

Welcome to the second of the Arts and Culture bulletins produced by the Lord-Lieutenant of Greater London's Council on Culture and Heritage.

The aim of this bulletin is to give young people access to free and heavily discounted tickets to Arts and Cultural venues in London.

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NATIONAL SATURDAY CLUB

National Saturday Club

Free, creative Saturday Clubs for 13–16-year-olds

In London and across the UK, the National Saturday Club gives 13–16-year-olds the opportunity to study subjects they love for free at their local university, college or cultural institution. It provides a unique chance for young people to build their skills, develop their confidence, and discover pathways to further study and future careers.

Saturday Clubs are currently offered in eight subjects: Art&Design, Craft&Making, Fashion&Business, Film&Screen, Performance&Theatre, Society&Change, Science&Engineering and Writing&Talking.

Club members attend weekly Saturday classes led by expert tutors in their local community, and take part in national events throughout the year including visits to leading cultural institutions, Masterclasses with industry, a Summer Show exhibition at Somerset House, and a Graduation Ceremony.

Find your local Club and apply to join: www.saturday-club.org



Free Art Galleries

[Whitechapel Gallery](#) - 77-82 Whitechapel High Street, London, E1 7QX

A contemporary art gallery next to Aldgate East Station. Open 11-6 Tue to Sun (11-9 on Thur). The Gallery is free to visit, although there is a cost to some exhibitions.

The Gallery runs free [workshops and opportunities for young people](#). [Group bookings](#) can be made online.

[Duchamp & Sons: Youth Collective](#) is a collective of creative 15-24 year olds from East London who collaborate with artists to create new exhibitions, events and artworks. The collective welcomes new members every September.

[Guildhall Art Gallery](#), Guildhall Yard, London, EC2V 5AE - open Mon to Sun 10:30am - 4pm. From the Pre-Raphaelites to depictions of London's colourful past, the Guildhall Art Gallery is home to the City of London Corporation's magnificent art collection and the surviving remains of the only Roman amphitheatre in London. Booking recommended.

[Bankside Gallery](#), Thames Riverside, SE1 9JH - only open to the public on exhibition dates, daily from 11-6pm. Exhibitions are free. The Bankside Gallery is an art gallery and educational charity, home to the Royal Watercolour Society and Royal Society of Painter-Printmakers. The gallery delivers a vibrant programme of exhibitions, workshops, talks and events celebrating the best in contemporary water-based media and original prints, championing the work of both new and established artists.



William Morris Gallery - Lloyd Park, Forest Road, London E17 4PP

The William Morris Gallery is the only public gallery devoted to the designer, craftsman and radical socialist William Morris. Housed in a building that was once Morris' family home, the Gallery displays the world's largest collection of his work, alongside contemporary exhibitions and an active events and learning programme.

Admission to the Gallery is free and groups are warmly welcomed. Use one of the Gallery trails to explore the special exhibitions and permanent collections.

The Gallery offers free introductory community welcome tours to registered charities, social enterprises and charitable groups in Waltham Forest and neighbouring boroughs. Group visits should be booked in advance at least 4 weeks before. Open 10-5pm Tues to Sun.

South London Art Gallery, 65–67 Peckham Road, SE5 8UH and the Old Fire Station, Peckham Road, SE15 5LQ - open Tue to Sun 11-6pm (9pm on Wed and the last Friday of every month).

The South London Gallery is a leading contemporary visual art institution. It has an established reputation for its ground-breaking programme of contemporary art exhibitions, events and education projects for children, young people and adults. Groups of 10+ need to pre-book 4 weeks in advance. Max group size 20.

More Free Art Galleries...

The National Gallery, Trafalgar Square - open daily 10–6pm (10-9pm on Fridays). Free daily guided tours take place from 3-4pm on Tue, Wed and Thur (excluding public holidays). Group tours can be arranged at a cost of £19 for adults and £14 for under 15s.

National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place - open daily 10.30–6pm (10.30-9pm Fri and Sat). The NPG runs a series of free youth events. Group visits of 10+ must be booked online. Timeslots and access to the lunch room can be booked by youth groups as well as schools. The gallery request a minimum of 4 weeks' notice to confirm a group booking.

Tate Britain, Millbank - open daily 10-6pm. Whilst entry to the main Tate collection is free, substantial youth discounts are available for paid exhibitions (up to 4 under 11s go free with each paying adult, entry is £5 for 12-18 years olds, and £5 for 16-24 year olds if they create a free Tate Collective account.)

Tate Modern, Bankside - open daily 10-6pm. Whilst the majority of the gallery is free to visit, youth discounts for paid exhibitions are the same as for Tate Britain.

The Courtauld Gallery, Somerset House - open daily 10-6pm. Students and under 18s can visit for free (adults £10). Group visits of more than 16 must be notified to The Courtauld in advance. Parties of 20 or more should book as two separate groups.

