

THE WORD ASSOCIATION

All Change | Key Changes | House of Illustration | Lyrix Organix | Upswing | Islington Library & Heritage Services

A collective of arts organisations and libraries working in partnership with local communities. Developing and providing a platform for new and original voices. Making connections between people.

ALL CHANGE brings artists and communities together to create extraordinary art, promoting understanding and making connections between people. KEY CHANGES – provides music services in hospitals and the community for people experiencing mental health problems. HOUSE OF ILLUSTRATION – is the UK's only public gallery dedicated solely to illustration and graphic art. Founded by Sir Quentin Blake it opened in July 2014 in King's Cross, London. LYRIX ORGANIX – The Space between language and music. The Bridge between events and education. Youth-led programmes around the world that support charities and social action. The finest UK and international spoken word, rap, beatbox and live music. Upswing – a leading contemporary circus company with a vision for a more connected future. Telling new stories in extraordinary ways. ISLINGTON LIBRARY AND HERITAGE SERVICES – enable people to realise their full potential by providing them with full and equal access – appropriate to their various needs – to information, ideas, knowledge and creative works.



WORD is produced by All Change
www.wordfestivalislington.co.uk
Word Bird tweets: @WordIslington Instagram: @WordIslington

Coming soon...this autumn, look out for the brand-new WORD2019 Libraries Week festival – 7-12 October 2019

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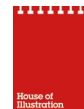
WORD2019 – Summer

ARTS | LIBRARIES | COMMUNITIES

a two-week festival of reading, writing
and creativity

17-30 June 2019

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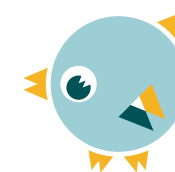
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WORD is a year-round programme of innovative arts projects and events in Islington. WORD brings arts companies, libraries and communities together to create, share and experience original work, providing a platform for new and often unheard voices and stories.

WORD festivals take place in June, October and March each year, packed with inspiring activities and events for all ages. Find WORD in football grounds and cafes, community centres and care homes, libraries and galleries, parks and playgrounds.

WORD is about arts, libraries and communities working together to reduce isolation and loneliness. WORD works with people of all ages and backgrounds, with a focus on engaging older people, young families, young people, and those experiencing isolation.



WORD2019 SUMMER PROGRAMME

(All events are free and booking is not required unless otherwise stated)

ALL CHANGE PRESENTS

Words of Wisdom – Performance of poetry, songs and stories
Mon 17 Jun: 7-9pm

A multitude of different local women's voices – young and old, past and present – come together for an evening of poetry, stories and song – to share pearls of wisdom and a wealth of experience across the decades.

Where: 27 Dingley Place, EC1V 8BR

Generations 2 – pop-up photo/poetry, and film screening
Fri 28 Jun: 11am

Working with All Change Associate Artists Francesca Beard and Leticia Valverdes, our company of older people will stage a pop up interactive photo and poetry event by the fountains in front of Central St Martins at Kings Cross. This will be followed by an informal film screening of a recent improvisation project in collaboration with Performance Design students at 2pm.

Where: Central St. Martins, 1 Granary Square, King's Cross, NIC 4AA
To book for the screening: call 020 7689 4646 or email projects@allchangearts.org
Presented in partnership with Central Saint Martins



ReCreate – Family Storytelling and Music
Sat 29 Jun: 2-3.30pm

Join All Change Associate Artists Fran Lobo and Paul Lyalls, and a host of other young families for a fun afternoon of music, singing, poetry and storytelling for Under 5s.

Where: Finsbury Library, 245 St. John Street EC1V 4NB
allchangearts.org, www.allchangearts.org

KEY CHANGES PRESENTS

#LivingLyrics – Open Mic
Tue 18 Jun: 6-9pm

A friendly, inclusive open mic night in the heart of London's Clerkenwell district. Enjoy a lively mix of musicians, singers, MC's, comedians and storytellers!

Where: St. Luke's Community Centre, 90 Central Street, EC1V 8AJ
@keychangesmusic www.keychanges.org.uk



HOUSE OF ILLUSTRATION PRESENTS

Posy Simmonds: A Retrospective – exhibition
25 May – 15 Sep

Posy Simmonds' sharp satire and progressive female characters have defined a career spanning 50 years. The exhibition features her early-career pastiches, iconic cartoon strips for The Guardian and children's books such as Fred, which became an Oscar-nominated film.

Tickets from £5 concession. Limited free group visits for older adults available 17 – 28 June 2019.
Email education@houseofillustration.org.uk
Where: House of Illustration, 2 Granary Square, NIC 4BH

BSL Family Workshop at House of Illustration
Sun 30 Jun: 11am-1pm

Delivered in British Sign Language and Spoken English. Explore our galleries and learn new illustration techniques using both British Sign Language (BSL) and spoken English with artist and educator Christopher Sacre. £5 ticket includes 1 adult and 1 child – entry to gallery spaces included.
Where: House of Illustration, 2 Granary Square, NIC 4BH
@Holeducation www.houseofillustration.org.uk

ISLINGTON LIBRARY & HERITAGE SERVICES PRESENTS

The Basque Children – The Story of Child Refugees from the Spanish Civil War
Exhibition – 15 Jun – 16 Jul

Telling the story of nearly 4000 children who made Britain their home. In partnership with the BCA'37UK (the Association for the Basque Children of the UK) and the Marx Memorial Library.

