

Leyton Arts Festival

4 – 13th
September 2026

10 DAYS
of creativity

50+ ACTIVITIES
to explore

20+
EXHIBITIONS
to discover



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The Leyton
Midland Collective

CREATE: PARTICIPATORY ARTS

Common Thread: a collaborative weaving project using discarded materials. Add a thread. Help create something together.

Make Your Mark: a simple invitation to draw and make your mark. No rules. No right or wrong.

Out of Reach: a drawing experiment with an unusual tool. Explore movement, chance and unexpected marks.

Paper & Stone: a mindful drawing experiment using a crayon and a stone. Slow down, move, and see what marks you make.

Rearranged: an evolving artwork made from discarded materials. Move it, change it, make it your own.

Shape Shift: a cardboard sculpture you can change. Rearrange the pieces and see what happens.

ArtWorks East Weekdays: 9am – 5pm, Weekends: 10am – 5pm
Aria Brasserie Mon – Thurs: 8am – 6pm
Willow Brook Primary Sat 12th: 10am – 4pm, Sun 13th: 11am – 3pm
ArtWorks East Weekdays: 9am – 5pm, Weekends: 10am – 5pm
Leyton Boundary Garden Saturday 5th 10am – 4pm
Swirl EIO Weds – Fri: 5pm – 10pm, Sat: 2pm – 10pm, Sun: 2 – 8pm
Willow Brook Primary Sat 12th: 10am – 4pm, Sun 13th: 11am – 3pm

Coccole Mon – Fri: 8am – 6pm, Sat: 8:30am – 6pm, Sun: 9am – 6pm

ACWDC Sat & Sun: 10am – 4pm, Mon – Fri: 10am – 1pm

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CREATE is a community arts project delivered by Leyton Midland Collective and Studio Gozo, supported by the Together We Play grant from the London Borough of Waltham Forest.

It brings people of all ages together through hands on activities using recycled and everyday materials.

@leyton_midland_collective
@studio.gozo

EXHIBITIONS & INSTALLATIONS

Adam Sparkes abstract art
Gravity Well Taproom, 155 Midland Road, E10 6JT
Mon – Fri: 4 – 10pm, Sat: 12 – 10pm, Sun: 1 – 10pm

Andreea Dima mixed-media collage
Chunk Arch 151 Tilbury Road E10 6RE
Saturday 6th – Sunday 13th: 12 – 9pm (Mon & Tues: closed)

Art Play London collaborative installation made during the festival
ArtWorks East, 32 Osier Way, E10 5SB
Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm, Sat 12th & Sun 13th: 10am – 5pm

Aziza Studios multidisciplinary creative studio
ACWDC, 603 High Road Leyton, E10 6RF
Sat & Sun: 10am – 4pm, Mon – Fri: 10am – 1pm

CREATE: Board created by local schoolchildren
ArtWorks East, 32 Osier Way, E10 5SB
Sat & Sun: 10am – 5pm, Mon – Fri: 9 – 5pm

CREATE: Mosaic created during Leyton Midland Collective's Summer Gathering
Wins, 144 Tilbury Road, E10 6RE
Sat – Sun: 9am – 4pm (Mon – Weds: closed)

Hannah Shilliday, ceramics
Tun, 140 Tilbury Road, E10 6RE
Sat: 9am – 7pm, Sun: 9am – 3pm, Mon – Fri: 8am – 3pm

Hyunsook Chung & John Millner, portraits
Willow Brook Primary, 190 Church Road, E10 7BH
Saturday 12th: 10am – 4pm, Sunday 13th: 11am – 3pm

Jane Ralston paintings
Window display at Mainyard Studios, 679 High Road Leyton, E10 6RA
24 hrs

Kareem Abdul photography
ArtWorks East, 32 Osier Way, E10 5SB
Mon – Fri: 9am – 5pm, Sat 12th & Sun 13th: 10am – 5pm

Leyton Midland Collective exhibition & film
ACWDC, 603 High Road Leyton, E10 6RF
Sat & Sun: 10am – 4pm, Mon – Fri: 10am – 1pm

Lydia Johnson ceramics
Perky Blenders, 660 High Road Leyton, E10 6JP
Sat: 7am – 5:30pm, Sun: 8am – 4:30pm, Mon – Thurs: 6:30am – 4:30pm, Fri: 6:30am – 5:30pm

