

### Music and dance

## AJOYO (CELEBRATE)

11-14 year olds £2.50

Get creative with Nigerian percussion, dance and Afro-Latin beats. Join one or more introductory workshops and be part of a short performance for family and friends on 23 February. Presented by Musiko Musika.

**when:** Saturday 2, 9, 16, 23 February (1-3pm)  
**where:** Shellgrove Community Hall, Shellgrove Estate, Boleyn Road. E8  
**phone:** 020 7690 9128  
**web:** www.musikomusika.org



### Film

## DISCOVER FILM

16-18 year olds Free Book your place

Free film screening. Plus, join a professional filmmaking workshop led by Chocolate Films. Create your own short feature. Decide on the story. Act, shoot, edit, then take home the final cut. Phone to book your place.

**when:** screening: Tuesday 12 February (10am-1pm)  
workshop: Saturday 16 February (10am-6.30pm)  
**where:** Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High Street. E8 2PB  
**phone:** 020 7241 9419  
**web:** www.riocinema.org.uk



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## SIGNS OF THE CITY

13-19 year olds Free Book your place

Walk people through your Hackney with photos from your mobile phone or digital camera. Create digital maps of street life with artist Douglas Nicolson. Maps will be shown online as part of a European-wide project and at SPACE in April.

**when:** Monday 18 to Friday 22 February (phone for times)  
**where:** SPACE, 129-131 Mare Street. E5 8HR  
**phone:** 020 8525 4330  
**web:** www.spacestudios.org.uk

### Fashion

## BE A FASHION DESIGNER

11-19 year olds Free Book your place

Fascinated by fashion? Get a taster of textiles at London College of Fashion. Try printmaking, work with 3D construction, and create a mood board for a fashion illustration. Phone early to book your place.

**when:** Saturday 23 February (10am-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm)  
**where:** London College of Fashion, 183 Mare Street. E8 3RE  
**phone:** 020 7514 8653  
**web:** www.fashion.arts.ac.uk



### Art, dance, gaming and music

## HAPPINESS LAB

11-19 year olds Free

What makes you happy? Explore those smiley feelings through music, dance, gaming and art. Then invite friends and family to a special exhibition of your work at London's newest art space, Rivington Place. With Iniva and artist Harold Offeh.

**when:** Saturday 2, 9, 16 and 23 February (12-6pm)  
**where:** Iniva, Rivington Place. EC2A 3BA  
**phone:** 020 7729 9616  
**web:** www.iniva.org

### Music

## FOLK FUSION

11-19 year olds Free

Traditional Turkish and Kurdish folk dance, drumming and Zurna music led by Halkevi. How stories, culture, war and beliefs shape the art. Plus a chance to watch The Bus Stop, a short film screened at the London Turkish Film Festival.

**when:** Saturday 16 February (12-3pm)  
**where:** Halkevi, 65 Downham Road. N1 5AH  
**phone:** 020 7249 6980

### Arts

## STREET TO SCREEN

YOU RUN THE SHOW

14-19 year olds Free Book your place

Are you into dance, video or graffiti art? Ever thought about managing your own arts venture? Plan and run a hip-hop project for young people over the half term. Get training and one-to-one support from professionals at Hoxton Hall. No experience necessary and expenses paid.

**when:** Monday 18 to Friday 22 February (10am-4pm)  
**where:** Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street. N1 6SH  
**phone:** 020 7684 0060  
**web:** www.hoxtonhall.co.uk

### Theatre

## ARCOLA YOUTH THEATRE

13-19 year olds Free Book your place

Like the idea of expressing yourself on the stage? Come and speak to performers, directors, producers and theatre professionals. Get involved in a workshop and see a showcase of 'A Vampire Story', written by Moira Buffini and produced in association with the National Theatre.

**when:** Saturday 23 February, 1.30-3pm: workshop (13-15 year olds)  
3.30: theatre showcase, 5-7pm: workshop (15-19 year olds)  
**where:** Arcola Theatre, 27 Arcola Street. E8 2DJ  
**phone:** 020 7503 1645 (Box office)  
**web:** www.arcolatheatre.com

### Talent contest

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## I'M IN

DON'T CHASE THE COMPETITION, CHASE THE DREAM

11-19 year olds

£1 in advance  
£5 on the night

Hackney Empire presents a talent contest and showcase of the best in the borough. Find out if we've found another Leona Lewis. Performers to be selected by our cultural ambassadors and youth groups. To get involved, talk to your youth group leader or phone 020 8510 4500 and quote 'Discover young talent'. Support your friends and get a chance to vote by booking early.

