Including a surprising night-time tale where thousands of women pulled an all-nighter.

Thurs 31st May & Fri 1st June: *Victorian Lantern Workshop* 12.30 – 2pm & 2.30 – 4pm (drop in) Create your very own Victorian-style lanterns and try them out in our Victorian Walk.

Thurs 31st May & Sun 3rd June: *Drawing in the Dark workshop!* 12.30 – 2pm & 2.30 – 4pm (drop in) Help us create a collaborative piece of artwork. Grab a UV pen and draw a night-time scene that can only be revealed under a UV torch.

Thurs 31st May & Fri 1st June: *Musical Storytelling* 1pm, 2pm & 3pm Free drop in (duration 30 mins) In this musical storytelling session families will learn several popular music hall songs from back in the day. Enjoy singing, performing, magic tricks and some exciting night-time anecdotes from London's murky past.

Sat 2nd June: *London Lights workshop* 12.30 – 2pm & 2 – 3.30pm Free drop in. Design and make a glow in the dark sign for your bedroom

Sat 2 & Sun 3rd June: *Max the Kitten storytelling* 1, 2 & 3pm Free drop in (duration 30 mins) Max the kitten is very sleepy and goes on a night time adventure across London, climbing all of London's famous landmarks in his quest to say goodnight to the moon. This story is an adaptation of Max at Night by Ed Vere.

Horniman Museum – Half term Family Fun

FREE (All ages) / 100 London Road, SE23 3PQ / 020 8699 1872 / www.horniman.ac.uk

Buses: 176, 185, 312, P4, 63, 122, P13

Mon 28th May, Tues 29th, Thurs 31st & Fri 1st June: ***Family Art Fun*** 11.00am – 2.45pm Join free and fabulous

Horniman craft activities inspired by our exhibitions and Gardens. Free, ticketed

Thurs 31st May – *Minibeast Safari*, 12 – 12.45pm, 2 – 2.45pm, 3 – 3.45pm £3 per child (acc adults free) Try your hand at hunting for mini-beasts along our Nature Trail and discover the variety of insect life living there. All equipment is provided and a tutor will guide you through the process and identifying your finds. All children must be accompanied by an adult. These activities are not suitable for prams or pushchairs. Please note that trail is approximately one mile round, situated a walk away from the Museum. In the event of poor weather an alternative indoor 'Make a Butterfly Feeder' workshop will be offered instead.

The Ragged School Museum – Victorian Style

FREE (All Ages) 46-50 Copperfield Rd, Bow E3 4RR / 020 8980 6405 / www.raggedschoolmuseum.org.uk

Nearest tube: Mile End /

Wed 30th & Thurs 31st May Victorian Style! 10am-5pm: Come to the Ragged School Museum and get into your Victorian Style! There will be a quiz to figure out what sort of Victorian Style you were best suited to (pardon the pun). We'll be making bonnets, brooches, deerstalker hats, weave your own tartan, make a moustache, and lots more! Activities are aimed at 6 to 12 year olds, and the under 5s' Raggamuffin Play Room will be open for younger children. The rest of the Museum, including the Canel Towpath Cafe and the exhibition 'Mended Lives', will be open for all.

Southbank Centre Beach & Water sculpture

Southbank Centre, Riverside, London, SE1 8XX **FREE** (All ages) Nearest tube: Waterloo / Embankment

From Sat 26th May and throughout the summer.....

Can't get to the seaside but want to enjoy the beach? Come to Southbank Centre this summer and we can help you out.

Bring your own bucket and spade and we'll supply 85 tonnes of golden play sand for you to enjoy

Appearing Rooms (water sculpture) is on Royal Festival Hall Riverside Terrace, Level 2

This interactive sculpture returns to Southbank Centre after popular appearances in previous summers. Shooting jets of water into the air, the fountain creates rooms that disappear as quickly as they emerge. If you guess wrong you might get soaked – but that's all part of the fun.

Pop Brixton – Kids Half Term Activities

FREE (check age suitability and further details with venue)

Pop Brixton, 49 Brixton Station Road, London, SW9 8PQ / 0203 879 8410, www.popbrixton.org

Mon 28th May – 11.00 -12.30pm Art & crafts class with Julia

Tues 29th May – 1.00 – 2.00pm Karate class with Ming from Koi Ramen

Wed 30th May, 12.00 – 1.00pm Cooking Club with Tom from L'Amuse Bouche

Thu 31st May – 11.00 – 1.00pm Drama class with Minerva tutors

V & A Museum of Childhood

Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June FREE (All ages) Open daily - 10.30am – 4.00pm

Cambridge Heath Rd, E2 9PA / 020 8983 5200 / www.vam.ac.uk Tube: Bethnal Green

Calling all mini makers and designers! Be inspired by some genius design solutions from the Century of the Child exhibition. Meet artists and digital makers, including Paul Clifford and Laura X Carlé, and get creative.

Enjoy a week full of imagination, invention and creation! Create your very own moving toy, let your imagination run wild in an arts and crafts making session and much more.

FAMILY WORKSHOPS:

Children need to be accompanied by adults during the workshop. At least 1 adult per 4 children, but no more than 1 adult per 1 child. Please note that we cannot accommodate younger children without tickets in the workshop room.

YOUR ROBOT HELPER WORKSHOP

Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June 10.30 & 12.00 (60 min) £5 per child, Age 4+

DROP-IN ACTIVITIES: Monday – Friday unless otherwise stated

MAKE A ZOETROPE Monday – Wednesday 11.00–12.30 & 13.30–16.00

SOLVE THEM BY DESIGN: ILLUSTRATION ACTIVITY Thursday – Friday 11.00–12.30 & 13.30–16.00

LITTLE ENGINEERING 11.00–13.00 & 14.00–16.00

ANIMAL MAGIC: STORYTELLING FOR UNDER 5s 10.30 (30min)

EXPLORE: INVENTIVE CHILDREN 11.15 (20min)

ARTS & CRAFTS: RECYCLED MATERIALS 12.00–12.45

NORDIC STORIES 14.00 (20min)

ARTS & CRAFTS: NORDIC INSPIRED 14.40–16.00