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Word2015 Festival



Celebrate
reading,
writing
and freedom
of expression

25 May-19 June 2015

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Word2015

Introduction



From the Mayor of Islington

I am delighted to introduce Word2015, our annual celebration of reading, writing and freedom of expression now in its fourth year. The festival, which launched in 2012 in response to recommendations from Islington's Fairness Commission and the Islington Reads strategy, continues

to be great example of showing how enjoyment in reading and words can play an important part in improving the lives of people in Islington.

Word2015 has once again brought together some of Islington's best writers, artists and arts organisations, with our libraries and local people to create a fantastic programme of activities and events for everyone to enjoy.

This year I am especially pleased to see a focus on the valuable and important role that reading and writing can play in improving mental health, with specially commissioned projects designed to involve older people with dementia; support the wellbeing of young people; and engage younger children and families.

I would like to thank all our arts partners, Arts Council England, Crossrail/BFK and Islington UNISON for all their support and look forward to being involved.

Councillor Theresa Debono

WORDS

Rhyme them, prime them, story time them
Polish and shine them, crime them,
Intertwine them, realign them,
enshrine them
Even wine and dine them!
Word2015
Come and find them.

by Paul Lyalls
Poet-in-Residence Word2015



About Word2015

Islington's annual Word festival is a unique month-long celebration of words and their power to transform lives. It is delivered through a programme of specially commissioned arts projects and events, created by some of Islington's leading arts organisations, working in partnership with libraries and local people. The festival is designed to encourage residents of all ages across Islington to develop their enjoyment in reading, writing and freedom of expression through participation in high quality arts activities and events.

Word2015 has a particular focus on highlighting the impact reading and writing can have on mental health and wellbeing, and on involving those who may find it harder to have their voices heard. Some extraordinary and sensitive new

projects have been commissioned this year, designed especially for older people with dementia and their families; young people; and young children and families.

From 25 May–19 June find WORDS in football stadiums, schools and streets, libraries and theatres, pubs and playgrounds - there's something for everyone in Word2015.

Word2015 is a partnership project delivered by:

Islington Library and Heritage Services
www.islington.gov.uk/libraries

Islington Arts Service
www.islington.gov.uk/arts

All Change
www.allchangearts.org

Free Word Centre
www.freewordcentre.com

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Islington Poet Laureates 2015

A Nameless Poem

I saw him there, the holy light
The light
Blinding me graciously
My conscience glowing with pride
I'm taken aback that thee have chosen me

You have influenced me to decide
My internal side
I never thought
I never spoke
Of sin or good
But now I know which I will choose
For my life depends
On you

Before you came I was just
Another drop raised and fell
But you came
And the clouds cleared for me
And dear sunshine came again

I will cherish this moment
Forever
Forever with honour and pride

I will see you above
In the clouds of the misty sky

But for now goodbye

**Written by Mira Polovinkina, age 11
New North Academy
Maamulaha Poet Laureate 2015**

Maamulaha includes the following Islington primary schools: Christ the King, Hargrave Park, New North Academy, Pooles Park, Prior Weston, Robert Blair, Sacred Heart, Saint John the Evangelist and The Bridge.

On The Tip Of Your Tongue

Always there
on the tip of your tongue.
When you attempt to speak
they scuttle away,
away into the
murky pool -
a pool full of swirling thoughts;
hidden creatures.
You sit up from where you lie,
striving to grasp the
nebulous, creeping fragments of
an impossible jigsaw.
They reveal themselves,
only in parts.
They will never
expose
the greater image.
Always there in the corner,
hidden in the shadows.
The more you chase -
the further they disappear.

Written by Tommy Curson Smith, age 11
Hanover Primary
FutureZone Poet Laureate 2015

FutureZone includes the following Islington primary and secondary schools: Ambler, Canonbury, Drayton Park, Duncombe, Gillespie, Grafton, Hanover, Montem, Pakeman, Newington Green, Rotherfield, Winton, Yerbury, Islington Arts and Media School, St. Aloysius College and Mount Carmel.

Maamulaha and FutureZone are the names of two school collectives in Islington. For the past six years, schools in FutureZone collaborative have held a course for Year 6 and 7 pupils to create their own poetry inspired by local and international writers. Maamulaha have been involved in the course over the last four years, working with Year 6 students.

For more information about the course contact:
michael.walsh@letsthink.org.uk



Where the Heart Is

Weekdays from 26 May to 24 June, 9am-8pm

(with some exceptions. Please call ahead to check availability) **Free Word Centre**



Where the Heart Is was an ambitious residency programme run by Age Concern Central Lancashire, that placed six artists of different disciplines in four dementia care settings in the Preston area throughout 2013.

The artists in residence were Chiara Ambrosio, a filmmaker; Sarah Butler, a writer; Jennifer Essex, a choreographer; Sarah Hesketh, a poet;

Stephen King, a photographer; and Liam Walker, a painter. The project aimed to transcend existing 'art therapy' structures by not simply assuming the power of art to 'do good': artists were given an open brief and encouraged to explore the potential of healthcare settings to be the inspiration for great art.

