

THE WORD ASSOCIATION

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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. **LYRUX 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 LIBRARIES 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.



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The WORD ASSOCIATION presents

WORD2019 - Autumn

#LibrariesWeek

ARTS | LIBRARIES | COMMUNITIES

a ten-day festival of reading, writing and
creativity

3-12 October 2019

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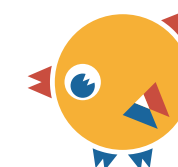
OUR PARTNERS



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, health professionals 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 FESTIVAL – AUTUMN #LIBRARIESWEEK 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
Thu 3 Oct: 4-6pm

To celebrate National Poetry Day 2019, the WoW poetry collective, together with Associate Artist Francesca Beard, explore the theme of TRUTH. With tea & cake! A Going Places 2019 Event

Where: St. Luke's Community Centre, 90 Central Street EC1V 8AJ
Social: @allchangearts @StLukesTrust

Generations – conversation, performance and workshop
Fri 4 Oct: 1-5pm

All Change's company of older people and Performance Design students at Central St Martins are using improvisation to generate a dialogue, a relationship, and a greater understanding of each other. Join them and artist Francesca Beard, for an afternoon of impro, inspired by a 2018 pilot project with Improbable. The afternoon will include: – conversations and short films about experiencing creativity with different generations; an impro performance; and a chance to take part in an impro workshop. A Going Places 2019 Event.

To book: call 020 7689 4646 or email projects@allchangearts.org
Where: Central St. Martins, 1 Granary Square, King's Cross, NIC 4AA
Social: @allchangearts @csm_news



Mole & Gecko: The Show
Sat 5th Oct: 2pm

Mole and Gecko is an interactive rap musical that the audience (that's you!) help create. Join in with our unlikely pair as they make up new songs, tell stories and meet a host of unusual characters. Starring Simon Mole & Gecko. A quest for adventure. A quest with a duck. With loads of laughs and jokes throughout, this show is perfect for under 8s (and their grown-ups too).

Part of the ReCreate young family programme.

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

NOMAD digital storytelling workshop
Tue 8 Oct: 4.30pm

NOMAD is a digital storytelling project led by Abira Hussein (All Change) working with Mmemoscene and the local Somali community to create a digital community archive of objects and stories. The project is part of NESTA's Amplified programme. This workshop brings older people and young adults together, with poet Francesca Beard to develop and capture stories inspired by and which bring heritage objects to life. A Going Places 2019 Event.

Where: 27 Dingley Place, EC1V 8BR
Social: @Nomad_Project_

Block Party at The Mildmays – combined arts celebration
Wed 9 Oct: 4.30-7.30pm

The Mildmays are three extra care housing schemes located in the heart of Islington – a few minutes' walk from one another. This special event celebrates a vibrant programme of arts projects with All Change, Cubitt and Magic Me, which include on-site artists' studios, poetry workshops and cocktail evenings. A Going Places 2019 Event.

Booking essential: 020 7689 4646
Where: The Mildmays N16

Community of Fire – Exhibition and poetry performance
Thu 10 Oct: 12-2pm

Join the Community of Fire – All Change Associate Artists Francesca Beard and Leticia Valverdes, Islington Pause Project and a group of local women they work with – for this powerful event. Sharing original poetry and photography. Exploring the everyday and the extraordinary.

Where: Autograph ABP, Rivington Place EC2A 3BA
Social: @PauseOrg @AutographABP

Grandads, Dads and Lads – Poetry workshop and stadium tour
Sat 12 Oct: 11am-1pm

All Change and Arsenal in the Community invite grandads, dads and lads (age 4-11)

to join poet Paul Lyalls for a celebration of all things Arsenal FC. 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 poetry workshop for all generations. Daughters are of course welcome too – along with the lads – but they must bring along dad or grandad. A Going Places 2019 Event.

Free entry but booking essential – call All Change on 020 7689 4646.
Where: Emirates Stadium N5 1BU
Social: @AFCCCommunity @AFC_Foundation

KEY CHANGES PRESENTS

World Mental Health Day Talent Show
Thu 10 Oct: 6-9pm

A unique annual event presenting a beguiling, inspiring and wildly diverse array of music, spoken word and comedy from artists with lived experience of mental health issues from North London and beyond.