The Mall Galleries, The Mall - only open to the public on exhibition dates. Exhibitions are free for under 25s.

The Serpentine Galleries, Hyde Park - open 10-6pm Tue to Sun. There are two Serpentine Galleries (North and South). Entry to exhibitions is free. There are a limited number of pre-booked tickets available online which guarantee timed entry. If pre-booked tickets are sold out, you are able to visit the gallery without booking but be prepared to queue. Group visits must be booked in advance using their online booking form.

Newport Street Gallery, Newport Street, SW11 - open 10-6pm Tue to Sun. The Newport Street Gallery presents exhibitions of work from Damien Hirst's personal art collection.

The Saatchi Gallery, Sloane Square - open daily 10–6pm. The Gallery offers free workshops and tours to community groups, who also go free to ticketed shows.

Roman London

London Mithraeum Bloomberg SPACE - 12 Walbrook, London EC4N 8AA. See and experience the reconstructed remains of the Temple of Mithras, a Roman temple discovered on the site of Bloomberg's European headquarters. This cultural hub showcases the ancient temple, a selection of the remarkable Roman artefacts found during the build, and a series of contemporary art commissions responding to one of the UK's most significant archaeological sites. The museum is free to visit, but you can book a timeslot to guarantee entry. Open Tue to Sat 10-6pm, Sun 12-5pm; Late night opening on the first Thursday of the month.

The museum runs a popular education programme, providing fun explorations for schools that can be enjoyed either on-site or virtually from classrooms.



London's Roman Amphitheatre - Guildhall Art Gallery, Guildhall Yard, London, EC2V 5AE. Open Mon to Sun 10:30am - 4pm. Free entry.

Billingsgate Roman House and Baths - Explore the Billingsgate Roman House and Baths by descending into the basement of an office block at 101 Lower Thames Street, and discover one of Roman London's most fascinating remains. First built around A.D. 150 then extended a hundred years later, it was occupied right through to the end of Roman London in the early 5th century A.D. Access is by guided tour only. Open Saturdays, April - November. Adults £10, concessions £8. Private group tours can be booked via billingsgatebathhouse@cityoflondon.gov.uk. Suitable for children over 8.

Download the City of London's Roads to Rome self-guided walk. Starting near St Pauls' Cathedral, this walking trail explores Roman Londinium, taking in 13 sites along the way.

The City of London also offer a number of other self-guided walking trails on themes such as Dickens, Shakespeare, film locations and even a Talking Statues trail.



London Symphony Orchestra



www.lso.co.uk

YouTube Sundays - A free excerpt, work or full concert is uploaded to the LSO's YouTube channel every Sunday.

Friday lunchtime concerts - Free lunchtime concerts on selected dates.

Free digital resources - Free activities for schools, young people and families.

Half Six Fix - £5 under 18 tickets available for 6.30pm one hour concerts.

Wildcard tickets - Wildcard tickets are £10 or £15. Seats are allocated on the day. You could get lucky and get the best seats in the house!

For groups - Under-18s tickets for LSO concerts at the Barbican Centre are £5 and are available for every concert. There is a 20% discount on full price tickets for accompanying adults, or 30% discount when booking two or more concerts within the season. For more information, email groups@barbican.org.uk.

Guards Bands lunchtime concerts

The military bands of The Guards battalions perform a series of free lunchtime recitals in the Guards Chapel, Wellington Barracks, Birdcage Walk from 1-2pm on selected dates. Details of forthcoming recitals can be found [here](#).



London Theatre Guide for Schools

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This free [London Theatre Guide For Schools](http://officiallondontheatre.com), produced by The Society of London Theatre and Go Live Theatre Projects, has everything you need to know to book a group trip to a West End theatre.

You'll find prices, show and venue information, and contact details for all the West End shows and theatres offering school /group rates. You can see everything from start and finish times, to content warnings and age advisories so you can find the right show for your young people.

There are also links to a range of free educational resources produced by some of London's biggest shows and venues, and you can see which productions offer backstage or post-show opportunities.

Go Live Theatre Projects

golivetheatre.org.uk

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[Go Live](http://golivetheatre.org.uk) is a theatre going club for 15-24 year olds. Its free to join and offers members group access to top London shows from as little as £7 (state school pupils only).

Aged 15-18: £7 per ticket

Aged 19-24: £12 per ticket

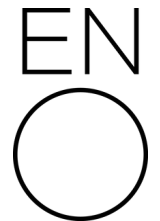
The National Theatre run a series of programmes aimed at helping young people gain work experience in the theatre industry. Whether that's writing or producing, lighting or sound, performing on stage or making it happen backstage, they work with young people aged 13–21 to explore every aspect of theatre-making. Programmes run online or at the National Theatre on London's South Bank.

Group bookings - To book tickets for a group of 10 or more, call 020 7452 3010 from 11am -6pm, Monday to Saturday.