The artists were encouraged to work collaboratively with the people they met, rather than treating them as passive recipients. The resulting pieces acknowledge the difficulties and issues faced by people with dementia and their carers, avoiding the simplistic glosses, which can often be found in arts practice in this area.

This re-mounting of elements of the original exhibition combines photography, poetry and portraiture to ask whether the stories we tell about ourselves make us the people we are, and what happens when those stories begin to break down.

(See page 19 for details of complementary events)

 **@freewordcentre**

Photo: Stephen King





Free Words of the Week

25 May–19 June Various venues



Broaden your lexical horizons this month by spotting Free Words of the Week around the borough – or by displaying them in your own venue! There will be a new word chosen for every week of the festival tying into festival themes and the Five Ways to Wellbeing.

If you want to receive the posters to display in your workplace – email words@freewordcentre.com and let us know your name and where you are planning to display them. We'll send you a weekly poster to download and print.

For more information go to:

<https://freewordcentre.com/free-words/>

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Finsbury Park Life

Daily, 25 May onwards

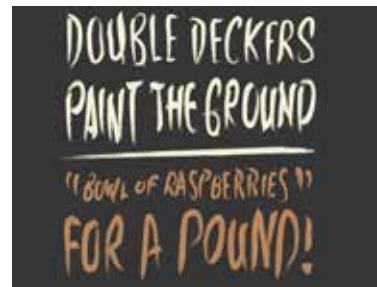
City North London N4 Hoardings, Wells Terrace N4

As part of an exciting partnership for Word2015 and the Finsbury Park Creative Hub initiative, City North London N4 project has worked with All Change to

create this specially designed poetic artwork for the hoardings on Wells Terrace. Poet Yemisi Blake worked in collaboration with local older people to create magical poetry inspired by the unique personality of life in Finsbury Park. Designers Magpie Studio have taken the poetry and developed a typographical treat for passers-by to enjoy.

 @fpcreativehub

Image: All Change.



Spring Ball

Monday 25 May, 2-5pm **Islington Assembly Hall**



Join us for Cubitt's Spring Ball 2015 - our annual tea dance and arts showcase by and for local people over 55. This year's theme is The Magic Word - prepare to be mesmerised by dance performances, charmed by art displays and enchanted by creative workshops. Step into your dancing shoes to dazzle on the dance floor and sample the tasty treats from the Cake Gallery.

**To get your free ticket call Cubitt on
020 7278 8226.**

 **@CubittEducation**



Hurling Rubble

Friday 15 May–Saturday 6 June Park Theatre

Performance times - see website for details

www.parktheatre.co.uk

Park Theatre presents Hurling Rubble – a double bill feature, which explores identity in 21st century Britain. Unafraid to address the contentious issues, local playwright Avaes Mohammad has created two complementary pieces, which show the humanity behind the brutality of displaced identity.

Customers can book a ticket for one show or benefit from a discount booking both shows together. Tickets £25/£20 (£18 concession). Book on line or call the Park Theatre Box Office on 020 7870 6876.

For Word2015, Avaes Mohammad is running a series of specially commissioned creative writing workshops with local residents.

 **@parktheatre**





Have Your Circumstances Changed?

Early evenings throughout June

for venue information visit:

www.wordfestivalislington.co.uk/events/artangel-have-your-circumstances-changed

A triptych of duets between an ageing man and a growing boy.



Developed over the course of a year through a special cookery school held in collaboration with St. Luke's Day Centre and Age UK Islington, *Have Your Circumstances Changed?* explores the delivery of care beyond what medicine can provide.

This is a new site-specific performance developed collaboratively by director Lu Kemp for Artangel.

 @Artangel

Photo: Artangel



ELN Translation Pitch New Literary Voices

Thursday 4 June, 7pm Free Word Centre

Eight enthralling books by contemporary European writers, which have not yet been translated into English, will be pitched live to an audience and expert jury. With just three minutes per pitch, and complemented by extracts read by actors, this whirlwind journey of discovery will uncover brilliant new European literary gems.

The ELN Translation Pitch is organised by the Czech Centre London in partnership with English PEN, Free Word, the Translators Association and the Emerging Translators Network and supported by the Ballassi Institute, Hungarian Cultural Centre, Bulgarian Cultural Institute, Czech Centre, Embassy of Denmark, Danish Arts Foundation, Flanders House, Institut Francais, Goethe Institute and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands.

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Words are Birds

Wednesday 4 June, 7pm **Thornhill Primary School**



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A fun night of poetry and rhymes for all the family with live performances by Paul Lyalls and very special guest A.F Harrold, author of *The Imaginary* – 'the owner of many books,

a handful of hats, a few good ideas and one beard'. Pupils from Thornhill Primary School will perform poetry from their latest book – *Words are Birds 2*.

This is a partnership between All Change and Thornhill Primary School as part of their Outer Space programme – a unique initiative, which sees artists working in collaboration with teachers and pupils throughout the year, investigating creative questions through arts activities.

£3 Donation to the school on the door.

