



# thamesmead arts festival 2015

25th — 31st May  
A new community  
arts festival featuring  
some of London's  
most innovative and  
diverse artists.

## Festival Programme

Discover and participate in over 50  
fantastic events - including live music, theatre,  
cinema, exhibitions and creative workshops at  
The Link, Southmere Lake, Crossness Pumping  
Station and beyond.

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## Introduction from Stephen Howlett, Chief Executive, Peabody Group

The Peabody Group is proud to be launching the first ever Thamesmead Arts Festival. We hope that this week will be the beginning of something bigger, kick-starting an arts programme that will leave a legacy lasting well in to the future.

There are over 50 events taking place featuring some of London's most innovative and diverse artists, many of whom are from Thamesmead.

Whether it's through music, dance, film or photography, the arts add colour to our communities. They can bring people together, spark conversations between strangers and bring new life to buildings, streets and parks.

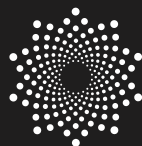
We think the arts – in their many forms – are a really important part of regenerating Thamesmead and making it a place where people choose to live, work and visit.

We're already having conversations with the community about the future of Thamesmead. The festival provides another opportunity to get involved, share your views and have your say. Pop in to see us at the Link to find out more about our plans for Thamesmead.

So reserve your seat. We look forward to seeing you soon.



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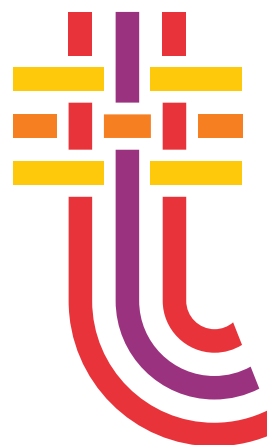
## Welcome

Thamesmead Arts Festival 2015 is a week of theatre, music, exhibitions, poetry and more. From pop-up photo studios, cello performances, and tea dances, to workshops, spoken word, cinema and dancing the rhumba...!

The festival is supported by Peabody and brought to you by local organisations including The Link Thamesmead, Theatre Street Performing Arts, Thamesmead Youth Voice, Bexley College, Thamesmead Library and Now's the Time, working in collaboration with some of South East London's best arts organisations including Rose Bruford College, Emergency Exit Arts, The Brick Box, Global Fusion and the Albany Theatre to deliver a vibrant and diverse programme of activities for all.

All workshops are free and performances are either £1 or free (unless otherwise stated). So save the date, book some tickets, come on down and get involved! Any money raised will be re-invested into making arts more easily accessible to everyone living in Thamesmead.

Check out the back page for booking details.



**thamesmead  
arts  
festival 2015**

# Monday 25 May

Global Fusion presents

## African Music Night

7.30pm–11pm (£1)

The Link Thamesmead

All ages

Global Fusion Music & Arts brings you the finest music from Nigeria, Ghana, Congo and Uganda all in one night of hot African music to celebrate Africa Day 2015. Great African food and a fantastic atmosphere right on your doorstep. Don't miss this exciting chance to dance and celebrate the great continent that is Africa. MC Toun Okewale Sonalya

**Shake n Dance** – Ugandan drumming and dance group

**Seprewa** – traditional Ghanaian, palm wine and highlife roots music

**Ebenezer Oke & The Yoruba Soul Jazz** – Nigerian highlife jazz

**Afrikan Jambo** – Congolese rumba and soukous music

(African food available on the night)

Global Fusion presents

## Africa Day Workshops

11am–5pm

The Link Thamesmead

All ages

Come and celebrate International Africa Day by taking part in these exciting events.

