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“Women have always been an equal part of the past, JUST NOT AN EQUAL PART OF HISTORY” the author Gloria Steinem has observed. Women’s History Month provides an opportunity for contemporary women artists, activists, writers and performers to present a diverse programme of events and exhibitions celebrating women in galleries, studios, venues, libraries and institutions across East London. Please make sure you can access them by checking with the projects directly. **These programme details and updates can also be found online at www.alternativearts.org.uk**

ACME

44 Copperfield Road E3 4RR Mile End tube, Limehouse DLR
www.acme.org.uk 020 8981 8811

Acme is a charity that provides artists with affordable studios, live/work spaces and a programme of artists support through residences and awards.

The following artists have chosen to be part of Women's History Month:-

Caroline de Lannoy works across painting, text, sound and video exploring time, space and perception through a language of abstraction. She creates compositions that draw upon the spectrum of sensory perception and feelings, highlighting conversations between the visible and invisible. www.carolinedelannoy.net and www.instagram.com/carolinedelannoy/

Julie Pickard studied sculpture and painting. Her work has followed a meandering line, recording events, explorations and emotions from memories to free-improv/ music/musicians, sounds from trees, sky and wild animals. www.juliepickard.com

Victoria Helena Open Studio, Sun 9 March 12noon-3.30pm

Studio U, 15 Orsman Road N1 5RA Haggerston Overground
Victoria Helena has a multi-disciplinary practice investigating how we confront our own powerlessness in face of cataclysmic events, wrestling with the human condition on the brink of ecological, technological and psychological event horizons. A myriad of textures challenges the traditional notions of sculpture.
www.victoriahelena.com

AUTOGRAPH

Rivington Place EC2A 3BA Shoreditch High Street Overground
<https://autograph.org.uk> 020 7729 9200

ABI MOROCCO PHOTOS: Spirit of Lagos

Until 22 March Wed-Fri 11am-6pm, Thurs til 9pm, Sat 12.30pm-6.30pm
FREE

This exhibition captures the rich style and joyous spirit of Lagos in the 1970s through portraiture, documentary and street photography. Funmilayo Abe specialised in portraiture, documentary and street photography. Between 1967 and 1970 she apprenticed with a local female photographer known as 'Nike Photo' in Shogunle, where she honed her skill and enjoyed the solitude of the darkroom. Gaining respect in her community as a talented photographer, Abe established several studios from 1964 to 2021 both independent and with her husband John Abe.



BARBICAN CENTRE

Silk Street EC2Y 8DS Barbican/Moorgate tube
www.barbican.org.uk 020 7870 2500

The Curve

CITRA SASMITA : Into Eternal Land

Until 20 April Mon-Sun 11am-7pm FREE

Citra Sasmita, an Indonesian artist, has her first solo exhibition in the UK: a new commission titled *Into Eternal Land*. Working across painting, sculpture, installation, embroidery and scent she invites visitors on a symbolic, multi-sensory journey through the 90 metre-long gallery to explore ancestral memory, ritual and migration.

Barbican Hall

KIM DEAL

Sat 1 March 8pm Tks from £35

Alternative Rock icon Kim Deal makes her Barbican debut with *Nobody Loves You More*, her highly anticipated solo album. Accompanied by an ensemble.

MARIA SCHNEIDER + Oslo Jazz Ensemble

Sun 2 March 7.30pm Tks from £20

Maria Schneider presents music from her critically acclaimed 2020 album *Data Lords* alongside the 19-piece Oslo Jazz Ensemble.

CZECH PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

with Katia and Marielle Labeque.

Sat 8 March 7.30pm Tks from £15

Conductor Semyon Bychkov and the Czech Philharmonic return to the Barbican for a 2-day residency of Shostakovich, Mozart and Mahler, joined by pianists and sisters Katia and Marielle Labeque who will perform Mozart's Concerto for Two Pianos.

LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA conductor Barbara Hannigan

Thurs 13 March 7pm Tks from £18

The London Symphony Orchestra with Barbara Hannigan conductor and soprano singing and conducting in Britten's sensuous *Les illuminations* joined by Stephane Degout baritone. Barbara Hannigan also conducts Roussel's *Le festin de L'araginee*, Ravel's *Histoires naturelles* and Haydn's Symphony No 104.

Thurs 20 March 7pm Tks from £18

The London Symphony Orchestra with Barbara Hannigan conductor and soprano singing and conducting Claude Debussy's *Luonnotar*, Claude Vivier's *Orion*, Haydn's Symphony No 39, Bartok's *The Miraculous Mandarin*, joined by Gareth Davies, LSO Principal Flute.

The Barbican has many more wonderful women performing during March. Find them on the website.

BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE

230 Bishopsgate, Spitalfields EC2M 4QH Liverpool Street tube/rail
www.bishopsgate.org.uk 020 7392 9200

ARCHIVE TOUR Feminist and Women's History

Wed 5 March 6.30pm-8pm Tks £11/£5 concs

Join Colleen Goldspink, Library and Digital Archives Manager, to hear about feminist activists and organisations and tour the Women's Feminist History Collection.

THE DANCE PROGRAMME at the Institute also provides a great opportunity for you to learn and enjoy Latin, Ballroom and Swing. Find out more at bishopsgate.org.uk/whats-on/search



Barbican: Citra Sasmita, *Art One, Into Eternal Land*, 2024. Photo: David Hurn



Barbican: Kim Deal, *Concert*, 2024. Photo: David Hurn



Barbican: Maria Schneider with the Oslo Jazz Ensemble, *Concert*, 2024. Photo: David Hurn



Barbican: Katia and Marielle Labeque, *Concert*, 2024. Photo: David Hurn



Barbican: Barbara Hannigan, *Concert*, 2024. Photo: David Hurn



Bishopsgate Institute: *Archives*, 2024. Photo: David Hurn

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Blow the Fuse: The Non Conformists performing at Ryan's Bar

BISHOPSGATE INSTITUTE cont'd

The Institute believes everyone's history should be valued, and their special collections and archives document the people who have campaigned for social, political and cultural change.

BLOW THE FUSE

www.blowthefuse.com

THE NON CONFORMISTS

Wed 19 March. Doors 7.30pm, Music 8pm Entry £12

Ryan's Bar, 181 Stoke Newington Church Street N16 0UL
Stoke Newington Stn

Swing, Latin and World influences. Soak up the vibes in this cosy basement bar.