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Photo: Sarah Ainslie, All Change



Speakeasy?

Thursday 4 June, 7pm **Platform**

That open mic, stands there, so tempting
A chance to stand up for yourself and whisper or shout
Telling the world what it's all about
If only you could get over those barriers in the way
Of you having your say
Preventing you from turning up on the day
So you stay in your room, locked away



Speakeasy? is the result of a collaboration between Cardboard Citizens, Lyrix Organix and the young people of Islington, working together to overcome our barriers to freedom of expression. Come on the day and have your say, and maybe show our main character the way.

To book, email Vicky@cardboardcitizens.org or call 020 7377 8948. Pay what you think it's worth.

 [@CardboardCitz](http://www.twitter.com/CardboardCitz)

Photo: Cardboard Citizens





#livinglyrics

Friday 5 June, 2pm Camden and Islington NHS

Foundation Trust Early Intervention Service

(Invitation only)

Saturday 6 June, 3pm Fizz Fest @ St Luke's Centre

Thursday 12 June, 2pm

Highgate Mental Health Centre

(limited tickets available in advance - contact Key Changes on 020 7549 8172 or info@keychanges.org.uk)

Sunday 14 June, 2pm Cally Festival



#livinglyrics is a collective of young singers, MCs, musicians and producers with lived experience of mental health issues.

The group has been brought together by Islington-based Key Changes music charity for Word2015 and will perform a live mixtape of lyrical hip hop, song and spoken word developed through weekly writing sessions with established artists at Key Changes studios.

The energising and inspiring set will draw on subjects important to the young people, exploring mental health and wellbeing in the context of the issues and causes within their community, at four events taking place during this year's festival.

 [@keychangesmusic](https://twitter.com/keychangesmusic)

Photo: Kristina Petrosiute



Granddads, Dads and Lads and Michael Rosen The performance

Monday 8 June, 7pm
Emirates Stadium

All Change and Arsenal in the Community – and extra special guest Michael Rosen – invite you to a special

evening of poetry and performance for all the family. Hosted by Paul Lyalls, this will be a celebration of family and football - Granddads, dads, lads ... plus some grandmas, aunties ... and the rest of the family too. Enjoy poetry by children from Thornhill Primary School, older poets from When Saturday Comes - Saturday Socials and the Inspire! Choir - plus a special performance by Michael Rosen.

Admission free, but booking essential – call All Change 020 7689 4646.

 [@allchangearts](https://twitter.com/allchangearts)

Photo: Tim Smyth, All Change



Inspire! Choir Performance

Saturday 13 June, 2pm Islington Green



A special intergenerational performance by young families created especially for Word2015 featuring parents (aged 16-25) from the Inspire! and ReCreate projects, and their children (aged 0-13). Led by young parents Evelyn Nnabuife and Randene Cameron, and mentored by producer Tony Nwachukwu for All Change – the choir will perform an uplifting mix of original compositions and popular songs.

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Photo: Tim Smyth, All Change





Story Street at the Cally Festival

Sunday 14 June, 12–6pm Story Street



Story Street is part of the Cally Festival, a huge one-day street party on the Caledonian Road. Presented by Word Festival's very own poet-in-residence Paul Lyalls, Story Street will see storytelling, poetry, rap, spoken word and readings with performances from local people and well-known poets and storytellers. Come and pull up a hay bale and enjoy the show.

 **@TheCallyFest**

Photo: Karis Barnard



Prof Patel's Punjeet and Judy Gee Show

Sunday 14 June, 2.30pm Central Library

Prof Patel is Britain's first Asian Punch and Judy Professor performing his own unique version of Punch and Judy using characters drawn from the diversity of modern day Britain.

Prof Patel's Asian influenced show includes lots of fun multi-cultural characters including the popular Dr Singh who likes to go Ping.

Upbeat and funny, Prof Patel's Punjeet and Judy Gee Show is a wonderful combination of the traditional and modern - keeping Mr Punch/Punjeet at the centre of

the action whilst making the show relevant to modern multi-cultural Britain.

 **@Islingtonlibs**



SPIN

Wednesday 17 June West Library

whirling, twirling, twisting tales
reeling rhythm, giddy rhymes
playful poems pirouette
listen as we spin some sounds

Join Apples and Snakes
word-wizards as they cook
up wonderful ways to
play with words, showing
just what you can do with
them.

Top-class rappers, poets
and storytellers each with
their own distinct style will
send you spiraling into a
poetry revolution!

Engaging and interactive ... revealing everything that
poetry is and can be.

By invitation only for participating schools.

 [@applesandsnakes](https://twitter.com/applesandsnakes)

Image: Apples & Snakes



Our Cally Stories Book Launch

Thursday 18 June, 10.30am-12.30pm

House of Illustration

House of
Illustration and
Curved House
Kids publishers
present this unique
book launch
event at House
of Illustration.

Families from
Paradise Park Children's Centre have worked with
an illustrator and a writer to create their very own
published storybook. Come and see the published
book, meet the families and join in the celebrations.