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



HOUSE OF ILLUSTRATION PRESENTS

Morning – A4D Sensory Storytelling through Illustration
Thu 10 Oct

The first of a series of weekly morning workshops with Arts4Dementia [running from 10 Oct – 28 Nov 2019] for people living with early-stage dementia and their companions. Explore techniques. Be inspired by the exhibitions. Develop skills. Surprise yourself by what you can create. No experience necessary!

To register: call 020 7239 4954 lois@arts-4dementia.org.uk
Where: House of Illustration, 2 Granary Square, NIC 4BH
Social: @illustrationHQ @HOEducation @Arts4Dementia houseofillustration.org.uk

ISLINGTON LIBRARY AND HERITAGE SERVICES PRESENTS

Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-Ay! Music Hall in Islington – Exhibition
Thu 25 Jul – Tue 22 Oct:
Mon-Sat 10am -5pm [Closed Wed & Sun]

From 'Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay' to 'Pack up your troubles' and beyond, music hall songs and their performers occupy a special place in the hearts of Londoners and, in particular, Islington. For over 100 years, throughout the 19th and 20th centuries, the borough's many music halls and variety theatres entertained generations of Islingtonians. Each venue promised a unique evening's entertainment and local residents and visitors would drop in to see their favourite 'turns'. This exhibition celebrates music hall and variety entertainment throughout a time when Islington was London's undisputed 'Parish of Pleasure'!

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

A stroll down the Golden Mile – performance
Fri 4 Oct: 6.30pm

Explore the remarkable and rambunctious history of music hall in Islington! Hear from our band of merry miscreants, the 'Naughty Nineties', as they sing their way through songs from the borough. Join in with old favourites including 'Champagne Charlie' and 'My Old Man Said Follow the Van...' and get a taste of what music hall was all about!

Booking: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-show-a-stroll-down-the-golden-mile-tickets-64806798880
Where: Islington Museum, 245 St. John Street EC1V 4NB

National Poetry Day – School Workshops
Thu 3 Oct

To celebrate National Poetry Day, Poet Sandra Agard will be running workshops for local schools, exploring themes of Telling Tales and Taking Words for a Walk.

Invitation Only: to Islington Schools

Open Mic @ North Library
Thy 3 Oct: 6.30pm

Poets and spoken word artists are invited to join this National Poetry Day Open Mic evening – with MC Sandra Agard.

For a pre-booked slot and further info contact: Rachel.O'Connor-D@islington.gov.uk or Nick.tranmer@islington.gov.uk
Where: North Library, Manor Gardens N7 6JX

ALSO HAPPENING

Going Places Festival
1-31 Oct

A month-long celebration of projects which bring artists and older people together, produced by All Change and Cubitt – mixing conversations, celebrations, exhibitions and experiences – all take place in different places and spaces including art galleries, care homes, theatres and community cafes.

Social: #GoingPlaces

Black History Month
1-31 Oct

Celebrating the achievements and contributions of black people not just in the UK, but throughout the world and educating all on black history.

Social: @bhmUK #BlackHistoryMonth #bhm



National Poetry Day
3 Oct

National Poetry Day is an annual celebration that inspires people throughout the UK to enjoy, discover and share poems. This year is the 25th anniversary and the theme is Truth.

Social: @nationalpoetryday #inpoetrytruth #tellingthetruthaboutlife

World Mental Health Day
10 Oct

World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilising efforts in support of mental health.

Social: @WMHDay #WorldMentalHealthDay

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A Passenger's Story: Generation Windrush – performances for schools
Mon 7 Oct
9.45am & 11am Central Library
1pm & 2pm Finsbury Library
Fri 11 Oct
9.45am & 11am N4 Library

Celebrating over 70 years since the ship first docked at Tilbury, the story of the Empire Windrush marks the foundations of multicultural Britain. Meet Grace or Jakob, both passengers on board the ship from the Caribbean, as they embark on the voyage of a lifetime. Performed by Bigfoot Arts Education.

Invitation Only – to Islington Schools

Social: @IslingtonLibs @IslingtonMuseum @IslingtonLHC

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WORD PLAY – Performance
Tue 8 Oct: 6.30-9pm

A fabulous evening of perfectly performed words and sensational sounds from some festival favourites. With artists from Lyrix Organix, Key Changes and All Change.

Where: Central Library – Gallery, 2 Fieldway Crescent N5 1P
Social: @LyrixOrganix @KeyChangesMusic @allchangearts @IslingtonLibs #LibraryLive



#WORDS4WORD & #ONLINES

Throughout WORD and as part of #LibrariesWeek Digital theme – 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 #Words4Word #Onlines