DEIRDRE CARTWRIGHT'S ORGANIK TRIO

Fri 28 March Doors 7.30pm, Music 8.30pm-10.30pm Bar till 11pm

Tkts <https://wegottickets.com/event/644808>

St Mathias Hall, Wordsworth Road N16 8DD

Dalston Kingsland Overground

A new trio led by guitarist Deirdre Cartwright with Pete Whittaker Organ and Gary Hammond Congas/percussion. Sounds of the classic jazz organ/guitar trios of the 1960s plus some original takes on the Beatles, Doors, Curtis Mayfield and Kate Bush.

BRADY ARTS CENTRE

192-196 Hanbury Street E1 5HU Whitechapel/Aldgate East tube

www.towerhamlets.org.uk 020 7364 7000

A TEAM ARTS EDUCATION Mothers, Daughters & Sons Workshop

Sat 8 March 12noon-4pm FREE

We are inviting Mothers with their daughters & sons to explore this year's International Women's Day Theme *Accelerate Action* by sharing skills in textile crafts and embroidery to create a celebratory artwork, focusing on the nature we find around us. Come and make artworks that will form part of an exciting community project by sharing and learning traditional textile crafts, creating a positive sense of community and belonging through visual story telling whilst chatting to other women in a relaxed workshop. Please book your place with Sarbjit Natt at ateamartseducation@gmail.com 07956 377537

TOWER HAMLETS WOMEN'S SPRING OPEN EXHIBITION

7-29 March Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 10am-4pm FREE

Celebrating the talent and creativity of local women artists. Including work in a variety of mediums from artists of all ages and from all sections of the community, alongside work by experienced artists and those exhibiting their work for the first time. This show is a real eye-opener.

Earth HALL

11-17 Stoke Newington Road N16 8BH Dalston Kingsland Overground

Tickets and full programme at <https://earthhackney.co.uk>

020 8167 2029

Earth is an arts and creative hub with three distinctive venues under one roof, Earth Theatre, Earth Hall and Earth Kitchen.

MICKY OVERMAN comic

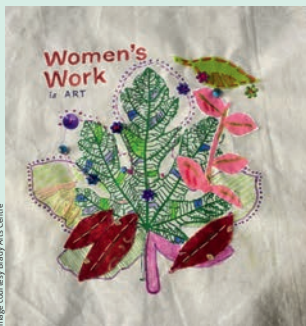
Sat 8 March 6pm-10.30pm

NADIA REID singer/songwriter

Mon 10 March 7pm-10.30pm



Blow the Fuse: Deirdre Cartwright's Organik Trio Image courtesy Brady Arts Centre



Brady Arts Centre: A Team Mothers, Daughters & Sons Workshop Image courtesy Brady Arts Centre



Brady Arts Centre: Tower Hamlets Women's Spring Open Exhibition Image courtesy Brady Arts Centre



Earth Hall: Micky Overman Image courtesy Earth Hall

SWIFTOGEDDON – The Taylor Swift themed Club Night
Fri 28 March 10pm-3am

EASTSIDE COMMUNITY HERITAGE

School 360, Sugar House Lane, Stratford E15 2QS Stratford tube/
Pudding Mill Lane DLR

www.hidden-histories.org 020 8553 3116 / 07411 536339

EAST LONDON WOMEN & MUSIC

During Women's History Month we want to uncover the hidden histories of women in music across East London from the past to the present. The stories of women provide us with the most valuable insights of the past and we want to help preserve and archive your experiences. So whether you are a woman who has worked as a DJ or producer or performer, photographer or attended a local concert or club night we want to hear from you about your experiences across the East End.

Please contact us on 020 8553 3116 or Naz@ech.org.uk to share your story.

EAST END PRINTS Shop & Gallery

234 Brick Lane E2 7EB Shoreditch High Street Overground

www.eastendprints.co.uk 020 7241 1118

1-31 March Open Tues-Sun 10am-6pm

Featuring empowering quotes, inspiring feminist icons and gorgeous typography, our Women's History Month collection is all about celebrating our growing collection of female artists and their contributions to East End prints.

View our collection and bring some female fire into your home.

EAST END WOMEN'S MUSEUM

www.eastendwomensmuseum.org

A public history project recording, sharing and celebrating women's stories and voices from East London history and the present day.

We are working towards opening a permanent home but in the meantime we are a kitchen table museum who also put on events, exhibitions and make resources available for women's groups, schools and colleges to use.

EXILED WRITERS

Bethnal Green Library, Cambridge Heath Road E2 0HL

Bethnal Green tube

www.exiledwriters.co.uk 020 8458 1910

REWRITING THE STORY:

Refugee and Migrant Workers Speak Out

Sat 8 March 10am-4pm Tkts £12 & £8 for Exiled Writers Ink members

Featuring: Nazand Begikhani, Marsha Glenn, Maria Bravo Calderara, Valentina Montaya Martínez, Rouhi Shafii, Shirin Razavian, Karen Babayan, Nashwa Nasreldin and more.

This International Women's Day, propelled by our values, the Exiled Writers Ink will be honouring the accomplishments of migrant and refugee women who translated the injustices they encountered into a story of empowerment. Following a scintillating discussion on the acceleration of women's emancipation, we will celebrate our collective achievements to date with poetry readings and music.



Exiled Writers: East London Women & Music
Image: Courtney Louise Community Heritage



East End Prints: Love Poetry Art Queue Image: Courtney East End Prints



East End Women's Museum



Exiled Writers: Nazand Begikhani Image: © Nazand Begikhani

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Feminist Library & Kelly Solari event, 8 March 2024



50:50 Parliament: founder and director Frances Scott speaking at a 50:50 Parliament event



Hackney Archives: Leah Vu with her father Thanh Vu who escaped Vietnam by boat in 1979 in a life raft, camp in the South of France, and was eventually resettled in Hackney



Hackney Empire: Missing MP with Melina Oliver and Lily Allen at the Hackney Empire



Hackney Empire: Ballet Black performing at the Hackney Empire

FEMINIST LIBRARY

Sojourner Truth Centre, 161 Sumner Road SE15 6JL
Peckham Rye/Queens Road overground
www.feministlibrary.co.uk 020 7261 0879

Open Wed 11am-5pm, Sat 1pm-4pm (Bookshop)

The Feminist Library is a large archive collection of feminist literature, particularly Women's Liberation Movement materials from the late 1960s. We support research, activist and community projects. The Library is run by volunteers and does not require registration or membership. Search our online catalogue, explore our collection and find out more about our activities and events.

50:50 PARLIAMENT

www.5050Parliament.co.uk

50:50 Parliament is a charity, working to help to build a better democracy. We are a friendly network here to help more women progress in politics at a local and national level and run an inclusive, intersectional campaign working with all the political parties to empower women with our #AskHerToStand and #SignUpToStand programmes. We invite everyone to support our work and join our mailing list via our website.