Booking essential -
email emily.jost@houseofillustration.org.uk

 [@IllustrationHQ](https://twitter.com/IllustrationHQ)





Dispensing Wisdom

Friday 19 June, 7pm

Manor Gardens Centre and Platform

Inspired by the 'School for Mothers' at Manor Gardens founded in 1913 - Dispensing Wisdom is an extraordinary arts and heritage event created by young women in collaboration with professional artists, which explores the changing story of healthcare for women over the past 100 years.



This immersive performance experience located over two locations, has been inspired by interviews with older women; visits to the amazing archive collections at Manor Gardens, Islington Museum, The Foundling Museum and London Metropolitan Archives; and been devised in workshops with professional artists Kat Francois, Marysa Dowling and Mila Sanders.

Dispensing Wisdom is a partnership between All Change, Manor Gardens Centre and Islington Museum.

**Booking essential –
call All Change 020 7689 4646.**

(Additional performances on Saturday 20 June at 1pm, 4pm and 7pm)

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Photo: Manor Gardens Archive



Stress/Release

**Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 May, 10am-6pm
plus Wednesday 3, 10, 17 June, 6-8pm Platform**

For most young people, exam season is one of the most stressful times of the year. Islington Community Theatre, in partnership with Word2015 and Platform, invites young people from across Islington to take part in Stress/Release; a programme of workshops and events designed to relieve anxiety and celebrate our right to break out and break free. Come along to one of our events or experience the ups, downs and in-between online by following @ICTheatre and keeping up to date with #ICTstress.



Stress/Drop-In

**Wednesday 3, 10, 17 June (plus 24 June and 1 July)
6-8pm Platform**

Come along to our weekly Stress Drama Drop-In sessions and let it all out; write a monologue, pretend you're someone else, or just laugh with mates until everything seems better.

For persons aged 13-19 yrs. No need to book, just turn up.

Stress/Intense

**Tuesday 26 and Wednesday 27 May, 10am-6pm
Platform**

Let loose and spend two days with professional theatre-makers at our two-day "Festival of Stress". Learn techniques to de-stress while devising, rehearsing and performing in a new show, all in just two days!

For persons aged 13-19 yrs. No need to book, just turn up.

(See Afterword – page 31 for details of Stress/Out and Stress/Release)

 [@ictheatre](https://twitter.com/ictheatre)





Dickensian Walks

Wednesday 27 May, 11.30am and 5pm Wednesday 3, 10 and 17 June Charles Dickens Museum

Explore the streets and alleyways of Dickensian London, following in the footsteps of some of literature's most memorable and enduring characters...

Led by charismatic TV historian Richard Jones, these fantastic costumed walks provide a unique opportunity to examine the life of Dickens – from humble beginnings to his legacy as one of Britain's greatest literary figures.

Using extracts from Dickens's novels and fascinating anecdotes, Richard aims to bring Dickens's London to life for adults and children alike!

£10 per person

Book your tickets via the Museum website:
<http://www.dickensmuseum.com/all-events/>
 **@DickensMuseum**

Photo - Charles Dickens Museum



Music Box

Tuesday 26 May, 11am North Library and 2.30pm Central Library

Wednesday 27 May 11am Lewis Carroll Library and 2.30pm Archway Library

Music Box presents its music and storytelling performance 'Magical Transformations'. This show is for 2-5 year olds and their families and our delight is to get every child joining in with the music with our range of percussion instruments from around the world. Come and share the musicality of language and the language of music with us.

Parents and under 5s.

25 places available at each session.

 **@Islingtonlibs**



Image: Jem Dick



Highbury History Walks

**Friday 29 May, 10am and 1.30pm (Families only);
Thursday 11 June, 10am; Friday 12 June, 10am –
general public**

If you are interested in local history, please join Arsenal in the Community for a walk around the local area. The walk focuses on the history and development of the village of Highbury from the



12th century to the present day. The focus is on local history although the latter part focuses on Arsenal FC's 100 years in the borough.

Limited places available. Please email Samir Singh: ssingh@arsenal.co.uk to book. (Please note the walks on 29 May are for families only – all adults must be accompanied by a child)

 [@AFCCommunity](https://twitter.com/AFCCommunity)

Inspire Choir Workshops

Saturday 30 May and 13 June, 11am-12.30pm

Islington Museum

Friday 5 and 12 June, 4-5.30pm

Holloway Neighbourhood Group

All Change invites young parents (aged 16-25) and their children (aged 0-13) to join other young families for a new singing project for Word2015.

Led by young parents

Evelyn Nnabuife and Randene Cameron, supported by producer Tony Nwachukwu – learn to sing popular songs and original stuff too – and have fun singing together.

It's not about being a great singer – it's about letting your hair down and having a great time as a family!

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Photo: Tim Smyth, All Change





Where the Heart Is

Workshop for carers of people with dementia

Tuesday 2 June, 1-3.30pm Free Word Centre

In 2013, Age Concern Central Lancashire hosted six artists in residence who worked with older people with dementia and their carers to produce poetry, photography, painting and a series of short films – some of which is currently on display at the Free Word Centre.

