

# NOVEMBER

## ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE NEWSLETTER & EVENTS LISTINGS



The nights are drawing in but our schedule is still peppered with interesting things to do. At The Create Place we're working on putting together a series of workshops that will teach digital skills, including blogging, social media, and starting a website. The café has once again been nominated as The Best Café in Bethnal Green and we're anxiously anticipating the results. They've also started selling the delicious, vegan Ms. Cupcake cupcakes so be sure to try one with your next cuppa. Read on to find out what else we have going on across our projects this month.

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### NEW WORKSHOPS AT THE CREATE PLACE



Want to learn how to blog, tweet, Instagram, or build a website? A new series of pay what you can workshops coming to The Create Place in 2016 will teach you how to do all of those things! These 2-hour sessions will be designed for absolute beginners and walk you through the basics of everything you need to know to get started. They'll be relaxed and interactive,

so that you can walk away with all of your questions answered. You can choose sign up for a single session or come along for all of them. If you have a digital skill that you'd like to volunteer to teach people or if you'd like to express an interest in a particular workshop, please email Roxi ([roxi@stmargarethouse.org.uk](mailto:roxi@stmargarethouse.org.uk)).

### EVENTS AT THE GALLERY CAFE

We have some great events coming up this month, including the launch night for The Still Point Journal Issue #1 and a fundraiser for refugees in Lesbos, featuring the incredible Turkish and Eastern Turbo Folk act: Dila V and the Odd Beats. We are currently on the look-out for an enthusiastic volunteer to run our monthly open-mic, making sure that the incredible talent that has been gracing the Gallery Café stage will be able to continue to do so every first Monday of the month. Please send applications to George at [events@stmargarethouse.org.uk](mailto:events@stmargarethouse.org.uk).

### CHRISTMAS HARRY POTTER QUIZ

Since their inception in February, our Harry Potter quizzes have become a cult sensation, with tickets often selling out in a matter of hours. We're putting together an extra special, Christmas-themed edition of "You're A Quizzard, Harry" on 5 December 2015. Participants can look forward to creative challenges, fun prizes, and extra tricky questions that only the most diehard fans will be able to answer. Maximum of 6 people per team. If you don't have a team, the sorting hat will be here to help you find one. Tickets are £5 each. £2 from each ticket goes into the pot and the remainder is a donation to St. Margaret's House. Advanced booking is required. Tickets available from: <http://www.wegotickets.com/event/336538>

### LOW-COST FITNESS, YOGA, & DANCE AT EAST LONDON COMMUNITY WELLBEING

Our timetable at East London Community Wellbeing continues to expand! In addition to many varieties of yoga, we also teach classes in meditation, zumba, swing dance, fitness, and pilates, with new classes continuing to be added to our timetable all of the time.

Classes are held at a variety of times throughout the day and many are by donation, as we aim to make yoga accessible for everyone.

We're also hosting a number of workshops, including Winter Wellbeing, Partner Yoga, and an Urban Retreat.

To get all of the details about our regular classes and these one-off events, visit our website: <http://www.stmargarethouse.org.uk/eastlondoncommunitywellbeing>

### UPDATES ON OUR COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

St. Margaret's House is looking to create a mixed-use development to the rear of our premises.

This will contain a community hub and a range of other possibilities: a performance space; space for artists, social entrepreneurs and start-up opportunities; housing and offices for groups from the third sector.



The approved development included the following works: demolition of the two single storey buildings with a redevelopment of the site by the erection of a three-storey building and a roof extension over no.15 Old Ford Road.

We want this project to fill real community needs and have genuine community support. This is the beginning of what will be a large-scale project and we are asking for your comments, advice and encouragement.

To find out more email [tony@stmargarethouse.org.uk](mailto:tony@stmargarethouse.org.uk)

#### November Update

Last month saw the inaugural meeting of the SMH Building Sub-Committee where it was decided that we need to find out more about 15 Old Ford Road.

We know that it's feasible to add another storey to number 15 but we were left with the suggestion that it might be prohibitively expensive and incredibly disruptive.

It has been suggested that with modern lightweight materials this may not necessarily be the case. We must come to some definitive conclusions on this. We need to know what can be done; how it can be done; what will it cost.

We have asked Arboreal Architecture to establish the structural feasibility of adding another (lightweight) storey to no.15.

### ON THE ESTATES WITH ISABEL

This month Isabel listening to people in the Gallery Café, which has allowed her to meet so many interesting people, from local people to those who visit from all over London. She's heard about all of the different things they love most about the area, how long some people have lived here and how far back they can trace their family trees. People also shared what life was like for people who lived here in the past and what they would like to see for the future.

As a community organiser, it's Isabel's job to find out what people love about Bethnal Green and what they'd like to do to improve it. She's going to be conducting listenings in The Gallery Café again throughout November and she'd love to chat with you. Otherwise you can contact her at 07340101523 or [Isabel@stmargarethouse.org.uk](mailto:Isabel@stmargarethouse.org.uk).