HACKNEY ARCHIVES

Dalston CLR James Library, Dalston Square E8 3BQ Dalston Junction tube & overground

GIRL MIGRANTS IN EAST LONDON:

Journeys of Resilience, Struggle and Empowerment

www.childmigrants.com

Sat 15 March 2pm Book via www.eventbrite

Eithne Nightingale, author of *Child Migrants in Modern Britain: Oral Histories 1930s – Present Day* and Margaret Andrews, author of *Becoming Fowokan: The Life and Works of Fowokan George Kelly*, discuss the experiences of young girls who have migrated to East London and the reason for their departure. Followed by readings, film clips, discussion with the audience and book signings.

HACKNEY EMPIRE

291 Mare St E8 1EJ Hackney Central overground
www.hackneyempire.co.uk 020 8985 2424

MISSING ME?

6-7 March 8pm Tkts from £27.50

Lily Allen and Miquita Oliver present their first ever live show.

The lifelong friends will be bringing their opinionated and sharp conversations to the stage and taking your questions live and direct.

BALLET BLACK

13-15 March 7.30pm Tkts from £15

Ballet Black returns to the Hackney Empire with an exciting new double bill including a darkly comic adaption of Oyinkan Brathwaite's international best selling novel, *My Sister, The Serial Killer*; and Chanel DaSilva making her British choreographic debut with *Shadows* delving into the profound practice of shadow work.

Ballet Black has transformed the landscape of British Ballet, creating a prominent platform for dancers and artists of Black African descent as well as establishing a new canon of ballet repertoire that resonates with audiences around the world.

HACKNEY HOWLERS

The Tower Theatre, 16 Northwold Road N16 7HR. Stoke Newington Stn
<https://howl-uk.org>

HOWL: History of Women's Liberation

Sat 22 March 2.30pm-4.30pm Donations welcome

This is a drop-in event to record your memories of the Women's Liberation Movement with members of the HOWL organising group. We are collecting these memories for our website and wish to record, in your own words, the rich, united, divided, contradictory, joyful, difficult, amazing, ordinary and banal years of the WLM. This is our story, our history. So come along. Bring your own memories and memorabilia, chat with older feminists, and be prepared to record your story – we can provide some prompts to help you.

HACKNEY MUSEUM

1 Reading Lane, E8 1GQ London Fields/Hackney Central overground
www.hackney.gov.uk/museum 020 8356 2509

THE THREADS THAT BIND US: Textiles inspired by nature and made by local communities with Cordwainers Grow.

Until 7 June Tues-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Thurs til 8pm, Sat 10am-5pm
 FREE

This exhibition, curated in collaboration with Cordwainers Grow, will explore three textile projects that empowered hundreds of people to connect with their local communities, nature and the spaces around them.

SAMPLERS AND SCHOOLGIRLS: Hackney's Female Academies in the 17th Century

Talk by Dr Isabella Rosner Thurs 27 March 6.30pm FREE
 Book via Eventbrite

In the 17th Century, Hackney was the centre of education for middle and upper class girls from the City of London and beyond. Referred to as 'The Ladies University', it was here that the girls were taught a variety of practical skills and artistic accomplishments. This talk by Dr Isabella Rosner will explore the surprising number of surviving objects made in those early modern schoolrooms, and look ahead to the 18th Century to explore Hackney Museum's collection of samplers.

HACKNEY SOCIETY

www.hackneysociety.org 07815 053779

The Hackney Society will be launching the 2nd volume of *Women from Hackney's History* at two locations:

BROADWAY MARKET – STALL

London Fields E8 4PH Bethnal Green tube

Sat 15 March 10am-4pm

ST AUGUSTINES TOWER – STALL

Mare Street E8 1HT Hackney Central Stn

Sun 30 March 2pm-4pm

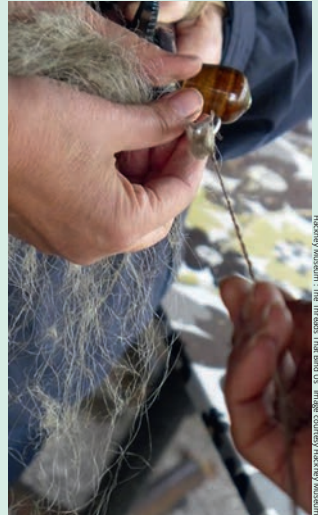
Four years ago the first book featured 113 women whose stories illuminated the history of today's borough. Side projects included the film *Women of Abney*. So many other stories emerged as research continued that another book is about to take its place alongside what we must now call volume one. The stories – 115 of them, include suffragettes, a magician, entrepreneurs, entertainers, politicians, and a boxing chimney sweep.



Hackney Howlers: Gender Women's Bus launched at the Women's History Centre 3 September 1983. Photo: Hackney Museum



Hackney Howlers: First Women's Liberation Conference, 1983. Photo: Hackney Museum



Hackney Museum: 'The Threads That Bind Us' 17th Century Hackney Museum



Hackney Society: Suffragette photo of suffragette Olive Beaumont in Holloway Prison 1914. Photo: Hackney Society

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International Women's Day 2025 - Accelerating Action for Women's Equality
Image: iStockphoto.com/Anders Petersen

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday 8 March 2025

Celebrating women's continuous campaign for equality all over the world.

2025 THEME: Accelerating Action for Women's Equality

Step forward in solidarity and focus on the need to take swift and decisive action to achieve gender equality. Call for increased momentum and urgency in addressing the systematic barriers and biases that women face in their personal and professional lives. International Women's Day has occurred for well over a century with the first gathering in 1911 supported by a million people. Today IWD belongs to all groups collectively everywhere.



Laksa Restaurant - Exhibition of pastel artworks by Amanda Hutt. Image © Amanda Hutt

LAKSA MALAYSIAN STREET FOOD RESTAURANT

17 Clerkenwell Rd EC1M 5RD Farringdon & Barbican tubes

AMANDA HUTT SOLO SHOW

1- 31 March Mon-Thurs 11.30am-10pm Fri til 10.30pm

Sat 12noon-10pm

www.instagram.com/amandahutt_art 07423 050085

Exhibition of original soft pastel artworks with figures and simple images, strong bold composition and a stylistic nod to the early 20th Century. Take a table on the ground floor and view the work hanging above.

GILLIAN LAWRENCE

Artist Gillian Lawrence is exhibiting her work in accessible places around E7 & E11.

THE ROCKWOOD VILLAGE, 314 Cann Hill Road E11 3NW Leyton Stn

www.therockwoodvillage.com 020 8161 0010

Women Who Travelled to the Orient

1-31 March 12noon-9pm daily FREE

Textile cloth depicting rich women who travelled to the Orient.