This workshop, led by poet Sarah Hesketh, will give carers the opportunity to view the exhibition privately, and discuss some of the ideas it raises, before working to produce their own short piece of creative writing inspired by the exhibition. Refreshments will be provided. Free admission.

If you are interested in attending, please contact lauren@freewordcentre.com or call 020 7324 2573 for more information or to book a place.

 [@freewordcentre](https://twitter.com/freewordcentre)

Photo: Stephen King



Where the Heart Is

Panel discussion - Creating Art in Dementia Care

Tuesday 9 June, 6.45pm Free Word Centre

Join choreographer Jennifer Essex, poet Sarah Hesketh, and the artist and director of the Trebus Project, David Clegg, as they discuss their experiences during the Where the

Heart Is project. Chaired by Mark Butler, Director of Development at the Dementia Services Development Centre at Stirling University. There will also be the opportunity to view the project exhibition currently on display at the Free Word Centre.

Booking: Tickets £5 (Concessions £3) visit: www.freewordcentre.com/events

 [@freewordcentre](https://twitter.com/freewordcentre)

Photo: Stephen King



Granddads, Dads and Lads

Poetry workshop and stadium tour

Saturday 6 June, 10.30am and 1pm

Emirates Stadium

As part of a special day for grandparents and their families - All Change and Arsenal in the Community invite granddads, dads and lads (age 4-11) to join poet Paul Lyalls for a celebration of all things Arsenal FC. Enjoy a behind the scenes tour of the fantastic Emirates Stadium and follow in the footsteps of Nick Hornby and share your stories and experiences of being a fan of the beautiful game in a fun-filled workshop for all generations.

**Free entry but booking essential –
call All Change on 020 7689 4646.**

A special workshop and tour for older people with dementia and their families will take place at 3.30pm. Please call All Change for further details.

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Working Well

A discussion event for arts and mental health professionals

Wednesday 10 June, 10am-1pm Free Word Centre

Join fellow professionals working in the fields of arts and mental health to share experiences and discover common ground. With presentations by some successful partnership projects to inspire you and break out discussions, this is a unique opportunity to explore new approaches to partnership working.

Word2016 will again prioritise arts projects that use reading and writing to have an impact on mental health and wellbeing . This morning event is an opportunity to start to develop ideas and conversations.

Tickets are £10 and lunch is included. For more information on the event and how to book email: eleanor@freewordcentre.com





ZOOM, TANG, BOOM

Words in freedom workshop

Thursday 11 June, 4.30pm

Waterstones Islington Green



Join the Estorick Collection of Modern Italian Art and Islington Giving for a free drop-in workshop to create your own poster design inspired by the Futurist artists' 'words-in-freedom' approach to typographic layout, and contribute your own decorated letter to compete to be included in next year's Islington Giving Week's logo.

Stories and facts about the work of Islington Giving and the people and organisations they support will be deconstructed and fashioned into a visual poster.

 @isgiv @WstonIslington



Quizlington

Pub quizzes

Various dates and venues



Throughout June pubs across Islington will be hosting a pub quiz as part of Islington Giving Week.

Whether you're a sports specialist, a movie mogul or a general knowledge genius, by putting your thinking cap on, you can be crowned Quizlington champion! Rounds include word trends and Which Punctuation Mark Are You?

Find your nearest #Quizlington pub at:
www.islantongiving.org.uk

 @isgiv



Poet-in-residence Paul Lyalls



Returning for a fourth consecutive year, poet Paul Lyalls will be bringing his unique brand of poetic playfulness to Word2015 – popping up at events throughout the month, and accepting various word games and challenges along the way. Paul has performed at ten Edinburgh Festivals, one Eton College, five Glastonburys and on a 73 bus! He is Poet in residence at the Roald Dahl Museum – and was the first poet to perform at Wembley Stadium too! This year brings his Word Festival tally to four!

 [@PaulLyalls](#) [@allchangearts](#)

Photo – Tim Smyth, All Change



Music Hall Memories

Islington Museum

Music Hall Memories takes its inspiration from Islington's long heritage of Music Halls, combining this local heritage with the therapeutic act of using the spoken word through singing. Participants with early onset Dementia will be invited to enjoy the group activity of singing some old time tunes, and some more recent ones too. The project will culminate in a celebration event and an online resource for people to share in the fun.

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Image - Islington Local History Centre



Word2015 Festival Key



- indicates a project or event specially commissioned for Word2015 Festival



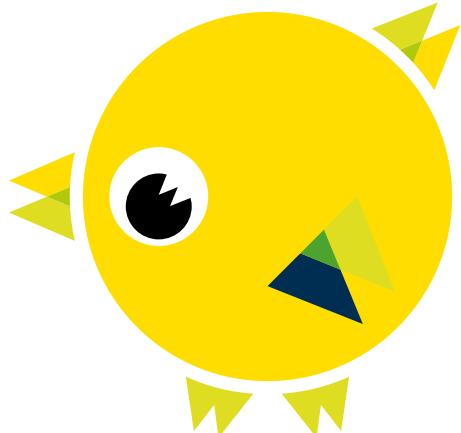
- indicates a project or event created with or suitable for younger children and families