Free drop-in sessions but book to guarantee a place.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

Call: **020 8320 4499**

Email: [contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk](mailto:contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk)

Or book online: [www.wegottickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival](http://www.wegottickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival)

## Performance Workshops

**African dance** – A mix of West and Southern African traditional dance led by Mutsa Mankola from Zimbabwe

**Drumming** – African drumming with rhythms from West and East Africa led by Freddy Macha from Tanzania

**Singing** – Southern African singing led by international trumpeter and singer Claude Deppa.

**11am–11.45am: Dancing**

**11.45am–12.30pm: Singing**

**12.30pm–1.15pm: Drumming**

**1.15pm–2.30pm: Dancing**

**2.30pm–3.15pm: Singing**

**3.15pm–4pm: Drumming**

**4pm–5pm: Demonstration of work by students**

## African Arts and Crafts Workshops

Run by Lydia Tett from Kenya.

**11am–12.15pm: Mask making with clay**

**12.15pm–1.30pm: Batik, tie dye fabric making**

**1.30pm–2.45pm: Mask making with clay**

**2.45pm–4pm: Batik, tie dye fabric making**

# Tuesday 26 May

Chill Pill Collective and the Albany presents

## Chill Pill: Thamesmead Festival Special

Doors 7pm (£1)

The Link Thamesmead

Ages 12+

Curated by Mr Gee (host of Radio 4's Bespoken Word and Rhyme and Reason) and Adam Kammerling (Hammer and Tongue UK Slam Champion 2012), South London's laid back spoken word night comes to Thamesmead with brand new material, including tightly-spun tales inspired by the day's headlines and the ever-popular Classics Corner.

Calling all up-and-coming poets! Arrive by 7.15pm to sign up for 'open mic' slots or, even better, join Mr Gee and Adam for their open mic workshop to prepare something fresh out the box (1–5pm at The Link Thamesmead – see further details opposite).

'Here is an art that remains fresh and undefined' \*\*\*\*\* The Telegraph

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

Call: **020 8320 4499**

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Chill Pill Collective presents

## Spoken Word, Poetry and Open Mic Workshop

with Mr Gee and Adam Kammerling

1pm–5pm

The Link Thamesmead

Suitable for those aged 12+

If you're never lost for words but not quite sure what to do with them, or need some expert tips on honing your lyrical performance, don't miss this fun and practical session with Chill Pill Collective's very own Mr Gee and Adam Kammerling. No prior experience is necessary but a love for words and poetry is. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first served basis.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

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## Now's the Time to... Learn to Cycle

6.30pm–8.30pm

Meet at The Link Thamesmead

Over 18s only

Now's the Time get their bike hire scheme off to a flying start with a two-hour learn to cycle event – bikes available to use or bring your own.

To book, contact [ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk](mailto:ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk) or call **020 8320 4488**.

Theatre Street Performing Arts presents

## Hip Hop/Street Dance Workshops

**The Link Thamesmead**

**10am–11am** Age 4–6

**11am–12 noon** Age 7–9

**12–1pm** Age 10–12

**1–2pm** Age 13–17

These free workshops, led by a skilled specialist tutor, are an introduction to street dance and hip hop. With the success of dance crews such as Diversity, local boys Twist & Pulse, and the recent hit dance team Boy Band and the phenomenal ZooNation, street dance and hip hop have never been more popular. This is a chance to build skills and confidence and give you a taste of what Theatre Street Performing Arts has to offer at The Link.

The workshops are free but places are limited so please book your place by calling **020 8312 1659** or emailing **festival@theatrestreet.org**

## Web Design Workshop

**10am–1.45pm (45 minute drop-in sessions start on the hour at 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 1pm)**

**The Link Thamesmead**

**Ages 14+**

Tutor Paul Chivers from Bexley College will show some examples of good website design. He will show you how to create a website using Dreamweaver software, and you'll then get a chance to create your own website.

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Or book online: **www.wegotickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival**

## Stay and Play at Thamesmead Library

**10.30am–11.30am**

**Thamesmead Library, Binsey Walk, London, SE2 9TR**

**Suitable for 0-5 year olds.**

Come and play with our range of Happy Land toys including a fairy castle, garage, bluebell boot and much more.