Thurs 27 March 12noon-2.30pm

Event for women at East Bank Seniors looking at symbols for the word 'woman' over centuries and inventing new ones.

GIOVANNA'S DELI & WINE, 58 Woodgrange Road E7 0QH Leyton Stn
020 8616 9800

Gillian Lawrence leading East Bank Seniors

Tues 11 March 12noon-2.30pm FREE

Lunch and discussion over *Define Woman*. The use of 'female' versus 'woman' and 'womxn'.



Gillian Lawrence - Women Who Travelled to the Orient (detail) Image © Gillian Lawrence

MAGIC ME

10 Pott Street E2 0EF <https://magicme.co.uk>

HER STORY, OUR INSPIRATION

Online all March at

<https://magicme.co.uk/protect/her-story-our-inspiration/>

Film made by Chuck Blue Lowry with poet Laila Sumpton and an intergenerational group of older and younger women from East London, celebrating women's voices, wisdom and shared experiences across generations. Created through a collaborative project with East London students and older women, this group reflects resilience, passion, and determination required to keep advocating for women's rights and inspiring one another.



Magic Me - Still from the film Her Story, Our Inspiration
Image: iStockphoto.com/Anders Petersen

MARY ON THE GREEN

Newington Green N16 9PR Canonbury overground
Sculptor Maggi Hambling's controversial statue of Mary Wollstonecraft (the mother of feminism) stands in the middle of the green attracting many visitors.

WOLLSTONECRAFT WALKS APP www.wollstonecraftwalks.netlify.app
Follow in the footsteps of Mary Wollstonecraft (1759-1797) champion of girls education, with this App presented by **Fragments & Monuments Performance and Film Company** and **Scary Little Girls Performance Hub**.



Mary on the Green, Mary Wollstonecraft Sculpture by Maggi Hambling, 2015 © Sarah Marwood

MUSEUM OF THE HOME

136 Kingsland Road E2 8EA Hoxton overground
www.museumofthehome.org.uk 020 7739 9893
The Museum is housed in Almshouses built in 1714. Explore the temporary exhibitions and permanent installations.

Open Tues-Sun 10am-5pm FREE

RHYMES THROUGH TIME

Exploring the role of children in the home through poetry and interactive design, created by children's poet Valerie Bloom MBE and illustrator-as-historian Kremena Dimitrova.

ROOMS THROUGH TIME

Travel through time as you discover homes, personal stories and objects reflecting the lived experiences of our East London community past, present and future and explore how ways of living, furniture, textiles and decor have adapted through the ages.



Museum of the Home: Rhymes Through Time - The Dinner Image courtesy Museum of the Home

OITIJ-JO COLLECTIVE

www.oitij-jo.org 07932 944506

Oitij-jo is a partnering with Poplar Union, Republic London and the Rich Mix to bring 'Creative You' drop-in sessions for local women to come and create a self-portrait. Each session will end with an exhibition of images filling the room at:-

RICH MIX 35-47 Bethnal Green Road E1 6LA

Tues 11 March 12noon-3pm

REPUBLIC LONDON Common Room, Export Building,
2 Clove Crescent E14 2BE

Wed 12 March 11am-2pm

POPLAR UNION 2 Cotall Street, Poplar E14 6TL

Thurs 13 March 10.30am-1.30pm



Museum of the Home: Rooms Through Time - at 133 The Courtyard Image courtesy Museum of the Home

POPLAR UNION

2 Cotall Street, Poplar, E14 6TL West Ferry DLR

www.poplarunion.com 020 3039 3333

WOMEN IN SPORT

9 March - 6 April 9am-3pm daily FREE

Open Day: Sat 8 March 6pm-8pm

Photographer: Sylvia Belbonab Curator: Laura Owen

Supported by National Heritage funding

The Muslimah Sports Association (MSA) engaged a female Muslim photographer to create new images of MSA participants, mostly oral history interviewees, taking part in sporting activities which are showcased in the exhibition. The portraits show women active in swimming, basketball, golf, boxing and ballet.



Oitij-jo Collective: Creative You drop-in session Image courtesy Oitij-jo



Poplar Union: Women in Sport Image © Sylvia Belbonab

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION RETROSPECTIVE

Alternative Arts presents a vibrant collection of images by female photographers celebrating contemporary culture

BETTINA ADELA

Black Lives Matter March
for Libya 2016



SARAH AINSLIE

Women & Sport – Bethnal
Green Weightlifting Club



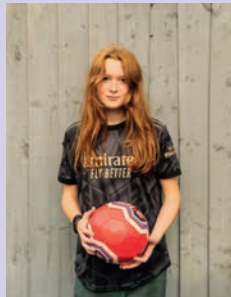
ENZA ASH

Women in Situations
Fear Not



ALETHEA BAKER

Women & Sport – Back
Garden Football



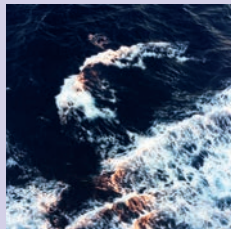
SAMANTHA BROWN

Sole Sisters – ex-workers at
demolished Shoe Factory



HATTIE COLLINS

Feminine Ideal: Cyanotype
Impressions – Navy & White



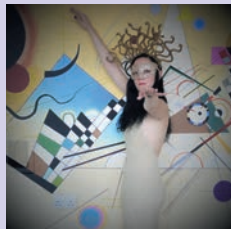
JULIE COOK

Roberttown Road Runners
Ynysybwl, South Wales



SUKE DRIVER

Medenza – Enza Ash having
been served eviction notice



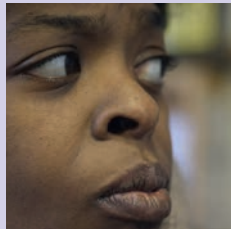
MARY LYNNE ELLIS

Older Women Rise –
Protesting Against the Cuts



JACQUI ENNIS COLE

Is a Shop Just a Stage?
Lola Up Close



GWENIVER EXTON

Soieries du Mekong
Silk Weaver



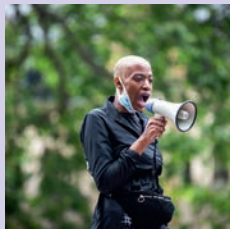
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Filming a workshop on
the Peabody Estate 1979



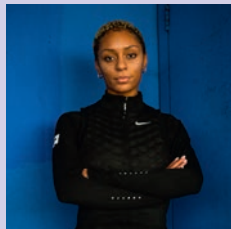
FRAN HALES

Black Lives Matter –
Adenike



TAISHAN HENRY

Women & Sport – Cassie
for Calco



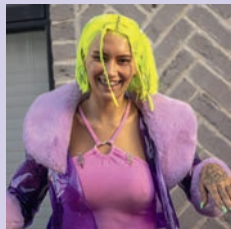
YVONNE JONES

Now and Then –
Self Portrait Now



MURIEL LAGOUTTE

Women Rule the World –
A Trip to the Tattoo Saloon

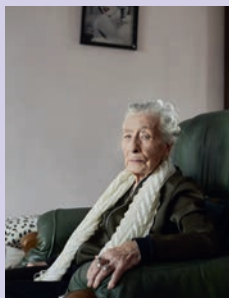


Online at www.alternativearts.org.uk

drawn from our recent annual exhibitions at the Brady Arts Centre.