- indicates a project or event created with or suitable for young people aged 13-25



- indicates a project or event created with or suitable for older people 55+



Contact details for Word2015

Further details about Word2015 Festival can be found at: www.wordfestivalislington.co.uk

Follow us on Twitter [@WordIslington](https://twitter.com/WordIslington)

For more information or enquiries please call All Change on **020 7689 4646** or email info@allchangearts.org



Date and time	Details and booking	Venue details
Events and activities are free and open to all with no booking required unless stated below.		
25 May - 19 June	Finsbury Park Life	Hoardings - Wells Terrace, N4 www.finsburyparkcreativehub.co.uk
25 May, 2-5pm	Spring Ball Free admission - but places are limited. Call Cubitt on 020 7278 8226 or drop in to Claremont or St. Luke's Centre to get you free ticket.	Islington Assembly Hall, next to Islington Town Hall, Upper Street N1 2UD www.islington.gov.uk/assemblyhall
15 May - 6 June	Hurling Rubble Tickets £25/£20 (£18 concession) Book online or call the Park Theatre Box Office on 020 7870 6876 (Performance dates and times - see website for details www.parktheatre.co.uk)	Park Theatre, Clifton Terrace, N4 3JP 020 7870 6876 www.parktheatre.co.uk
26 May - 24 June, 9am-8pm	Where the Heart Is Open weekdays with some exceptions. Please call ahead to check availability.	Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Road, EC1R 3GA www.freewordcentre.com
Tuesday 26 May, 10am-6pm	Stress/Intense – Islington Community Theatre	Platform, Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, off Hornsey Road N7 7EE www.islingtoncommunitytheatre.com www.platformislington.org.uk
Tuesday 26 May, 11-11.45am	Music Box Parents and under 5s. 25 places available at each session	North Library, Manor Gardens, N7 6JX www.islington.gov.uk/libraries
Tuesday 26 May, 2.30-3.15pm	Music Box Parents and under 5s. 25 places available at each session	Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, N5 1PF www.islington.gov.uk/libraries



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Wednesday 27 May 10am-6pm	Stress/Intense – Islington Community Theatre	Platform, Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, off Hornsey Road N7 7EE www.islingtoncommunitytheatre.com www.platformislington.org.uk	
Wednesday 27 May, 11.30 am and 5pm	Dickensian Walks £10 per person. Book your tickets via the Museum website: www.dickensmuseum.com/all-events	Charles Dickens Museum 48 Doughty Street, WC1N 2LX www.dickensmuseum.com	
Wednesday 27 May, 11-11.45am	Music Box Parents and under 5s. 25 places available at each session	Lewis Carroll Library, 166 Copenhagen Street, N1 0ST www.islington.gov.uk/libraries	
Wednesday 27 May, 2.30-3.15pm	Music Box Parents and under 5s. 25 places available at each session	Archway Library, Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill, N19 5PH www.islington.gov.uk/libraries	
Friday 29 May, 10am and 1.30pm	Highbury History Family Walk Limited places available – please note all adults must be accompanied by a child. Please email Samir Singh: ssingh@arsenal.co.uk to book.	Details will be provided with booking confirmation	
Saturday 30 May 11am-12.30pm	Inspire! Choir workshop	Islington Museum, 245 St. John Street, EC1V 4NB www.islington.gov.uk/islington/history-heritage/heritage_museum	
Tuesday 2 June, 1-3.30pm	Where the Heart Is - A Workshop for Carers of People with Dementia. Phone 020 7324 2573 or email lauren@freewordcentre.com	Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Road, London, EC1R 3GA www.freewordcentre.com	

Diary at a glance



Date and time	Details and booking	Venue details	
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Wednesday 3 June, 11.30 am and 5pm	Dickensian Walks £10 per person. Book your tickets via the Museum website: www.dickensmuseum.com/all-events	Charles Dickens Museum 48 Doughty Street, WC1N 2LX www.dickensmuseum.com	
Wednesday 3 June, 6-8pm	Stress/Drop-in – Islington Community Theatre	Platform, Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, off Hornsey Road N7 7EE www.islingtoncommunitytheatre.com www.platformislington.org.uk	
Thursday 4 June, 7pm	ELN Translation Pitch – New Literary Voices Booking: Tickets £5 (Concessions £3) visit freewordcentre.com/events	Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Road, EC1R 3GA www.freewordcentre.com	
Thursday 4 June, 7pm	Words are Birds £3 Donation to the school on the door	Thornhill Primary School, Thornhill Road, N1 1HX www.allchangearts.org	
Thursday 4 June, 7pm	Speakeasy? – Cardboard Citizens and Lyrix Organix To book, email Vicky@cardboardcitizens.org or call 020 7377 8948. Pay what you think it's worth.	Platform, Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, off Hornsey Road N7 7EE www.cardboardcitizens.org.uk	
Friday 5 June, 2pm	#livinglyrics - Key Changes INVITATION ONLY	Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust Early Intervention Service, 4 Greenland Road, NW1 0AS www.keychanges.org.uk	
Friday 5 June, 4-5.30pm	Inspire! Choir workshop	Holloway Neighbourhood Group, The Old Fire Station, 84 Mayton Street, N7 6QT www.hng.org.uk	