Book in person at the library or by telephone on **020 8303 7777** and ask for Thamesmead Library.

## Up and Away at Thamesmead Library

**2.30pm–3.30pm**

**Thamesmead Library, Binsey Walk, London, SE2 9TR**

**Suitable for 0-5 year olds.**

Story and craft making for children aged 4–7.

Book in person at the library or by telephone on **020 8303 7777** and ask for Thamesmead Library.

## Join the Dots – Interactive Art Activity

**5pm–7pm**

**The Link Thamesmead**

**All ages, drop-in session**

Join Now's the Time artists Janetka Platun and Amanda Lowe at The Link Thamesmead at 5–6pm or outside with the 'Learn to Ride' cycle group at 6.30–7pm to join in with an art activity.

# Wednesday 27 May

Bobfest and NCS presents

## Van Susans, Affairs and NCS 'Take the Mic' Support Acts

**6pm–9pm (£1)**

**The Link Thamesmead**

**Ages 12+**

Headliners Van Susans and Affairs are two of the most up and coming rock and pop bands of the moment – expect beautiful acoustic rhythms, assertive electric guitar riffs, slick hair, tight jeans and loose hips. The evening will begin with a showcase of local talent produced by National Citizen Service graduates and stalls will showcase their work across Greenwich.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

Call: **020 8320 4499**

Email: **contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk**

Or book online: **www.wegotickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival**



Emergency Exit Arts presents

## TEAvolution

**5pm and 6pm (half hour performances start on the hour)**

**The Clock Tower, Joyce Dawson Way, Thamesmead Town Centre, SE28 8RA**

**All ages – no need to book (free)**

The Women's Institute like you've never seen them before!

Celebrate 100 years of the Women's Institute with this tongue in cheek show about what happens when women work together to change the world! The WI's campaigns for women have been quietly revolutionary and it's about time we stood up on our tea trolleys and shouted their achievements from the roof tops. Weaving song, acro-balance, storytelling and playful audience interactions, our Teavolutionaries invite the audience to stop, share and join forces to mark the path forward for equality.

Theatre Street Performing Arts presents...

## Drama workshops

**The Link Thamesmead**

**9.30am–10.15am** Age 4–6

**10.15am–11.30am** Age 7–10

**11.45am–1.45pm** Age 11–17

Theatre Street Performing Arts runs regular drama sessions at The Link Thamesmead. These free workshops are for anyone with an interest in drama, whether you have lots of experience or are new to it. Led by a skilled specialist drama tutor, the sessions will be fun, active and confidence building, including warm-ups, games, exercises and improvisation.

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The workshops are free but places are limited so please book your place by calling **020 8312 1659** or emailing [festival@theatrestreet.org](mailto:festival@theatrestreet.org).

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## Canoeing on Southmere Lake

**10am–12 noon or 1pm–3pm**

**Southmere Lake Boating Centre, Thamesmead, Binsey Walk, SE2 9TU**

Free canoe session with qualified instructor for parents/carers and young people aged seven and over.

Contact Louise to book: **07733 307267**

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## Toddler Time at Thamesmead Library

**11am–11.30am**

**Thamesmead Library, Binsey Walk, London, SE2 9TR**

Music and rhymes for children age 0–4.

Book in person at the library or by telephone on **020 8303 7777** and ask for Thamesmead Library.

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## Photography Studio Portraiture Workshop

**10am–1.45pm (45 minute drop-in sessions start on the hour at 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 1pm)**

**The Link Thamesmead**

**Ages 14+**

Tutor Suzie Rendell from Bexley College will show some examples of studio photography, and explain how to create different types of studio portraits using specialist lighting, backdrops and cameras. Suzie will then create portraits with the group.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

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## Digital Art Portraits Workshop

**10am–1.45pm (45 minute drop-in sessions start on the hour at 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 1pm)**

**The Link Thamesmead**

**Ages 14+**

Tutor Tom Legge from Bexley College will show the work of the artist Julian Opie and the methods he uses to create digital art portraits. Tom will create digital art self-portraits with the group using photography as a basis.