JENNY LEWIS

Renée – A Hundred
Years of Age



NUMBI ARTS

Choose Courage –
Ramla Ali, Somali Boxer



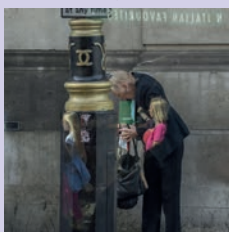
HOLLY REVELL

Pride Protest 2019 –
Stav Bee



SISSY SOPIADOU

Italian Favourites
At Any Time



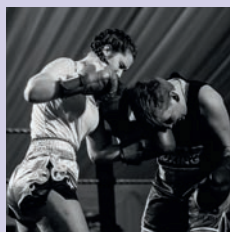
MARKETA LUSKACOVA

Three Girls Sleeping on a
Train after a Seaside Trip



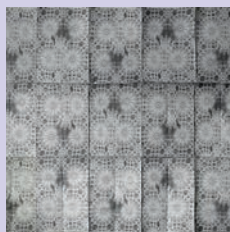
ABIGAIL LYNN O'NEILL

Kent Charity Boxing
Amy Smith & Emma Cook



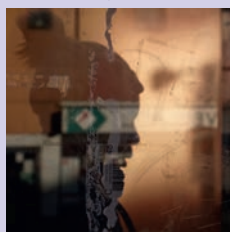
PAULA ROUSH

Hypnotic Highway
Bedcover



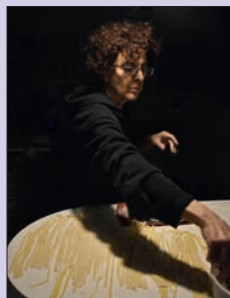
KRYSTINA STIMAKOVITS

Times in Transit –
Inner Space Time



LEDA MAIELLO

My Mother (making
tagliatelle in the lockdown)



RENATE PIEROTTO

Hardworking Females in
Vietnam – The Sister



ANNA SHERBANY

body/light/transformation –
Sylvanie



HOLLY TAYLOR

Pole Dancers Practising
at Home - Martini



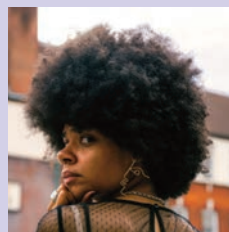
NELA MILIC

East European Women –
Persa



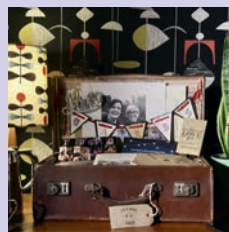
FARLON RAHAMAN

I am woman!
Strong Willed



MARIE SLEIGH

With Love – celebrating
same sex marriage



MARY THOMPSON

End of the Million Women
Rise Rally



Women's History Month



PURSUED BY A BEAR

www.pursuedbyabear.co.uk

THE MATILDA EFFECT: Developed by Anna Reynolds

Omnibus Theatre, 1 Clapham Common, Northside SW4 0QW

Clapham Common tube

www.omnibus-clapham.org 0207 498 4699

Mon 10 March 7.30pm

Watford Central Library, Hampstead Road, Watford WD17 3EU
Watford Stn

Tues 11 March 7pm

www.pursuedbyabear.co.uk

Anna Reynolds' punchy, amusing and provocative new play shines a new light on challenges faced by women scientists throughout history. In *The Matilda Effect* we meet three women, all called Matilda. We visit three time zones, then, now, and still developing. And we encounter a giant amount of mansplaining. Matilda is a scientist. Mattie is a doctor. Tilly is a coder. But every time one of them gets close to the Big Idea, or the Big Prize, Tom, Dick, and Harry are there standing in front of her.

The Matilda Effect takes its name from suffragist Matilda Joselyn Gage (1826-1898), who drew attention to the work of groundbreaking and forgotten women of science. Pursued by a Bear will present a script in hand performance of an extract from *The Matilda Effect*.

RIO CINEMA

107 Kingsland High Street E8 2PB Dalston Kingsland overground

www.riocinema.org.uk 020 7241 9410

MY NAME IS ANDREA Screening and Discussion

Sun 9 March 2pm £14/£11

With Pratibha Parma, Lucy Reynolds, Andrea Dworkin

The Rio Feminist Film Group is delighted to present this documentary from one of the most respected queer filmmakers Pratibha Parma.

Followed by a discussion between Pratibha Parma and writer, curator and academic Lucy Reynolds.

(This film contains strong references and discussion on violence and sexual abuse.)

ST MARGARET'S HOUSE

21 Old Ford Road E2 9PL Bethnal Green tube

www.stmargarethouse.org.uk 020 8980 2092

SOUNDS LIKE HOME International Women's Choir

Sat 8 March 3pm-4.40pm FREE

Sounds Like Home is a Community Choir led by Ellen Muriel, assisted by Asha Wilson.

The project is produced by Counterpoint Arts with support from Cultural Hackney, Old Street Community Pot and Hoxton Hall.

A relaxed interactive performance to celebrate International Women's Day, singing songs from the places we call home. Come and join in. Enjoy the wide variety of songs in multiple languages, sung in acappella harmony.

The choir consists of women of all backgrounds, ages and abilities, who come together to share and sing the songs that connect them. The choir will share some of their repertoire before teaching one of their songs to the audience.



WE ARE HEARD – Women, Art and Mental Health Workshops

Weekends from 22 February to 20 March Sats & Suns 2pm-6pm
Tkts via Eventbrite Pay what you can

This project is produced by Mental Creations.

The workshops support women facing mental health challenges to speak out through the arts. One voice can be loud. Several voices can be heard. This series of six community workshops uses art disciplines – creative writing, acting, music, dance, voice/sound and visual/street arts – to help women develop, and amplify their voices. Each workshop is divided into two half-day sessions. Come and join us.