Where: Islington Museum, 245 St. John Street EC1V 4NB

Refugees to Islington – Guided Walk
Mon 17 Jun: 6pm

From Huguenots in 17th century to Syrians in the 21st, many groups have sought safety in Islington. Our local tour guide will explore how Islington has been shaped by those who have come here, and the response of the borough to those who have come as refugees.

Starts: Farringdon Station
Book at: www.islingtonguidedwalks.com

Finding a Safe Home – Under 5s Storytelling
Tue 18 Jun: 10.45 and 11.30am

Join Storyteller Dani for an imaginative, interactive adventure to discover the stories of the Basque Children escaping the Spanish Civil War. This event offers an engaging way into exploring stories of refugees with under 5s.

Where: Islington Museum, 245 St. John Street EC1V 4NB

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Coming out of the Black Country – Talk 6pm

Author Stanley Underhill, resident of Charterhouse in Islington gives an illustrated talk about his recent autobiography. A true and inspiring story of a man born in the 1920s into poverty, and his journey to find his true self.

Where: Finsbury Library, 245 St. John Street EC1V 4NB

Hermino Martinez one of the 'Basque children' tells his story
Wed 26 Jun: 6.30pm

Hermino Martinez, one of the child refugees from the Spanish Civil War, remembers his experiences.

Where: Islington Local History Centre, 245 St. John Street EC1V 4NB
Finding a Safe Home – Under 5s Messy Play
Thu 27 Jun: 10-11.30am

Inspired by the stories of refugees, discover how the Basque children celebrated their culture far from home. Bring old clothes and an apron.

Where: Islington Museum, 245 St. John Street EC1V 4NB

READING FRIENDS #ONLINES

Older LGBT+ have been getting together as part of Islington Library's Reading Friends project, exploring the Islington Pride Archive and looking at newspaper articles and images to create their own unique pieces of creative writing and zine of their work. During Word2019 the work will be digitally shared on social media.
#ReadingFriends #LGBT+

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Story Street & Speakers Stall at Cally Festival
Sun 23 Jun: 12-6pm

Cally Festival is a huge one-day street party on the Caledonian Road. Enjoy the Thornhill Primary Poets at Story Street – with poet Paul Lyalls; performances from Key Changes artists; and poetry by B Project young women at a special #Islington4Women Speakers Stall.

Where: Caledonian Road

Presented by Islington Play Association, All Change, #Islington4Women, Key Changes
[@TheCallyFest](https://twitter.com/TheCallyFest) www.thecallyfestival.com

WORD PLAY – Performance
Thu 27 Jun: 6.30-9pm

A fabulous evening of perfectly performed words and sensational sounds from some festival favourites.

Where: 27 Dingley Place, EC1V 8BR

WORD GARDEN

Visit our permanent WORD Garden at Kings Square Gardens, Lever St. EC1. Created by older residents at St. Luke's Community Centre in 2018, working with All Change associate artists Carl Stevenson and Francesca Beard, and Islington Council's Parks Team – the garden features specially designed trellis work, a games table and benches customised with poetry, with a planting scheme inspired by stories and memories of the park and local area.



#WORDS4WORD & #ONLINES

Throughout WORD look and listen out for poetic dispatches from some extraordinary voices ... in person, in print, online ... via Instagram and twitter ... a team of poets will respond and react ... sharing their reflections and creating new Words4Word...
[@WordIslington](https://twitter.com/WordIslington) #Words4Word #Onlines

FROM OUR PARTNERS AND FRIENDS

#Islington4Women - Women's Walk
Fri 21 Jun: 6pm

Join women of all ages for a special mid-summer twilight promenade, from Arsenal's Emirates Stadium, along the Cally to Bingfield Park. This special event will explore the contribution women have made to the borough throughout history, and will reclaim the Cally, as women come together to walk, talk, think, discuss and make plans for making our roads safer for our children and young people.

Start: Arsenal Hub, 56 Benwell Road N7 7BA

Presented by #Islington4Women

Words are Bridges – performance
Mon 24 Jun: 6.30-7.30pm

Word Bridges is a showcase of work by young refugee and migrant writers, created as part of the Royal Society of Literature's 2019 RSL Literature Matters Awards, awarded to writer Rosemary Harris in partnership with English PEN and Salusbury World. After featuring to acclaim in the 2018 Ten Pieces Prom at the Royal Albert Hall as Brave New Voices, the teenage writers from Capital City Academy will premier new work written for this event. They will share the stage with Rosemary, and Tanaka Mhishi. Word Bridges celebrates creative writing as a bridge between boundaries, offering vital points of connection for young people making challenging journeys. Join us for an uplifting opportunity to support and applaud their work. Tickets £5

Where: Free Word, 60 Farringdon Road, EC1R 3GA
Presented by English Pen and Free Word
[@FreeWordCentre](https://twitter.com/FreeWordCentre) [@englishpen](https://twitter.com/englishpen)
www.freeword.org, www.englishpen.org



ALSO HAPPENING...

Refugee Week
17 – 23 June 2019

Refugee Week is a nationwide programme of arts, cultural and educational events that celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK, and encourages a better understanding between communities.
www.refugeeweek.org.uk

Loneliness Awareness Week
17-21 June 2019

A campaign to reduce the stigma of loneliness by The Marmalade Trust
#LetsTalkLoneliness

National Writing Day
26 June 2019

An annual celebration of writing designed to inspire people across the UK to get writing. Our message is simple: everyone has a story to tell and sharing it can be a source of pleasure and power.

#NationalWritingDay
www.nationalwritingday.org.uk