

Leisure and Culture newsletter

London 2012 Open Weekend

(<http://www.london2012.com/get-involved/open-weekend/>)

London 2012 invites you to take part in Open Weekend 2010, on 23-25 July. Join us to celebrate two years to go until the Olympic and Paralympic Games!



Last year over 470 organisations hosted 800 events across the UK; 90% of organisations surveyed said their event attracted new audiences.

Be part of Open Weekend in 2010 and celebrate with hundreds and thousands of people across the UK. This year we are inviting Local authorities, sporting and cultural organisations and venues across the UK to set a challenge for the public to participate in. The challenge could be to create a new piece of art in 24 hours, organise a treasure hunt or stage a mass aerobics session – it's entirely up to you.

How to register your event

To find out more about this fantastic weekend and to register an event visit london2012.com/openweekend. Registration will close at 12 noon on 16 July 2010.

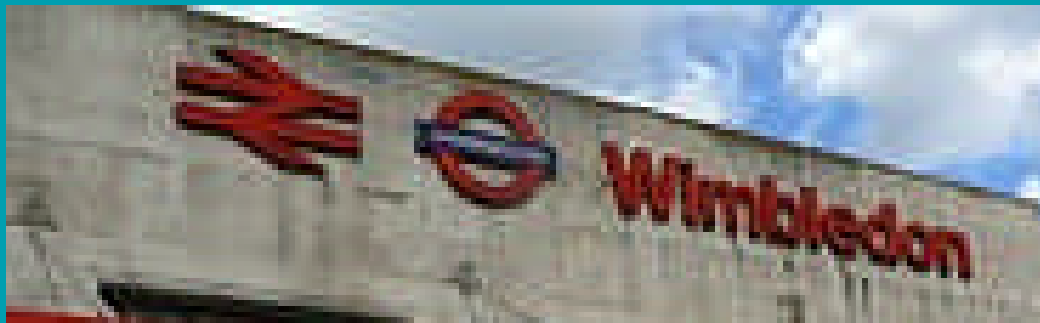
Workshops

We will be holding workshops across the UK on how you can get involved in Open Weekend. Workshops will be held in London on 13 April.

To book a place on one of the workshops or for any queries regarding Open Weekend please contact us at openweekend@london2012.com

SS Peter & Paul Primary in Merton are looking for artists to help out on a voluntary basis during the annual Arts Week in the summer term.

Any interested artists should contact: **Claire Oakham-Jury** 020 8648 1459 (coakham@ss-peterandpaul.merton.sch.uk)



Proposals needed for public art – Wimbledon Station development

As part of the Wimbledon Station forecourt development, which is due to be completed in June 2011, there will be a piece of public art.

We are inviting artists to write a short proposal for a piece of artwork to be included in the development.

The short proposal should contain ideas and concepts and does not have to include detailed information. A selection of proposals submitted to Merton Council will go to external public consultation. Once this consultation has taken place, the council will establish which public artwork concept is the most suitable for the space. The artist who submitted that concept will be contacted to work it up into a full proposal and create the artwork.

Proposals are to be submitted by 26th March 2010

Please send proposals to emily.millermatcham@merton.gov.uk

Imagine Mainstream Arts Sculpture Project

Imagine Mainstream has been established in Merton for nearly three years. In that time, it has enabled people with mental health problems to access employment, volunteering, arts and healthy living opportunities in the mainstream community.

Currently, Imagine has been given a great arts opportunity by the Merton Council Arts Development team and ACAVA (Association for Cultural Advancement through Visual Art). The sculpture project is being led by Lawrence Mathias, a highly experienced community artist www.lawrencemathias.com.

The sculpture workshops will run for six weeks from Tuesday February 16th and will take place at the ACAVA studio in Lombard Road SW19. The project is open to all and it is envisaged that the completed work will go on community display in Merton.

The sculpture project is open to all. If you wish to take part or just find out more, please contact John Vanek at Imagine. E-mail jvanek@imaginementalhealth.org.uk or phone 020 8408 1612.

Changes to Arts Development Funding

http://www.merton.gov.uk/leisure/arts/arts_development_fund.htm

There are now two rounds of funding per year.

ROUND 1 - 12 April 2010 (decision by 14 May 2010)

ROUND 2 - 6 September 2010 (decision by 8 October 2010)

www.merton.gov.uk

National Trust seeking artist proposals

Morden Hall Park are looking to develop a new natural play area in the grounds. They intend to produce the designs through consultation with the target audience at a local school. They are looking for an artist to lead on the consultation sessions to produce ideas to inspire the Project Architects designs for the play area. Please see attached the full brief for the project. Submit applications for consideration by **Wednesday 3th March**, preferably by email but postal applications will be considered.

Lisa Green, Learning and Community Manager, The National Trust, Snuff Mill, Morden Hall Park, Morden Hall Road, SM4 5JD.

020 8545 6852 / Lisa.Green@nationaltrust.org.uk

Working with children and young people

<http://www.mertonconnected.com/civicrm/event/info?reset=1&id=41>

A day of FREE short master class workshops aimed at front line staff & volunteers working children & young people. The day will consist of a number of workshops from which you can choose one in the morning and one in the afternoon. This is a great opportunity to access training on a number of key topics and network with other providers across the borough. Refreshments & lunch will be provided.

[Register on the MVSC website here.](#)

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London Festival of Architecture

<http://www.lfa2010.org/>

The London Festival of Architecture takes place from 19 June to 4 July 2010 and will be a city-wide celebration of architecture in the capital. As London gears up for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games we look at ways that planners, architects and local communities play their part in the development of 'The Welcoming City'.