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Freshwater Theatre Company presents

## The Fearsome Giant and Other Stories

**Thamesmead Library**

**2pm–3pm**

**Thamesmead Library, Binsey Walk, London SE2 9TR**

**For children aged 4–9. Parents/carers must accompany all children under eight.**

Come and join the Freshwater Theatre Company for a storytelling adventure!

Book in person at the library or by telephone on **020 8303 7777** and ask for Thamesmead Library.

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## Garden Arts Workshop and Birchmere Opening Event

**2pm–4pm**

**Birchmere Community Hub, The Good Life Garden, London SE28 8AP**

**All ages – drop-in**

Come down and celebrate the re-opening of the modernised Birchmere Community Hub (the former One O' Clock Club), based in Birchmere Park and find out more about what will be going on. During the event we will be planting seeds for people to take away, pot painting, building wildlife habitats and running a willow weaving workshop.

Contact Alex **020 8320 4477** for more information.



# Thursday 28 May

Rose Bruford presents

## European Theatre Arts Performance

7pm

**The Link Thamesmead (£1)**

**Ages 12+**

A special presentation of new work by students from the world-renowned Rose Bruford Performing Arts College, before it goes on to the Edinburgh Festival. This will be theatre like you've never seen before, pushing the boundaries of the imagination and theatrical performance. Originating from the students' own research, this performance marks their transition into the professional world. See the future of British Theatre as it begins!

European Theatre Arts trains the next generation of professional performers and theatre-makers. Working across a wide range of contemporary styles, undergraduates hone the skills and techniques necessary to create exciting and innovative performances for the 21st Century.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

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Or book online: **www.wegotickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival**

## Create Personalised T-shirts Workshop

**10am–1.45pm (45 minute drop-in sessions start on the hour at 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 1pm)**

**The Link Thamesmead**

**Ages 14+**

Tutor David Dunne from Bexley College will show students how to use their own photographs and images from the internet to create their own printed T-shirt. This will include how to use a T-shirt printing press. T-shirts and printing materials supplied.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

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Or book online: **www.wegotickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival**

Now's the Time presents

## Family walk around Thamesmead

**12 noon–1pm**

**Meet at The Link Thamesmead**

**All ages**

Explore Thamesmead by foot with our Now's the Time team.

To book contact **ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk** or call **020 8320 4488**

## Cartoon Workshop at Thamesmead Library

**2.30pm–3.45pm**

**Thamesmead Library, Binsey Walk, London SE2 9TR**

**For ages 8–12**

Come and join Emily Fellah to learn how to draw your own cartoon characters.

Book in person at the library or by telephone on **020 8303 7777** and ask for Thamesmead Library.



# Friday 29 May

Rose Bruford presents

## Ten Plus One: Different Tribes, Different Tales

**Performance 3pm (duration 30 mins) followed by Q&A**

**The Link (£1)**

**Ages 10+**

Directed by Laurence Alliston-Greiner and performed by students from the American Theatre Arts BA at Rose Bruford College

The performance focuses on Native American mythology, taking inspiration from the folklore of different tribes and exploring themes of transition, difference and collaboration. Focused around the idea of 'people watching', audiences are invited to observe how groups of people interact in new situations. The story takes place in a school-like building, which seems to transform into different strange spaces.

The process behind the performance involved collaborating with associate artists from the United States, Germany and Czech Republic, opening up further possibilities for the exploration of multicultural approaches to both the themes of the play and the creation of theatre itself.