**when:** Thursday 7 February (7pm)  
**where:** Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, Hackney. E8 1EJ  
**phone:** For advance booking, please pop into the box-office or call the box-office on 020 8985 2424 (phone bookings are charged at 50p per ticket)  
**web:** www.hackneyempire.co.uk

\*Under 16s will not be admitted without a responsible adult (youth group leader/parent/carer or teacher)

### Music

## PLAY SAZ

11-19 year olds Free Book your place

Learn to play saz, a Turkish and Kurdish traditional instrument. London Saz School is offering two free introductory lessons. Phone to secure your place and get the chance to be a part of the course and concerts.

**when:** First lesson - Mondays (5-7pm) and Saturdays (11am-1pm) during February  
Second Lesson - Wednesday (7-9pm) and Sundays (10am-12pm) during February  
**where:** London Music Organisation, 24 Stoke Newington High Street. N16  
**phone:** 020 7249 6455 (speak to Güner)

### Music

## AROUND THE WORLD

11-19 year olds Free Book your place

Get inspired by Hackney's global musical styles. Interact with other cultures by performing together. Open to all young musicians. Please bring your instrument. Group performance at 7.30pm. Led by Grand Union.

**when:** Saturday 16 February, 10am-1pm: workshop  
2-5pm: workshop, 7.30pm: performance  
**where:** Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street. London N1 6SH  
**phone:** 020 7684 0060  
**web:** www.grandunionyouth.org.uk

### Dance

## RHYTHM, LIFE & ROOTS

11-16 year olds Free

Learn about the roots of today's urban dance moves. Explore the history and heritage of Black dance. Dance between centuries and across continents. Become part of the future of the artform. Plus, a chance to build up to a performance in May if it's for you.

**when:** Sunday 10 February (2-5pm), Sunday 17 February (2-5pm), Wednesday 20 February (2-5pm)  
**where:** Chats Palace Arts Centre, 42-44 Brooksby's Walk, Homerton. E9 6DF  
**phone:** 020 8533 0227  
**web:** www.chatspalace.com

### Music and media

## UPLOAD

13-19 year olds Free

Are you a talented singer or songwriter? Want to get into the music industry? Get tips, pick up contacts and hear more about our Rising Tide development programme. Bring your instrument and recordings, if you have them.

**when:** Monday 18 February  
11am-12pm: speed networking for artists and producers  
1-2pm: meet the producers (producer, radio DJ and manager)  
1-6pm: recording collaborations  
4-5pm: create your personal recording studio  
7-10pm: live performance show  
**where:** Rising Tide, Ocean Venue, 270 Mare Street. E8 1HE  
**phone:** 020 8986 3232  
**web:** www.rising-tide.co.uk

### Theatre

## BEHIND THE SCENES

WORKING IN THEATRE

16-25 year olds Free

Dreaming of the theatre? What about setting up your own arts company? Come and watch a play being made, talk to young actors and meet successful theatre professionals. A mixture of performance, discussion and drama led by Immediate Theatre.

**when:** Wednesday 20 February (7-9pm)  
**where:** Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street. N1 6SH  
**phone:** 020 7012 1677  
**web:** www.immediate-theatre.com

### Music, video and radio

## POINT BLANK

GET ON THE MIC!

11-19 year olds Free

Try your hand at music production, MC-ing, film making, music video production and radio broadcasting, with award winning music college, Point Blank. Learn how to make beats, create basslines, write songs and other cool skills - plus, use some top notch equipment in a real studio! Tutors have worked with Leona Lewis, The Sugarbabes and Massive Attack.

**when:** Sunday 17 February (12-4pm)  
**where:** Point Blank Music College, 23-28 Penn Street, Hoxton. N1 5DL  
**phone:** 020 7684 0060  
**web:** www.pointblankyouth.net

### Fashion and design

## T-SHIRT DESIGN

9-25 year olds Free Under 13s must be accompanied by an adult

Customise your own t-shirt with paint, pens, fabric and stencils. Express your creativity. Be open-minded. Hear a bit about fashion and design. Work as a team with Hart of Design. We particularly welcome disabled people. Hart of Design staff has years of experience running accessible workshops.

**when:** Wednesday 20 February (10am-4pm)  
**where:** The Huddleston Youth Centre, 30 Powell Road. E5 8DJ  
**phone:** 020 8356 7209