Milly Greer scientific illustration & painting
Swirl EIO, 148 Tilbury Road, E10 6RE
Sat: 2 – 10pm, Sun: 2 – 8pm, Weds – Fri: 5 – 10pm (Mon & Tues: closed)

Mohammed Tariq image and textile
Alina Fabrics, 50 Capworth Street, E10 7HA
Mon – Sat: 10am – 6pm (Sun: closed)

Rachel Lamb photography
Deeney's, 360 High Road Leyton, E10 6QE
Mon – Fri: 8am – 3pm, Sat & Sun: 9am – 4pm

Raf Zora abstract paintings
Gravity Well Taproom, 155 Midland Road, E10 6JT
Mon – Fri: 4 – 10pm, Sat: 12 – 10pm, Sun: 1 – 10pm
William the Fourth, 816 High Road Leyton, E10 6AE
Mon – Thurs: 3 – 10pm, Fri – Sat: 12 – 10pm

Willow Brook student exhibition
Willow Brook Primary, 190 Church Road, E10 7BH
Saturday 12th: 10am – 4pm, Sunday 13th: 11am – 3pm

Riverley Primary Exhibition Trail: Representation 365
Can you find the artwork from Riverley Primary students across our festival venues?

VENUES

ACWDC, 603 High Road Leyton, E10 6RF

Age UK Waltham Forest, 857 Leyton High Road, E10 6AE

Alina Fabrics, 50 Capworth Street, E10 7HA

Aria Brasserie, 457 High Road Leyton, E10 5EL

ArtWorks East, 32 Osier Way, E10 5SB

Blondies Taproom, 258 Church Rd, E10 7JQ

Blue Tit Leyton, 183 Francis Road, E10 6NQ

Bow Arts – Studio 13, 452 High Road Leyton, E10 6QE

Chop Shop Tavern, 141 Tilbury Road, E10 6RE

Chunk, 151 Tilbury Road, E10 6RE

Coccole, 679 High Road Leyton, E10 6RA

Cultivate Artists Studio, 119 Capworth Street, E10 7FG

Dreamhouse Records, 177 Francis Road, E10 6NQ

Deeney's, 360 High Road Leyton, E10 6QE

Francis Road, E10 6NQ

Gravity Well Taproom, Arch 155 Midland Road, E10 6JT

Host of Leyton, 658 High Road Leyton, E10 6JP

Leyton Boundary Garden, Brewster Road, E10 6RG

Mainyard Studios, 679 High Road Leyton, E10 6RA

Orlando Frames, 452 High Road Leyton, E10 6QE

Perky Blenders, 660, High Road Leyton, E10 6JP