FILMS OF RESISTANCE

Experimental Community Cinema at St Margaret's House Chapel
FREE Book tkts via Eventbrite

A programme of screenings and talks exploring the history of the Four Corners film workshops and cinema in Roman Road in the 1970s & 80s presented by Dr Hollie Price Lecturer on Film & TV Studies Keele University. These events focus on some of the issues addressed by the workshops and cinema programmes, reflecting on them in dialogue with the present day as they continue to resonate with people in the East End today.

Women's Lives – Feminist Film & the East End.

Wed 5 March 6.30pm

On Allotments – Growing, Community, Filmmaking

Thurs 13 March 6.30pm

Refuge England – Migrant Stories

Wed 26 March 6.30pm

Yoof! – Young People and Community Filmmaking

Thurs 3 April 6.30pm

These events form part of a project funded by the Arts & Humanities Research Council.

WONDERFUL WOMEN

Exhibition by the Art4u2 group

7-9 March 12noon-6pm in St Margaret's House Chapel FREE

A collection of female portraits of women we admire. Strength, justice, independence, empathy, vision, and adaptability are just some of the characteristics of the 'wonderwoman effect', a phenomenon challenging the Globe, inspiring women's resilience in all walks of life. Artists include: Cathy Phillips, Lyn Mardell, Mogzy Payne, Krista Levy, Jesmond Murray, Denny Barnes, Nurcan Osman.

SHEROES COLLECTIVE

An arts based organisation that celebrates women and raises awareness about gender based violence and women's representation. We are inviting women activists and artists to contribute to this movement by submitting artwork in any discipline – visual art, poetry, music, performance, photography, and more. Each piece will be featured as part of our campaign throughout November 2025 on our social media platforms. Let's work together to end VAWG. By sharing your art, you can help us break the silence and empower others to see, speak up and act. Contact: info@lon-art.org to apply. Deadline: submissions must be received by 20 October 2025. Format: Digital formats of any kind – jpeg for visual arts, MP3 for music, etc.

Join us. We meet online on the first Thursday of every month creating a space for meaningful conversations and collaborations



St Margaret's House - We Are Heard
Image courtesy of Mental Creations



St Margaret's House - Films of Resistance - Women's Lives
Image courtesy of Keele University



St Margaret's House - Films of Resistance - Yoof!
Image courtesy of Keele University



St Margaret's House - Art 4u2 - Wonderful Women
Image courtesy of St Margaret's House



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SHOREDITCH TOWN HALL

380 Old Street EC1V 9LT Old St tube, Shoreditch High St overground
www.shoreditch-townhall.com 020 7739 6176

A LITTLE INQUEST INTO WHAT WE ARE ALL DOING HERE by This Egg
11-15 March 7pm plus 2pm Sat Matinee. Tkts £20/ £16 concs

This is a show about censorship and freedom of expression. This piece of theatre – part autobiography, part fiction – questions the limits of performance: what we make it for, what we go to it for and what we are willing to stand up for.

This Egg won the Scotsman Fringe First Award for this show at the 2024 Edinburgh Festival.

BOLLYWOOD DANCE WORKSHOP

Sat 8 March 12pm Tkts £2

Join us on International Women's Day for this energising workshop. Perfect for complete beginners, this fun filled session is your chance to learn new moves and get a dynamic introduction to Bollywood dancing. Bring your friends, sister, Nan or anyone who wants to join the fun. Bollywood Dance is a celebration of both the Hindi film industry in India and the wider South Asian culture. Feel like you are part of your very own musical.

SHOREDITCH TOWN HALL HISTORY TOUR – IWD Special

Sat 8 March 1.30pm Tkts £2

Join us on a history tour around our Grade II listed building featuring the stories of Suffragette Sylvia Pankhurst, women's rights activist Helen Taylor, Shoreditch's first woman Mayor Henrietta Girling OBE and more.

STITCH SCHOOL

Alice Billings House, 2-12 West Ham Lane E15 4SF Stratford tube
www.alicebillingshouse.co.uk

FLORAL PATCH – inspired by the Alice Billing Community Cloth
Thursday 13 March 3pm-5pm Adm £5

In this workshop we will explore colour, texture, imagination through embroidery and create your own personal narrative. Stitch a floral patch to embellish a garment, frame as a wall piece or gift to give to a friend. Stitch together and discover the benefits of embroidery as relaxation, mindfulness and creativity.

STUDIO LUX

1-31 March

HONGDI LI, Hackney based architectural designer, artist and founder of Studio Lux will be exhibiting her mixed media artworks that incorporate a variety of technologies and trades, often working with materials like marble off-cuts.

You can view the work online at www.studio-lux.co.uk/keepmoving and <https://curio.space/pages/makers/studio-lux>

SWADHINATA TRUST MELA

Arts One, Mile End Campus, Queen Mary University London
Mile End Road E1 4NS Mile End or Stepney Green tube
www.swadhinata.org.uk

Wed 5 March 12noon-6pm FREE

Join us for a free fun filled family Mela in celebration of the Swadhinata Trust 25th Anniversary of promoting British Bengali culture and heritage in partnership with QMUL.



THEATRE ROYAL STRATFORD EAST

Gerry Raffles Square, Theatre Square E15 1BN
Stratford tube/overground
www.stratfordeast.com 020 8534 0310

ANIMAL FARM

Until Sat 8 March Tks from £10

When a group of animals rebel against their human farmer-tyrant and take control of the land they live on, they hope to create a world where they can be equal.

By George Orwell. Adapted by Tatty Hennessy. Set and Costume Design Hayley Grindle.

THE WOMEN OF LLANRUMNEY

Wed 19 March – Sat 12 April Tks from £10

Set in the Llanrumney plantation, St Mary Parish, Jamaica. Anna and Cerys are enslaved by the Morgan family from Wales. Their future hangs in the balance when Elizabeth Morgan is faced with losing her plantation. Set in 18th Century colonial Jamaica this powerful new play explores the experience of women during slavery and puts Britain's role in slavery centre stage, illuminating a hidden chapter of Welsh history.

Written by Azuka Oforka. Directed by Patricia Logue.

#TAG

The Art Gallery at Gayhurst School, Gayhurst Road, E8 3EN London Fields overground

www.gayhurst.hackney.sch.uk 020 7254 6138

ROCKS By pupils in years 3&4

Until 31 March Mon-Fri 3.30pm-3.45pm for viewings FREE

Exhibition informed by the science topic 'Rocks'. Here art education reflects the curriculum through exciting techniques incorporating natural materials such as London soil with its high clay content as well as plaster, chalk, charcoal, natural pigments and wax.