The Q&A after the performance is a chance to talk to the people who made the show and find out how they worked together and where the ideas came from.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

Call: **020 8320 4499**

Email: [contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk](mailto:contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk)

Or book online: [www.wegottickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival](http://www.wegottickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival)

Thamesmead Arts presents

## Film & Thamesmead – Pushing Boundaries Directors' Screening

**6pm–7pm**

**The Link Thamesmead (Free) 15+**

A screening of short films made on location in Thamesmead, introduced and discussed by their directors. Including local actor and director Kwame Augustine presenting a selection of his work to date, director James Slater (winner of NME Best Music Video 2015) on his Kaiser Chiefs video 'Never Miss a Beat', and Aislinn White from the Architecture Foundation presenting the Thamesmead Urban Pioneers film project.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

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## Beautiful Thing

**7pm–9pm**

**The Link Thamesmead (£1) Cert 15**

A special screening, with an introduction by the assembled panel, of the 1996 film Beautiful Thing. Filmed in Thamesmead, it tells the tale of two teenage boys during a long hot summer and the romance that blossoms between them.

## Ceramics Workshop

**10am–1.45pm (45 minute drop-in sessions start on the hour at 10am, 11am, 12 noon and 1pm)**

**The Link Thamesmead**

**Ages 14+**

Tutor Jonny Mainley from Bexley College will show the work of various ceramic artists. He will teach the processes of coiling and slabbing and the group will then create their own ceramic pieces.

To book, visit **The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS**

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## Scratch Art at Thamesmead Library

**10.30am–11.30am**

**Thamesmead Library, Binsey Walk, London SE2 9TR**

**For children aged 7–11.**

Design and make your own door hanger.

Book in person at the library or by telephone on **020 8303 7777** and ask for Thamesmead Library.

## Arts Award Discover at Thamesmead Library

**2pm–3pm**

**Thamesmead Library, Binsey Walk, London SE2 9TR**

**For children aged 5–16.**

Are you attending two or more events during the festival?

Come along and share your experiences and complete your own Arts Award Discover qualification.

Book in person at the library or by telephone on **020 8303 7777** and ask for Thamesmead Library.



# FETE THAMESMEAD

**Saturday 30th May 2015**  
**2pm – 7pm**

Roll up, roll up, have a lovely day.  
Chuck things, hook things, have a right old laugh.  
Cosy up by the fireside, chat and hear some tales.  
See bands, shake hands, have a little dance.

Peabody folk will be here with info and listening ears.  
Take the chance to talk about your homes and community.



**Southmere Lake, Belvedere Road, Thamesmead, SE2 9BS**  
**Near The Link Thamesmead**



**PEABODY**

This project is funded by Peabody and delivered by The Brick Box

[www.peabody.org.uk/thamesmead](http://www.peabody.org.uk/thamesmead)

## Saturday 30 May

### Crossness Pumping Station

**1pm–5pm**

**Crossness Pumping Station, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9AQ**

**(Limited to 300 tickets, with 150 free tickets allocated for Thamesmead residents – bring a festival programme for free entry. Admission £6 adult/£2 child for non-residents).**

The Crossness Pumping Station is a Grade 1 listed industrial building and features some of the most spectacular ornamental Victorian cast ironwork to be found today. It also contains the four original pumping engines, which are possibly the largest remaining rotative beam engines in the world, with 52 ton flywheels and 47 ton beams. It was built by Sir Joseph Bazalgette as part of Victorian London's urgently needed main sewerage system and officially opened by the Prince of Wales in April 1865. You will be able to walk around the engines and explore their history.

To guarantee entry, book a ticket by visiting: **The Link, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS.**

Call: **020 8320 4499.**

Email: [contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk](mailto:contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk)

Or book online: [www.wegotickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival](http://www.wegotickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival)

While on site you'll be able to experience...

### Join the Dots – Interactive Art Activity

**1pm–3pm**

**Crossness Pumping Station**

**All ages. Booking required for entry to Crossness – see details left.**

Join Now's the Time artists Janetka Platun and Amanda Lowe for a participatory art activity outside Crossness.