Sola, 31 Goldsmith Road, E10 5EZ

Swirl EIO, Arch 148 Tilbury Road, E10 6RE

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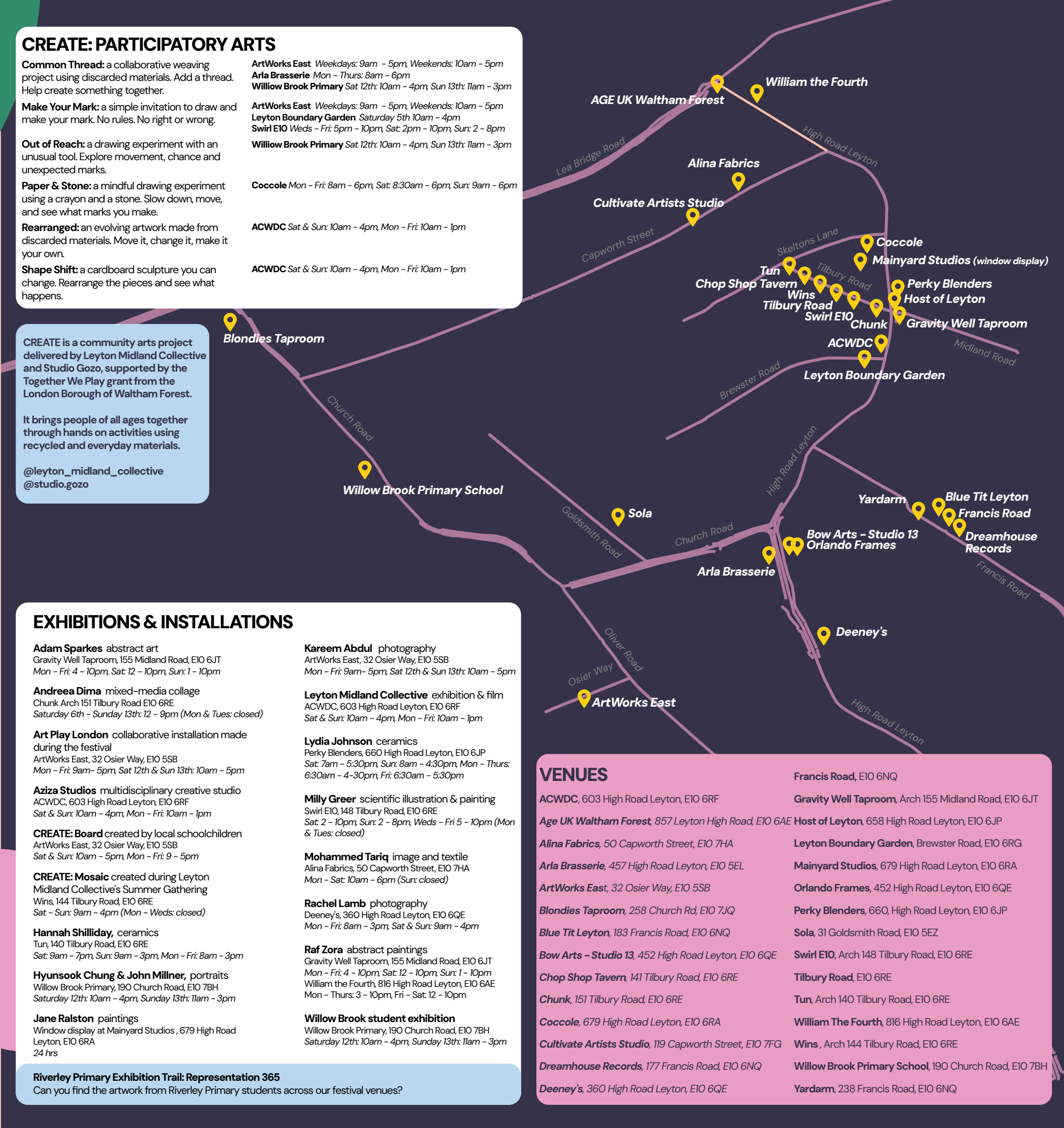
Tun, Arch 140 Tilbury Road, E10 6RE

William The Fourth, 816 High Road Leyton, E10 6AE

Wins, Arch 144 Tilbury Road, E10 6RE

Willow Brook Primary School, 190 Church Road, E10 7BH

Yardarm, 238 Francis Road, E10 6NQ



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ART
COMEDY
FILMS
LIVE MUSIC
MARKETS
OPEN STUDIOS
TALKS
SOCIALS
WORKSHOPS

FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

4 – 8pm ArtWorks East

Leyton Arts Festival Opening Party

Join us for the opening party for Leyton Arts Festival. With creative activities, live music, local traders, and of course... ART!

5 – 7pm Deeney's

Rachel Lamb's Opening Night

A special opening night for Rachel Lamb's photography exhibition. @rachellambphotography

SATURDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

10:30– 1:30pm Leyton
Boundary Garden

Flying Sycamores , Children's nature session

Child led free play and a nature inspired seasonal hands-on making activity for all the family. @flyingsycamores

11am–1pm AGE UK Waltham
Forest

Social Sewing, Community Sewing Workshop

All skill levels are welcome for knitting and sewing. Bring your own project along, or buy materials in the shop. @age_uk_leyton_store

12–7pm Chop Shop Tavern

Create Adventures, Live Music

Daytime DJ set from. @tompeacockmusic

2–4pm Leyton Boundary
Garden

Ceeka, Art Therapy Workshop (Adults)

A safe space to explore thoughts, feelings, and self-expression using simple art materials. @insidemypartproject

2–3pm Tun

Candy Lo, Manga Workshop

An hour introduction to manga drawing, learn to draw a basic female and male face. @uncandylo