The exhibits include a giant fossil of a yet unknown creature and visitors to the exhibition are invited to investigate the role of a palaeontologist.

Curated by Claire Ward Thornton, assisted by Sadie Edginton with Lola Lely and Poppy Flint.

THE INCREDIBLE EVERYDAY WOMAN

'Every woman is incredible; you just haven't heard her story'.

www.incredibleeverydaywoman.com/WatchNewStories/StreamPodcasts

We are back and sharing incredible everyday women's stories on our social media platforms.

TOWER HAMLETS CYCLING CLUB FOR GIRLS

The Cycling Club, Mile End Stadium, Rhodeswell Road E14 7TW
www.info@newark.org.uk 07958 085480

Every Saturday 10am-12noon

Open to girls and young women 6 -24 years. Beginners only.

BIKEWORKS ALL-ABILITY CYCLING CLUB

Victoria Park, Lock House Gate, Parnell Rd/Jodrell Rd E2 2LA
www.bikeworks.org all.ability@bikeworks.org.uk

Every Wednesday 9.30am-1.30pm.

Alternate Sundays 10am-12noon



Theatre Royal Stratford East: Posters for Animal Farm and The Women of Llanrumney



#TAG: Poster for art education exhibition



The Incredible Everyday Woman: Tina Bate



Tower Hamlets Cycling Club for Girls: Bike maintenance workshop

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Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives: The Heffernan Family
Image: Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives

TOWER HAMLETS LOCAL HISTORY LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

277 Bancroft Road, Stepney E1 4DQ Stepney Green or Mile End tube
www.localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk 020 7364 1290

500 YEARS OF IRISH WOMEN IN TOWER HAMLETS

Sat 15 March 2pm-4pm FREE

Booking required at www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history

In the history of London, the city's oldest and largest presence comprised people born in Ireland and those of Irish descent (until the late 18th Century). However what is all too often forgotten is that this history is HERstory too. Breda Corish will be exploring the women of Ireland – *Mna nah Eireann* – in Tower Hamlets. A canter through five hundred years of herstory will take us from an Irish noblewoman living in the 16th Century Tower of London to the twentieth century daughter of Irish immigrant workers on the Isle of Dogs, meeting lodging-house keepers, famine refugees, nuns, strike leaders, suffragettes and local politicians along the way.

TRAPPED IN ZONE ONE

Island Point Community Centre, 51 Sark Mews, Isle of Dogs E14 3PW
Island Gardens DLR www.trappedinzoneone.com

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY WORKSHOP

Sat 8 March 1pm-3pm FREE

Creative workshop focusing on the theme 'Accelerate Action' collectively creating works towards an equal society in solidarity for International Women's Day.

UNFINISHED HISTORIES

www.unfinishedhistories.com

Radical Rediscoveries: Performance Texts from the Women's Theatre Movement 1969-1987

This is the first of three volumes by Unfinished Histories as part of Montez Press imprint Scores, in collaboration with the Associate Artists programme at London Performance Studios. This collection brings together six seminal works of British alternative feminist and women's theatre from the archive, with a contextual introductory text by Dr. Susan Croft, co-founder of Unfinished Histories.

Unfinished Histories will be running in-person exploratory playreadings looking at lost LGBTQ plays from the 1970s and 80s, many of them unpublished, as part of the first events towards **Fifty Years of the Fight for Inclusion** which in 2025 celebrates 50 years since the first Gay Theatre Festival in Britain with readings, workshops, an exhibition, a symposium and a publication.
For further details email: ufhcontact@gmail.com

WHITECHAPEL GALLERY

77-82 Whitechapel High Street E1 7QX Aldgate East tube
www.whitechapelgallery.org 020 7522 7888

MOVING GROUNDS – 15 Years of Duchamp & Sons

Until 4 May Tues-Sun 11am-6pm Thurs til 9pm FREE

An original exhibition curated by Whitechapel Gallery's youth collective to mark their 15 year anniversary. With artist Holly Graham and Amelia Oakley (curator Youth Programmes).

A celebration of far-reaching and ever-evolving artistic collaborations,



Trapped in Zone One Workshop Image courtesy Trapped in Zone One



Unfinished Histories: Fifty Years of the Fight for Inclusion Image: Adapted from a poster for the play Patience and Sarah



Whitechapel Gallery: 'Moving Grounds' - 15 Years of Duchamp & Sons Image: Whitechapel Gallery

past and present, and a timely reminder of the crucial need for young peoples voices in gallery spaces. Playful re-imagining of archival materials combine with new audio experiments, and space for live participation, offering a welcoming space for everyone to gather, reflect, and perhaps collaborate themselves.

WILTONS MUSIC HALL

1 Graces Alley E1 8JB Tower Hill or Shadwell tube
www.wiltons.org.uk 020 7702 2789

PRIDE AND PREJUDICE

10,11 March 7pm Tkts from £12.50/£10 concs

Abigail Richard Price's 'fresh and genuinely romantic' adaption sees three actors conjure 17 of Jane Austin's unforgettable characters to life in Guilford Shakespeare Company's sparkling production of this beloved romantic comedy.

BLACK IS THE COLOR OF MY LIFE

13-15 March 7.30pm, Sat mat 2.30pm Tkts from £16.50/ £14 concs

Inspired by the life of Nina Simone and featuring many of her most iconic songs performed live, Apphia Campbell's acclaimed play follows a successful singer and civil rights activist as she seeks redemption after the untimely death of her father. Presented by James Seabright.

MARY AND THE HYENAS

18-29 March 7.30pm, Sat mats 2.30pm Tkts from £13.50/ £11 concs

Six microphones, an electrifying score and a feminist icon. The band will sing you the inspiring story of Mary Wollstonecraft – a woman centuries ahead of her time: trail blazer, feminist and literary pioneer who fought for equality and justice, and was born in Spitalfields. Presented by Pilot Theatre and Hull Truck Theatre

WOMEN'S ENVIRONMENTAL NETWORK

20 Club Row E2 7EY www.wen.org.uk 020 7481 9004

WEN is an environmental charity working on issues that connect women, health, equity, and environmental justice. We take an intersectional feminist approach to tackling climate and nature emergencies.

We have been working in Tower Hamlets for more than 20 years. Our projects include working to create a blueprint for a just and sustainable food system across the borough. We support local people to grow their own food. We bring growers together to celebrate and learn from each other as well as promoting community growing space in the area. Contact us at info@wen.org.uk

WOMEN'S VOICES NOW FILM FESTIVAL 2025

Online at www.womensvoicesnow.org Starting 25 March

A women's documentary film festival for emerging filmmakers featuring films from around the globe, available online and on-demand. The festival presents \$13,000 in cash prizes, a live Awards ceremony, and opportunities for filmmakers to network and further develop their careers.