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Saturday 6 June, 10.30am, 1pm, 3.30pm	Granddads, Dads and Lads – poetry workshop and stadium tours Admission free, but booking essential. To book contact All Change 020 7689 4646	Emirates Stadium, N5 1BU www.allchangearts.org	
Saturday 6 June, 3pm	#livinglyrics @ Fizz Fest - Key Changes Free.	St. Luke's Centre, 90 Central Street, EC1V 8AJ	
Monday 8 June, 7pm	Granddads, Dads and Lads – the performance. Admission free, but booking essential. To book contact All Change 020 7689 4646	Emirates Stadium, N5 1BU www.allchangearts.org	
Tuesday 9 June, 6.45pm	Where the Heart Is - Creating Art in Dementia Care Booking: Tickets £5 (Concessions £3) visit freewordcentre.com/events	Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Road, EC1R 3GA www.freewordcentre.com	
Wednesday 10 June, 10am-1pm	Working Well Tickets are £10 and lunch is included. For more information on the event and how to book email: eleanor@freewordcentre.com	Free Word Centre, 60 Farringdon Road, EC1R 3GA www.freewordcentre.com	
Wednesday 10 June, 11.30 am and 5pm	Dickensian Walks £10 per person. Book your tickets via the Museum website: www.dickensmuseum.com/all-events	Charles Dickens Museum 48 Doughty Street, WC1N 2LX www.dickensmuseum.com	
Wednesday 10 June, 6-8pm	Stress/Drop-in – Islington Community Theatre	Platform, Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, off Hornsey Road N7 7EE www.islingtoncommunitytheatre.com www.platformislington.org.uk	



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Thursday 11 June, 10am	Highbury History Walk Limited places available. Please email Samir Singh: ssingh@arsenal.co.uk to book	Details will be provided with booking confirmation
Thursday 11 June, 3.30-6.30pm	Zoom, Tang, Boom! - Words-in-freedom workshop	Waterstones, Islington Green, N1 2XH www.islingtongiving.org.uk
Friday 12 June, 10am	Highbury History Walk Limited places available. Please email Samir Singh: ssingh@arsenal.co.uk to book	Details will be provided with booking confirmation
Friday 12 June, 2pm	#livinglyrics - Key Changes Tickets for this event are limited - contact Key Changes on 020 7549 8172 or info@keychanges.org.uk	Highgate Mental Health Centre, Dartmouth Park Hill, N19 5NX www.keychanges.org.uk
Friday 12 June, 4-5.30pm	Inspire! Choir workshop	Holloway Neighbourhood Group, The Old Fire Station, 84 Mayton Street, N7 6QT www.hng.org.uk
Saturday 13 June, 11am-12.30pm	Inspire! Choir workshop	Islington Museum, 245 St. John Street, EC1V 4NB www.islington.gov.uk/islington/history-heritage/heritage_museum
Saturday 13 June, 2pm	Inspire! Choir performance	Islington Green, Upper Street, N1 www.allchangearts.org
Sunday 14 June, 12-6pm	Story Street @ The Cally Festival	Story Street, Caledonian Road, N1 www.thecallyfestival.com



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Sunday 14 June, 2pm	#livinglyrics @ The Cally Festival - Key Changes	Cally Festival, Main Stage, Corner of Tilloch Street and Caledonian Road, N1 1EG www.keychanges.org.uk	
Sunday 14 June, 2.30pm	Prof Patel's Punjeet and Judy Gee show	Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, N5 1PF www.islington.gov.uk/libraries	
Wednesday 17 June	SPIN – Apples & Snakes - by invitation only for participating schools.	West Library, Bridgeman Road, N1 1BD www.islington.gov.uk/libraries	
Wednesday 17 June, 11.30 am and 5pm	Dickensian Walks. £10 per person. Book your tickets via the Museum website: www.dickensmuseum.com/all-events	Charles Dickens Museum 48 Doughty Street, WC1N 2LX www.dickensmuseum.com	
Wednesday 17 June, 6-8pm	Stress/Drop-in – Islington Community Theatre	Platform, Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, off Hornsey Road N7 7EE www.islingtoncommunitytheatre.com www.platformislington.org.uk	
Thursday 18 June, 10.30am-12.30pm	Our Cally Stories – book launch. Booking essential - email emily.jost@houseoffillustration.org.uk	House of Illustration, 2 Granary Square, N1C 4BH www.houseoffillustration.org.uk	
Friday 19 June, 7pm	Dispensing Wisdom Free admission but booking essential. To book contact All Change 020 7689 4646	Manor Gardens Centre, 6-9 Manor Gardens N7 6LA & Platform, Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, N7 7EE www.dispensingwisdom.co.uk www.manorgardensheritage.org	

After Word – following the Festival



Summer Reading Challenge 2015 all Islington libraries

Record Breakers – the 2015 Summer Reading Challenge

If you're aged 4-11, this year's Summer Reading Challenge challenges you to explore some of the astonishing real-life achievements and world records. Read six books, collect stickers and discover the wonderful and wacky records from around the world in six categories: Cool Tech, Way to Go!, The Big Stuff, Animal Magic, Action! Adventure! and People Power. If you finish all six books, you could also win one of our great prizes!