2–5pm Tun

Industrious Lemon, Collagraph Printmaking

A taster drop in collagraph session, beginner friendly. @industrious_lemon

2–5pm ArtWorks East

Leyton Arts Club, Speed-Networking for Creatives

For creatives to meet like-minded people, share projects and ideas or simply have a chat over a coffee. @leytonartsclub

4:30pm Francis Road

Chalk the Road, collaborative artwork

Bring some chalk and help us decorate our street with pictures words, scribbles and shapes – until the road is full! @francis_road_collective

6–7pm William the Fourth

Erick Motta, Live Music

Solo acoustic performance of original Latin American compositions. @erick_motta_music

8–9pm William the Fourth

Sheykh Forever, Live Music

Iraqi-born Mostafa Al, fuses disco, heavy rock and hypnagogic indie pop – with a fat dose of booty-bouncing funk. @sheykh_forever

SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

11am–1pm Tun

Ana Blumenkron, Zine Workshop

Join us for a fun, family-friendly drop-in zine workshop at Tun. This playful, creative session is open to all skill levels. @blumenkron

12–4pm Bow Arts Studio 13

Natasha Awuku, Workshop & exhibition

Colourful, uplifting artwork inspired by nature, urban life and everyday moments. Enjoy a relaxed adult colouring session. @natasha_awuku

12–4:30pm Orlando Frames

High Road Radio Pole, Radio & Live Music

Broadcasting a playlist compiled and inspired by those living and working along 372–475 High Road Leyton, followed by a live pavement set. @orlando_frames @dominika_prinz @musaproject2026

12–5pm ArtWorks East

Creative Locals Market

Discover independent artists, makers and local food producers.

1–4pm ArtWorks East

Art Play London, collaborative installation

What do you love about our community? Contribute a piece of yourself to a large scale art installation telling the story of Leyton. @artplaylondon

12–5pm Gravity Well
Taproom

Leyton Midland Collective, Film Screening

A collection of local voices talking about Brooks Farm and the local area. An ongoing project by @leyton_midland_collective

3–4pm Coccole

Joseph Bell, Live Music

A chilled acoustic set from singer-songwriter Joseph Bell, who blends dreamy alt-pop with introspective lyrics. @josephbellchoons

A free community celebration taking place across Leyton

MONDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

11:30am–1pm ACWDC

Peter Ashan, Local Writer Talk

The author of *The Freedom Walk: The Roots of Diversity in Waltham Forest* tells us why he developed his Freedom Walks. @ashanpeter

3–5pm Coccole

Studio Gozo, creative workshop

A series of creative exercises to release your inner artist. Everyone welcome. @studiogozo

TUESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

10am–1pm ACWDC

Leyton Midland Collective, drop-in session & film screening

Join Leyton Midland Collective for a relaxed, community drop-in to find out more about their work & watch snippets of their film. @leyton_midland_collective

6 – 9pm Host of Leyton

not ur baby, Community Conversation

An evening exploring consent, safety and participation in creative and cultural spaces. @noturbaby_world

WEDNESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

10am–1pm ACWDC

ACWDC, drop-in session

Join ACWDC for their community drop-in session and find out more about what their work. @acwdc_charity

4–8pm Leyton Boundary
Garden

Community Chess

Play a toddler scale board game a little like chess with up to 4 players. More details to the right of the page.

6–8pm Leyton Boundary
Garden

Safina Akram, Creative Writing Workshop

Everyone has a story to tell. Come and write yours, so you too can share your story.

7–8pm Gravity Well Taproom

Ajuan Isaac–George, Seventeen Film Screening

A documentary by Leyton-born and raised writer-director Ajuan Isaac–George, following teenage rollerskaters through summer as they navigate growing up, followed by a Q&A @ajuanig

8–9:30 Blondies Taproom

Alistair Goldie, DEAD FIT Film Screening

A short film and functional workout tape you can watch while you workout. A gory blend of form and function. 1st screening: 8:30pm, 2nd screening: 9pm. @alistairgoldie

THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

10am–1pm ACWDC

The Skills Within, drop-in session

Join for a relaxed, community drop-in to find out more about their work. With a short presentation at 10:30am. @theskillswithin

6 – 9pm Gravity Well Taproom

Industrious Lemon, Monotype Printmaking

Fancy a trying out a bit of printmaking? Come and have a taster at this drop-in session. @industrious_lemon