And... between the hours of 3pm and 5pm enjoy a tea dance with Entelechy Arts and the Albany, who will present:

### Meet me at... Thamesmead Festival Tea Dance

Swing into summer with a unique all-ages cabaret where cake meets comedy and teapots brew poetry! In the unique location of Crossness Pumping Station, where you are also free to explore. Hosted by hip(replacement)hop star Ida Barr and with special performances by the Meet Me at the Albany company of elders, this Thamesmead Festival special offers a mix of live music and entertainment with lashings of time for dancing and cake. Everyone is welcome – from zimmers and babes in arms, to teenagers and carers – this is what makes Meet Me At... tea dances so special.

Based out of the Albany in Deptford, Meet Me at the Albany is a celebrated creative day club for over 60s, who have gone on to stage their own performances.

'No one mashes up music hall and rap like Ida Barr' Evening Standard

'A fragment of paradise... as lovely and as hopeful as a poem' Arts Council England.

## The Theatre Street Showcase

**2pm–3pm (£1)**

**The Link Thamesmead**

This performance is a chance to see the Theatre Street Performing Arts children live in action on the stage in The Link Thamesmead's 160 seat theatre. Featuring dozens of dancers and performers, this showcase is for parents, family, friends, long lost cousins and residents. See the fruits of their labour in all those dance classes and stage school sessions throughout the year.

Please contact **020 8312 1659** or email **[tickets@theatrestreet.org](mailto:tickets@theatrestreet.org)** for tickets.

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The Brick Box presents

## Thamesmead Fete

**2pm–7pm (free)**

**Southmere Park near Lakeside Complex, Southmere Lake, off Belvedere Road**

**All ages – no need to book**

Come down for a day of song and dance, including cockney singalongs with The Gents, Maypole dancing workshops, a pop-up ceilidh, interactive workshops, a Nigerian barbecue, a camera obscura, Miss Venezuela playing the spoons, and Karaoke Sock Puppets – four iconic sock characters to mime to well-known songs. We'll definitely be hearing a sock princess singing 'let it go!' And take part in: Glam your Gloves – jazz up your marigolds and deck out your dustpan then take them home. Living Room – mobile living room where people are invited to talk about what home means to them over a cuppa. We've been assisted by Thamesmead Furniture Recycle with this and hope to also raise awareness of the great work they do. And much, much more...!

EEA and Rose Bruford presents

## Storming the Streets

**3pm–6pm (free)**

**Between Southmere Park and The Link  
A participatory journey for all ages**

You are invited to join Stefano and Trinculo, two shipwrecked sailors as they float through Thamesmead to discover Prospero's Island of Spells, the Stormy Seas and the Wedding Party. With your help we will conjure up magical mayhem with a pop-up street theatre fantasy inspired by Shakespeare's enchanting play, the Tempest. Storming the Streets has been created by students from Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance and acclaimed outdoor arts company, Emergency Exit Arts.

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Theatre Street presents

## Thamesmead's Got Talent

**7pm–9pm (£1)**

**Please contact 020 8312 1659 or email [tickets@theatrestreet.org](mailto:tickets@theatrestreet.org) for tickets.**

**The Link Thamesmead**

This evening is about celebrating the skills and talents of local people by giving them a chance to shine onstage in our 160-seat Studio Theatre. The show will take an "Open Mic" format, giving a whole range of different acts the chance to perform. So whether you are a singer, band, comedian, budding opera star, poet, ventriloquist or a performing-dog trainer, we want to hear from you!

**Please note:** You need to book your performance slot in advance, but it's easy to do.

To enter the talent show contact **[talent@theatrestreet.org](mailto:talent@theatrestreet.org)** and tell us what you would like to perform\*, and send us any links to YouTube clips etc of your act to show us what you can do. Deadline for entry: **Wednesday 27 May**.

