

FEBRUARY

ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER & EVENTS LISTINGS



If the cold weather has you going a bit stir crazy, what about trying a new hobby? The Create Place is our community shop, where we offer free and low-cost workshops and classes. It's also a great place to volunteer. If you have an idea for a one-off workshop or an ongoing class, we'll provide the space and buy the materials to help you put it on. This opportunity is not limited to art classes, as we're particularly interested in supporting wellness initiatives and other projects that help the local community. Email thecreateplace@stmargarethouse.org.uk about your idea and we'll see if we can make it happen. Read on to find out what's currently on at The Create Place and other news from around St. Margaret's House.

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FREE CRAFTY TUESDAYS



Everyone is welcome at these free sessions. Held in The Create Place every Tuesday from 1:00-3:30pm, they're a great opportunity to hang out and make seasonal crafts in a fun environment. Until mid-March you'll have the chance to make Valentine's Day cards, try your hand at quilting and decoupage, create Mother's Day cards, and learn how to craft paper flowers. Then it's on to papier mâché, Easter eggs, mad hats and Easter bonnets. The Create Place windows feature themed display using work

crafted by Crafty Tuesday participants who want to show off their handiwork. The current window display was designed by Nurcan Osman and future months will see themed windows featuring Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Easter crafts.

FREE WEEKLY BEADING CLASS

Arrive at The Create Place for a beading session and you may find laughter, conversation, the clink of beads, or silence. In their drop-in sessions they make necklaces, bracelets, earrings and brooches. Brenda teaches basic techniques using wire and clasps and then students move on to learn other techniques using thread, fabric, wool, etc. Everyone is welcome and they aim to have fun, develop skills and support each other to unleash creativity. Often the class upcycles materials donated to Ayoka, so even those broken necklaces and stray beads can be used again. These sessions take place every Thursday from 10am-1pm. Everyone is welcome!



EAST LONDON ART CLUB

The East London Art Club (at The Create Place every Thursday from 6:30pm-9:30pm) has got off to a flying start in 2015. Our sessions have been well attended, thanks to a new Meetup group. What the club offers is simple but powerful: they provide a space and materials to experiment with making art. This is not an art class - there's no 'tuition', though participants do share ideas and techniques with each other. You don't need any experience, or any idea about what you're going to create. Just turn up and allow your natural creativity to flow - finding your own style and direction, all in the supportive presence of others doing the same. As one participant puts it: "The group size is perfect, the format is impeccable and the atmosphere is relaxing and encouraging". Please note: As space is limited, to attend a session, you need to book your place through the Meetup group at: www.meetup.com/The-East-London-Art-Club



ART CLASSES AT THE CREATE PLACE



Art4U2 is an art class taught at The Create Place where students study different techniques and then apply them to their own projects. This term the class is looking at drawing skills in charcoal graphite inks and pastels before moving onto colour mixing, painting with acrylics and colour theory. The classes run on a 10-week term. Art4U currently has two exhibitions of our work at the Brady Art Centre and Canary Wharf Idea Store. Classes run Mondays at 6:30pm. Wednesdays at 1:30pm, and Thursdays at 1:30pm. Beginners are welcome and newcomers can come along for a free taster session. Contact Ginny at ginnyhawke5@hotmail.co.uk

POP-UP LISTENINGS IN THE CAFE WITH THE COMMUNITY ORGANISERS



Come and meet Georgia, Isabel and Kim and have a free drink in The Gallery Cafe at their pop-up listenings this month. This is your opportunity to let the community organisers know what you do and don't like about living in Bethnal Green. And if you want, they can help you get more involved in your community. They would love to talk to you over a cup of tea/coffee. Look out for them in the cafe from 2pm to 6pm on the 4th, 5th and 6th of February. To find out more about their work and to get involved, please send an email to:

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WELCOMING BOB TO THE GALLERY CAFE



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