6 – 10pm Tun

Yuk at Tun, Stand Up Comedy

A stand up comedy night at Tun in Leyton, hosted by Skye Lyon, featuring some of London's best new comedians! @theskyelyon

7:30 – 10pm William the Fourth

Laughing with Strangers, Stand Up Comedy

London's most friendly stand-up comedy night. @the_depressed_baker

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

2–4pm AGE UK Waltham
Forest

Repair Cafe, Community Repair Workshop

Bring a mending project and learn how to do simple repairs. @age_uk_leyton_store

2–7pm Bow Arts Studio 13

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4–7pm Francis Road

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8–10pm Chop Shop Tavern

Kollectiv, DJ Set

A DJ who performs all over east London with his parties. @gusemmett_

SATURDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

11am–1pm AGE UK Waltham
Forest

Social Sewing, Community Sewing Workshop

All skill levels are welcome for knitting and sewing. Bring your own project along, or buy materials in the shop. @age_uk_leyton_store

11am–3pm Leyton
Boundary Garden

Paaras Abbas, Botanical Printing with Garden Foliage

A hands-on, family-friendly workshop exploring plants, colour and textile art. @paarasabbas

11am–1pm ArtWorks
East

Kwesi Awotwi, Drawing with Expression

Explore the expressive possibilities of drawing in this 120-minute mixed-media workshop. @kwesiawotwiart

11am–6pm Gravity Well
Taproom

Local Makers' Market

Discover independent artists, makers and local food producers.

12–5pm Cultivate
Artists Studio

Cultivate Artists Studio, Open Studios

Discover the ceramic artists and world of Cultivate Artists Studios.

12–6pm Tilbury Road

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1–2pm Dreamhouse Records

Brian Weston, Live Music

Brian's smooth baritone vocals and acoustic guitar perform standards and hidden gems from the 60s to the 90s

2–3pm Dreamhouse Records

Oil Can Steve, Live Music

Oil Can Steve uses his steampunk Oil Can guitar and a looper to recreate classic songs as well as a few originals. Expect the 80s onwards! @oilcansteve

2–3pm Tun

Candy Lo, Manga Workshop

An hour introduction to manga drawing, learn to draw a basic female and male face. @uncandylo

4–5pm ArtWorks East

Shadeemus, Live Music

Psychedelic space-soul band. @shadeemus

5–6pm ArtWorks East

The Eerie, Live Music

The Eerie are a London-based instrumental surf rock trio a feedback loop between past and future often described as 'math surf.' @theerielondon

SUNDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

10am–1pm Leyton
Boundary Garden

The Castle Play Space CIC, Beautiful Bees

Join us at Leyton Boundary Garden for a wonderful afternoon of bee themed arts and crafts. @thecastleplayspace

12–2pm Sola

Victoria Burghler, Clay Tealight Holder Workshop

Make your own porcelain tealight holders imprinted with textures from plants and found materials. @vita_ceramica

12–2pm AGE UK Waltham
Forest

Mika Bon Bon, Visible Mending Workshop

Join us for a Visible Mending Workshop and discover the beautiful Japanese art of Sashiko embroidery with the wonderful Mika Sembongi. @age_uk_leyton_store

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Boundary Garden

Natural Voices Choir, Live Music

A vibrant local Leyton community choir. @naturalvoices_choir

2–6pm Leyton
Boundary Garden

Anna van der Poorten, Lantern Making

Design and take home a beautiful illuminated lantern using a variety of techniques, drawing, collage, tissue paper and silhouette designs. @annaheartsart1

3–5pm Gravity Well
Taproom

Orban Wallace, Our Land Film Screening

A powerful documentary that explores access to nature, our connection to place, and who has the right to roam in England. @our_land_documentary

COMMUNITY CHESS

Play a toddler scale board game a little like chess with up to 4 players. The rules seem simple but scholars say there are secret moves that only the local Leytonians know. Use the map, solve the riddles and seek out the secret rules.

You can play the game at: Leyton Boundary Garden (Wednesday 9th), Francis Road (Friday 11th), Tilbury Road (Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th). **The final competition will be held at 2pm on Sunday 13th on Tilbury Road.**

Made by Square Zero Games. squarezerogames.com

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