\*Acts will be selected for the performance. Depending upon numbers of entries, it may not be possible for all applicants to appear. Once we have received your application, you will be notified by email whether you have been selected to perform.

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Film London presents...

## KinoVan

**1pm–6pm (Free)**

**Thamesmead Library (outside The Link Thamesmead)**

Join Film London for a special KinoVan screening event. Our special cinema-in-a-van will take you on a tour of your borough on film, screening a selection of archive clips to show you how Thamesmead and Bexley have changed.

Hear about your borough's film history from film archivist Louise Pankhurst.

Find out how you can get involved by submitting your own films to London: A Bigger Picture.

London: A Bigger Picture – collecting home movies, screening heritage film, opening the archives, involving your community.

Managed by Film London, London's Screen Archives are a unique network of historic film collections working together on a common mission. Through our network we hold London's rich film heritage, from feature films to the tiniest scrap of home movie, with particular strengths in public information films, newsreels, films from industry and business or amateur productions. Individually, these tell personal stories, of how life has been lived.

Now's the Time presents

## Boxercise

**9.15am–10.15am**

**Thamesmead Gym  
Over 18s only**

A keep fit session with a boxing element. Great fun for everyone involved.

To book contact: **[ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk](mailto:ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk)** or call **020 8320 4488**

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Now's the Time presents

## Bike Ride

**12.30pm–2.30pm**

**Meet @ The Link Thamesmead  
Over 18s only**

Join Bexley cyclists on a guided bike ride around Thamesmead – bikes available to hire.

To book contact: **[ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk](mailto:ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk)** or call **020 8320 4488**

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## Lego Club

**3pm**

**Thamesmead Library, Binsey Walk, London, SE2 9TR**

**For children aged 6 and over**

Come and make your own models.

Book in person at the library or by telephone on **020 8303 7777** and ask for Thamesmead Library.

# Sunday 31 May

## Crossness Pumping Station – Steaming Day

10.30am–4pm

Crossness Pumping Station, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9AQ

Free entry for Thamesmead residents – just bring a festival programme along.

Admission £6 adult/£2 child for non-residents.

No need to book, just turn up on the day.

Come and witness one of the original pumping engines in action! Restored to its former glory by a team of dedicated volunteers. And Thamesmead residents get free entry! And why not end the day with a cello performance in the engine room... see below.

Thamesmead Arts presents...

## Oliver Coates – Cello Performance

5pm–6pm (£1)

Crossness Pumping Station, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9AQ

Those with tickets for the evening performance who have attended the steaming day will be able to stay on site between 4pm and 5pm

Cellist Oliver Coates is in demand throughout the UK and internationally. In the past year as a solo artist he has performed in China, Russia, Brazil and across Europe and made his New York debut at Le Poisson Rouge in September 2014. He was winner of the Royal Philharmonic Society Young Artist Award

2011 and has been an Artist in Residence at Southbank Centre since 2010. He is known both as an interpreter, improviser and he also writes original works.

Oliver describes his approach to this performance: "My favourite concerts are those presented in unorthodox spaces. These could be post-industrial or with unusual acoustics. The cello has a role to play in revealing architecture and space through direct sound, which can envelop a room and structure a communal sense of deep listening and appreciation of a building. The Crossness Pumping Station feels particularly apt for a recital of Bach, Laurence Crane (with curved bow), and Messiaen on the cello and some simple slow Gaelic songs with my vocalist collaborator Chrysanthemum Bear. The event will also feature music from my solo record Towards the Blessed Islands and a forthcoming Chrysanthemum Bear release on Emotion records in Sweden."