National Theatre at Home - young people can rent National Theatre performances for £7.99 for 3 days to watch at home (or subscribe for £99 a year / £9.99 a month).

English National Opera

eno.org



Going to the opera doesn't need to be expensive.

Under 21s go free - The ENO offer a limited number of free tickets to Under 21s for every performance. Book early to avoid disappointment.

5-15 year olds can get two free opera tickets for all ENO productions at The London Coliseum when accompanied by a full paying adult.

16-20 year olds get one free opera ticket per production for all ENO shows when they join the free membership scheme.

ENO Engage - offers free learning resources which include Industry Insights, exploring operas including the context, music and staging of productions.

Group bookings: For Youth and Adult Community Groups, the ENO offer 10 free tickets for every adult ticket bought at £25 (plus £2.50 booking fee).



Free Museums

The Museum of London Docklands - open 10-5pm Monday to Sunday. Discover London through its history. [Information for groups](#).

The National Maritime Museum, Greenwich - open daily, 10-5pm. Exhibitions include Maritime London, Admiral Nelson, polar exploration.

The Queen's House, Greenwich - open daily, 10-5pm. Art and architecture in a sublime setting.

The Science Museum, South Kensington - open daily, 10-6pm. Tour operators, youth and community groups can now check availability, plan, book and manage visits using the [online group booking portal](#).

The Natural History Museum, South Kensington - open daily 10-5.50pm. The museum has extensive information for [school visits](#). Its not clear whether the same offers are also available for youth groups.

The British Museum, Holborn - open daily 10 -5pm (Fridays: 8.30pm). [Groups](#) of 10 or more must book their visit at least seven days in advance.

Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington - open daily 10-5pm (Fridays 10-10pm). Various [trails](#) available. [Free resources](#) available online for schools and families.

Imperial War Museum, Lambeth - open daily 10-6pm. Pre-booking for groups is not required. Groups of 6 or more should use the West Entrance. Fun home learning resources are available at the [Home Learning Hub](#).

National Army Museum, Chelsea - open Tue-Sun from 10-5.30pm. Closed on Mondays. Extensive [home learning resources](#) available.

Horniman Museum, Forest Hill - open daily from 10-5.30pm. Explore the world from global cultures to natural wonders.

British Library - The Treasures of the British Library gallery showcases over 200 iconic texts from Magna Carta and Shakespeare to Florence Nightingale and Gandhi. Visitors can explore some of the world's most exciting, beautiful and significant books, maps and manuscripts. Daily guided tours are at 11am Mon-Fri, 11am and 2pm Sat and 11.30am on Sundays.

More Museums...

The Migration Museum, Lewisham Shopping Centre - open Thur – Sat, 11am – 5.30pm. This fascinating free museum explores how the movement of people to and from the UK across the ages has made us who we are – as individuals and as nations. Based in Lewisham Shopping Centre, London SE13 7HB, the museum is currently closed and will reopen to the public from 7 March 2024 – 27 July 2024. No booking required.

Their current exhibition Heart of the Nation – Migration and the Making of the NHS – Lewisham will run from 7 Mar to 27 Jul 2024.

Royal Opera House roh.org.uk

Family Sundays - The Royal Opera House run a series of hugely popular free Family Sundays for families of all shapes and sizes with children 0-10 years old.

The aim is to offer an opportunity to discover opera and ballet through fun-packed creative activities suitable for all ages in a warm, friendly and relaxed environment. Activities start at 10am and 1.30pm and last for 2.5 hours.

Young ROH - Tickets to all ROH shows are £30 for 16-25 year olds who sign up for a free 'Young ROH' account.

Live at Lunch - Free lunchtime concerts on Fridays from 1-1.45pm. A surprise mix of opera, dance and musical performance, these events are very popular and have a set capacity, so early arrival is advised.

Friday Rush - Friday Rush tickets are released every Friday at 1pm. Get last-minute tickets for performances the following week at a range of prices.



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Getting there....

Did you know that children aged 5-10 can travel for free on TfL transport services (buses, tube, DLR, trams) and most national rail services with a Zip Oyster photocard (must be applied for by a parent or carer)? Without a Zip Oyster Photocard, up to four children under 11 travel free with each fare-paying adult.

11-15 year olds can travel free on buses and trams with a Zip Oyster Photocard (must be applied for by a parent or carer), pay a child rate fare on tubes, DLR and London Overground and get 50% off most National Rail services.

Children aged 16 and 17 can travel for free on buses and trams (if in full time education) and get 50% off tubes, DLR, London Overground and most National Rail services with a 16+ Zip Oyster photocard (which must be applied for in advance).

The [TfL website](#) provides more information on travelling with young people.

National Rail Services have rules on child fares on the [National Rail Website](#). [Group Travel](#) discounts start from groups of 3 or more people.



Free and discounted travel

You may be eligible for free and discounted travel with concessions or Zip Oyster cards

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