



Activities for Young People and Staff

2022



Opportunities for Young People



Tuesday 22 Feb 2022

Mayesbrook Gardening Project with Blak Outside

🕒 4 – 6pm
📍 Mayesbrook Centre, Dagenham

Who: young people and staff from the Specialist Intervention Service

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop with gardening artists Blak Outside. This is a great way for staff and young people to meet the gardeners/artists and find out more about this gardening project through hands-on, fun and informal activities all linked to the Mayesbrook Garden project. Refreshments will be supplied! No previous art, creative or gardening knowledge needed.

March 2022 onwards

Foster Family Hub

🕒 4 – 6pm
📍 The White House, Dagenham

Who: Whole foster families, including birth children

The White House invites you and your foster family to a fun 8-week after-school art club.

Together as a group you will explore different art materials and new ways of being creative. It's a great way to meet new friends and build on connections in your family group.

June 2022 onwards

Creative Mentoring

📍 Several Locations

Who: unaccompanied asylum seeker children and refugees

Bringing together Creative Practitioners and young people to provide them with support, guidance and friendship.

This year the Creative Mentoring programme will focus on welcoming young refugees and asylum-seekers to London. The scheme will provide the young people with an opportunity to get to know their new neighbourhood, through site visits to key places, such as; parks, shopping centres, cinemas and other cultural venues within the borough and beyond.

12, 13, 14 April 2022

Mayesbrook Gardening Club

🕒 11 – 3pm
📍 The White House, Dagenham

Who: young people and staff from Specialist Intervention Service

The White House invites staff and young people from the SIS service to take part in a creative club with artist / gardeners Blak Outside. The session will explore ways of gardening, growing, exploring our local area and cultures, as well as enjoying being outside together.

30 May – 2 June 2022

Creative Club for Unaccompanied Asylum Seeker Children

🕒 11 – 3pm
📍 The White House, Dagenham

Who: unaccompanied asylum seeker children and refugees

A club at The White House exploring creative ways to communicate and build confidence and skills in English speaking. A great way to meet new friends and share stories!

26, 27, 28 July 2022

Summer Holiday Art Club

🕒 11 – 3pm
📍 The White House, Dagenham

Who: 10 – 11 years old (open to all in the Corporate Parenting and Permanence Service)

A fun and interactive art club for 10 – 11 year olds. Meet new friends, discover new ways of making and experimenting with different materials!

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4–8 April 2022

Creative Drama Club with Arc Theatre for Young Women

🕒 11–3pm
📍 The Vibe, Dagenham

Who: young women from Exploitation Team

Join Arc Theatre for a brand new drama and arts project. Come and make new friends, learn new skills, and improve your confidence and self-esteem. No previous drama skills needed!

25–29 July 2022

Creative Drama Project with Arc Theatre for Young People ages 16–21

🕒 11–3pm
📍 The Vibe, Dagenham

Who: care leavers 16–21 years old

Join Arc Theatre for a brand new drama and arts project. Come and make new friends, learn new skills, and improve your confidence and self-esteem. No previous drama skills needed!

30 May–2 June 2022

LGBTQIA+ Art Club with India Harvey

🕒 11–3pm
📍 The Vibe, Dagenham

*Who: young people age 15–17 yrs old
who identify as LGBTQIA+*

A creative club for LGBTQIA+ young people to explore new ways of making and exploring art materials with artist India Harvey. Meet new people in a safe and relaxing space.



8–12th August 2022

Dance and Movement Club with Barking and Dagenham Youth Dance

🕒 10–2pm
📍 Abbey Leisure Centre, Barking

*Who: 12–15 year olds
(open to all in the Corporate Parenting
and Permanence Service)*

Barking and Dagenham Youth Dance (BDYD) welcomes you to a fun and exiting dance programme. Together we will explore movement in a safe space and give you the opportunity to be creative and be involved in developing your own dance.

25–28th October 2022

Make Your Own Space – A Relaxed Space for Young Parents

🕒 10–2pm
📍 A Children's Centre (TBC)

Who: young parents

Come along to a space to relax, unwind and enjoy making art together as a group. Chill out and meet new people whilst your kids are looked after!

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Opportunities for Staff



Thursday 24 Feb 2022

Mayesbrook Gardening Project with Blak Outside

🕒 1–3pm
📍 Mayesbrook Centre, Dagenham

Who: staff from the Specialist Intervention Service

An exciting creative project is taking place in a new garden at the Mayesbrook Centre in Children's Care and Support Services.