The Challenge runs from 4 July–20 September. For more information go to: www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Watch out too for our programme of summer activities including record-breaking themed drama and craft events.

For more details go to: www.islington.gov.uk/libraries

Summer Reading Challenge Champions

Aged 13-19? Why not become a Summer Reading Challenge Champion, helping younger children complete their challenge?

For more details go to: www.islington.gov.uk/libraries

Summer5Challenge

If you're 11-16, join the Summer5Challenge. Complete five activities involving youth clubs, leisure centres, open spaces, local museums and libraries and you could win a major prize. Look out for cards that will be delivered to secondary schools before the school holidays.



Stress/Release – Islington Community Theatre

Following the weekly Stress/Drop-In and Stress/Intense workshops during Word2015, Islington Community Theatre presents two new works created with young people:

Stress/Out

Young people get their say on what stresses them out in a new film made by members of Islington Community Theatre. Drawing upon months of research undertaken by young people involved in the Stress project, Stress Out gives you a chance to get inside their

heads and see the world from their perspective. Film available at www.islingtoncommunitytheatre.com/stress from the end of June 2015.

Stress/Release

Thursday 9 and Friday 10 July 2015 - 2pm and 7.30pm

A group of Year 11 students who've just finished their GCSEs present two new plays about what it feels like to finally be released after months of worrying.

Suitable for ages 11+. Tickets: £6 (£4 concessions) (£2 under 19s) (available from 9 June)

Bookings:

www.islingtoncommunitytheatre.com/stress



Islington Reads

Islington Reads is a borough-wide initiative to get as many residents reading for pleasure and the last year has been a very successful one.

We continue to develop partnerships with council services and community and arts organisations. This year's Islington Reads projects for adults and children included our very first Islington Reads Week in March to coincide with World Book Day. The week saw giant book swaps at Nags Head Shopping Centre and Chapel Market, while Schools and Children's Centres encouraged children to dress up as book characters.

Book swaps continue to grow across the borough with additional book swaps in Drovers Centre, Cornwallis, Cape and Timbuktu Adventure

Playgrounds, and the Council's customer centre in Upper Street.

We launched our new 'Reading Well Books on Prescription for Dementia' collections – a booklist of 25 titles that have been recommended by health experts as well as people with experience of dementia.

Over 500 people signed up for the Six Book Challenge – encouraging adults to read six books over six months with the intention of getting more adults reading and to improve their literacy. This is a partnership between the Library service, City and Islington College and Adult and Community Learning.

We also offered 'reading champions' training for residents, designed to



encourage reading champions in their community to promote books and reading for pleasure.

We established a pilot project with Islington Police Station to provide books for those people arrested and detained.

The number of children completing the Summer Reading Challenge in our public libraries last year rose from 850 to 990. Children completing the challenge were awarded certificates and medals at awards ceremonies.

To find out more, go to:

www.islington.gov.uk/islingtonreads

Venues and Libraries at a glance



Archway Library	Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill	N19 5PH
Arsenal FC	Emirates Stadium	N5 1BU
Assembly Hall	Islington Town Hall, Upper Street	N1 2UD
Cally Festival	Caledonian Road	N1
Central Library	2 Fieldway Crescent	N5 1PF
Charles Dickens Museum	48 Doughty Street	WC1N 2LX
City North N4 Development	Wells Terrace	N4
Claremont	24-27 White Lion Street	N1 9PD
Finsbury Library	245 St John Street	EC1V 4NB
Free Word Centre	60 Farringdon Road	EC1R 3GA
Holloway Neighbourhood Group	The Old Fire Station, 84 Mayton Street	N7 6QT
House of Illustration	2 Granary Square	N1C 4BH
Islington Green	Upper Street	N1
Islington Local History Centre	245 St John Street	EC1V 4NB
Islington Museum	245 St John Street	EC1V 4NB

John Barnes Temporary Library	Pangbourne House, Rowstock Gardens	N7 0BD
Lewis Carroll Children's Library	166 Copenhagen Street	N1 0ST
Manor Gardens Centre	6-9 Manor Gardens	N7 6LA
Mildmay Library	21-23 Mildmay Park	N1 4NA
N4 Library	26 Blackstock Road	N4 2DW
North Library	Manor Gardens	N7 6JX
Park Theatre	Clifton Terrace	N4 3JP
Platform Youth Hub	Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, off Hornsey Road	N7 7EE
St. Luke's Centre	90 Central Street	EC1V 8AJ
South Library	115-117 Essex Road	N1 2SL
Thornhill Primary School	Thornhill Road	N1 1HX
Waterstones	Islington Green	N1 2XH
West Library	Bridgeman Road	N1 1BD

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