Good news! Our 2023 Girls' Voices Now film, *The Beauty in Being Different*, received a nomination for a Children's and Family Emmy Award! Thanks to the unfaltering support from Here Media, who makes it possible for us to even have this opportunity, on 15 March, the four youth filmmakers who created the film will attend the Ceremony and maybe go home with a statuette!



Women's Music Hall: Pride and Prejudice Photo: © David J. Phillips



Wiltons Music Hall: Black is the Color of My Life Photo: © Steven Littlewood



Wiltons Music Hall: Mary and the Hyenas Photo: © Tom Aron



Women's Environmental Network: Soil Sisters Photo: © David J. Phillips



Women's Voices Now: The Beauty in Being Different Photo: © David J. Phillips

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Worldwrite: Sylvia Pankhurst. Image courtesy The Museum of London

WORLDWRITE

201 Millfields E5 5AL

www.worldwrite.org.uk 020 8985 5436

Consult the website to discover a wide range of videos including a remarkable documentary charting the life, vital impact and work of Sylvia Pankhurst, East End heroine, suffragette, internationalist and revolutionary. The film is packed with facts from primary sources, interviews with historians and compelling testimony from Sylvia's son Richard and his wife Rita.

YURT CAFÉ

2 Butchers Row E14 8DS Limehouse DLR

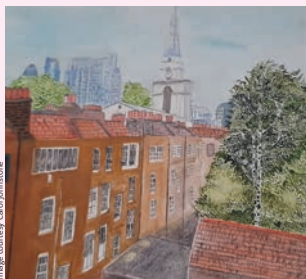
www.rfsk.org.uk/yurtcafe 030 0111 1147

CELEBRATING THE BYGONE and the BRAND NEW around London's Boroughs

1-30 March Mon-Fri 8am-4pm Sat/Sun 9am-5pm FREE

Carol Johnstone – multimedia exhibition comprising a series of oil, watercolour, coloured pencil, graphite pencil and photographic images, which focus on the post-millennial fusion of the old and new vistas of London.

"It is the experience of powerlessness at its most acute, when history is at its most acute, when history seems at its most bleak, that the determination to think like a human being, creatively and complicatedly matters the most." Hannah Arendt



Yurt Café - Carol Johnstone - View across Spangfields. Image courtesy Carol Johnstone

TOWER HAMLETS SPORTS & PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN & GIRLS

3-9 MARCH www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/sports or pauline.stewart@towerhamlets.gov.uk
020 7364 2433 / 07956456743

In celebration of International Women's Week there will be sports and physical activities for women and girls across the borough. You can book in advance or just turn up.



Images courtesy of Tower Hamlets Sports Development

ABERFELDY HEALTH & WELLBEING CENTRE

19 Aberfeldy Square E14 0XA Bus 309

Tue 4 March

2pm-3pm Female Body Conditioning FREE

Thurs 6 March

11am-12noon Yoga FREE

BERNIE CAMERON COMMUNITY CENTRE

32 Merchant Street E3 4LX Mile End tube

Mon 3 March

5.30-6.30pm Self Defence 14+ FREE

CENTRAL FOUNDATION GIRLS' SCHOOL

25-33 Bow Road E3 2AE Bow Road tube

Fri 7 March

6pm-9pm Khawlahs Women's Basketball

Tournament 5-6 Teams £25 Entry Fee per team

EASTEND HOMES

Southern Grove Community Centre,

Southern Grove E3 4FX Mile End tube

Wed 5 March

2pm-3pm Yoga £3 residents, £5 non residents

FELDY CENTRE

18 Aberfeldy Square E14 0XA Bus 309

Tue 4 March

5.45pm-6.45pm Dance to Exercise FREE

JOHN ORWELL SPORTS CENTRE

Tench Street E1W 2QD Wapping overground

Wed 5 March

10.30am-11.30am Aerobics Basics £3

LINC CENTRE

70 Fern Street E3 3PR Devons Road DLR

Wed 5 March

10am-11am Women's Learn-to-Ride Cycle

Lessons for beginners FREE

11.30am-1.30pm Women's Easy Social Cycle

Ride FREE

Fri 7 March

10am-2pm Day of Wellness Workshops £5

Sat 8 March

12noon-3pm Active Me SEND Sports Festival FREE

MILE END PARK LEISURE CENTRE

190 Burdett Road E3 4HL Mile End tube

Wed 5 March

12noon-1pm Body Conditioning £3

1pm-3pm Badminton FREE

Fri 7 March

6pm-8pm Swim for Women £3

POPLAR BATHS LEISURE CENTRE

East India Dock Road E1 0ED All Saints DLR

Tue 4 March

10am-11am Pilates £3

12.30pm-1.15pm Swim for Women £3

Wed 5 March

6pm-7pm Football £3

6.30pm-7.30pm Aqua Aerobics £3

6.30pm-7.30pm Swim for Women and Girls £3

6.30pm-7.30pm Back to Netball £3

7.30pm-8.30pm Box Fit £3

Thurs 6 March

6pm-9pm Badminton Tournament 16+ FREE

STEPNEY GREEN ASTROTURF

Stepney Green E1 3NG Stepney Green tube

Sat 8 March

10am-1pm Limehouse Laces F.C. Juniors &

Veterans Football Tournament FREE

TEVIOT COMMUNITY CENTRE

1 Wyvis Street E14 6QD Bromley By Bow tube

Mon 3 March

9.30am-12noon Women's Intermediate Social

Cycle Ride FREE

Sat 8 March

12noon-3pm Active Me SEND Sports Festival

FREE

THE MARYAM CENTRE

45 Fieldgate Street E1 1ES Whitechapel tube

Thur 6 March

6pm-7pm Self Defence 18+ FREE

TILLER LEISURE CENTRE

Tiller Road E14 8PX Crossharbour DLR

Tue 4 March

10am-11am Legs, Bums & Tums £3

Thur 7 March

9.15am-10am Aqua Aerobics £3

WHITECHAPEL SPORTS CENTRE

55 Durward St E1 5BA Whitechapel tube

Mon 3 March

9.30am-10.30am Body Conditioning £3

6pm-7pm Legs, Bums & Tums £3

Wed 5 March

1pm-2pm Self Defence/Boxercise 18+ FREE

5.30pm-9.30pm Basketball Tournament 14+

£45 per team

6pm-7pm Step Aerobics £3

Sat 8 March

10am-11am Body Conditioning £3