Come along to a fun 2-hour introduction session with artist Blak Outside to share your ideas, thoughts and wishes for the garden.

We'll supply tea, coffee and cake.

Every Wednesday from 6 April until 11 May 2022

Mayesbrook Gardening Weekly Club

🕒 4–6pm
📍 Mayesbrook Centre, Dagenham

Who: young people and staff from the Specialist Intervention Service

Weekly workshops to plan and build the new Mayesbrook Garden with artist Blak Outside.

Come along with your young people for a fun, hands-on experience! Refreshments, materials and tools will be provided.

Multiple Dates

Intervention

🕒 10–12pm
📍 All sessions online

Who: all staff

First Series

Wednesdays, 16 February–23 March 2022

Second Series

Wednesdays, 06 April–11 May 2022

Third series

Wednesdays, 25 May–29 June 2022

A series of group reflective sessions bringing together creative and social care practitioners to problem solve, reflect on their professional practice, gather new perspectives and build confidence and well-being.

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18 February, 18 March & 22 April 2022

Creative Social Work Module with Goldsmiths, University of London.

🕒 10–4:30pm
📍 All sessions online

Who: all staff

Goldsmiths University and New Town Culture are delighted to offer the Creative Social Work Module in 2022.

This course can be completed with credit towards a PgCert, PgDip, or Masters in Professional Leadership for Social Work or without, as CPD with a certificate of attendance (provided all three teaching days are attended).

Three teaching days:

Day 1: Strengthening Body and Self
Friday, 18 February 2022, 10–16:30

Day 2: Creativity in My Practice
Friday, 18 March 2022, 10–16:30

Day 3: Social Work in and through Cultural Spaces
Friday, 22 April 2022, 10–16:30

Assignment due date:
Wednesday, 25 May 2022

Plus 2 group tutorial workshops (Friday 8th April and Friday 6th May 2022) facilitated by both professional artists and social work academics to support with developing your own creative project in your workplace.
We will run a second course in Autumn 2022 dates TBC

Apply through the LBB Learning and Development portal

Additional Programming



2–17 April 2022

Radio Ballads Exhibition

📍 Barking Town Hall, Barking Learning Centre and Serpentine Gallery

Open to all

The Radio Ballads exhibition will showcase an exciting project that embedded artists within core adult care and support services and community settings across Barking and Dagenham. The exhibition will present four films made by artists; Sonia Boyce, Helen Cammock, Rory Pilgrim and Ilona Sagar exploring themes such as domestic violence, end of life care and trauma. The exhibition will be open at Barking Town Hall and Barking Learning Centre from 2–17 April 2022, whilst simultaneously showing at the Serpentine Gallery.

Spring 2022

New! A Living Mural and Sound Collage

📍 Mayesbrook Centre

Who: staff from the Specialist Intervention Service

Listening Reflections is a living mural and sound collage at the Mayesbrook Children's Centre opening this Spring. This interactive mural and sound piece was designed by artist Joe Namy in collaboration with a group of young people in the Leaving Care Service. It is located in a tunnel leading onto the Mayesbrook site.

1 Feb until 30 April 2022

New! Sound Installation

📍 Valance Library

Open to all

Lyric Cacophony is a new sound piece created by sound artist Emma Smith with a group of young people from Barking & Dagenham. Together the group played with different ways to make sounds using their voices, drumming with their hands, experimenting with everyday objects like scissors, balloons, and salt shakers. They also shared their own stories; their backgrounds, their experiences, and how they hope to use their voices to make an impact on the world.

Listen to *Lyric Cacophony* at Valance House Library from 1 Feb until 30 April, 10am every morning, and on Fridays & Sundays it will play from 10am until 6pm.

Online

New Town Culture Podcasts

📍 www.newtownculture.org

Open to all

Listen to the New Town Culture podcast series bringing together LBBd social care staff, cultural practitioners and artists to explore big ideas, practical issues and solutions about the overlaps between creative practice and social care work. You can find them all on the New Town Culture website.

Online

Tools and Resources for Social Care Staff

📍 www.newtownculture.org

Open to all

Explore new tools for LBBd staff on the New Town Culture website. The tools are aimed to encourage and guide staff to explore and use creative approaches whilst working with their service users. All tools are produced by our own staff and/or social work lecturers from the Social Work Dept at Goldsmiths and cultural partners/artists such as Tate.

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