To guarantee entry book a ticket by visiting:  
**The Link, Belvedere Road, London SE2 9BS.**

Call: **020 8320 4499**

Email: [contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk](mailto:contact@thelinkthamesmead.co.uk)

or book online: [www.wegottickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival](http://www.wegottickets.com/ThamesmeadArtsFestival)

Now's the Time presents

## Family bike ride

10am–12 noon

Meet at The Link Thamesmead

All ages

To book contact: [ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk](mailto:ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk) or call **020 8320 4488**

Family bike ride around Thamesmead – hire bikes available.

# Throughout the week...

Emergency Exit Arts present...

## Street Arts Academy

Thursday 28, Friday 29, Saturday 30 May, 10am–3pm

The Link Thamesmead

Street artists needed! Emergency Exit Arts is on the lookout for 30 up and coming street artists aged between 13 – 21 to be part of our Pop Up Street Arts Academy this summer. This workshop marks the start of the project. Combining visual and performing arts, street arts academy makes unexpected art moments/events/performance/installations happen in the spaces in which participants live, learn, work and play.

Working with our professional street arts practitioners, participants will explore outdoor performance and visual arts techniques including ensemble, physical theatre, choreography, live improvisation, clowning and audience manipulation techniques.

The Street Arts Academy will be producing a playful piece of theatre which will take place on Saturday 30 May as part of the festival, where the audience will get to participate in YOUR idea. No previous experience needed!

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## Travis Hodges' Pop-Up Photo Studio

Monday 25 May 1pm–4pm and Saturday 30 May 1pm–3pm

The Link Thamesmead

Free drop-in sessions, no need to book

Come on down to The Link Thamesmead and see what the camera makes of you! The studio is open to everyone attending the festival and aims to tell the story of Thamesmead through portraits of its residents which will go on to feature in a gallery of portraits that will be created – with digital versions available to download for free.

Travis regularly works with charity and arts organisations to tell the story of the communities they work with, he has won a number of awards for his work and his images are regularly seen in publications such as Time Out and The Independent.

Now's the Time presents...

## Bike Hire Scheme

Monday to Thursday (3.30pm–7.30pm)

Friday (10am–2pm)

Saturday/Sunday (9.30am–1.30pm)

Available from The Link Thamesmead Over 18s only

Rent a bike for £1 from The Link Thamesmead with a £20 deposit and a proof of ID.

Further details contact: [ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk](mailto:ntt@trust-thamesmead.co.uk) or call **020 8320 4488**

## Pop-Up Pool

**Tuesday 26–Saturday 30 May**

**Sporting Club Thamesmead, Bayliss Avenue, Thamesmead, London SE28 9NJ**

Whether you want to learn how to swim, go for a swim or take part in fun family swimming games, Thamesmead's pop-up swimming pool based at Sporting Club Thamesmead is the place to be.

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## Watch This Space!

**25–31 May, 10am–9pm**

**The Link**

**Free, drop-in**

Exhibition presenting a diverse range of artworks and projects that explore Thamesmead's landscape, issues of identity and the act of looking. Featuring artwork from photographer Travis Hodges, Thamesmead Youth Voice, Greenwich University Landscape Design students, Bexley College, and artists Jason El Ayouby, Janetka Platun and Amanda Lowe.

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## Meet the Artists Event and Demonstration by Jason El Ayouby

**Followed by film screening**

**Friday 29 May, 4pm–7pm**

**All welcome (free) drop in**

Come on down on Friday afternoon at 4pm for a workshop with Jason El Ayouby and discover the photographic and paint techniques behind his work.

Then enjoy a non-alcohol cocktail or a glass of wine at 5pm and meet some of the artists featured in the exhibition.

At 6pm head over to the Studio Theatre for an event that brings together directors discussing films they have made in

Thamesmead, followed by a screening of the film Beautiful Thing (see Friday listing for film screening details).

**Watch this Space! Exhibition features:**

**Thamesmead Youth Voice** – “I am a human, not a label”. Express who you are and support TYV's campaign against stereotyping. Visitors will be able to contribute to a collaborative artwork, view work produced by the group on stereotyping and explore research materials related to their campaign.

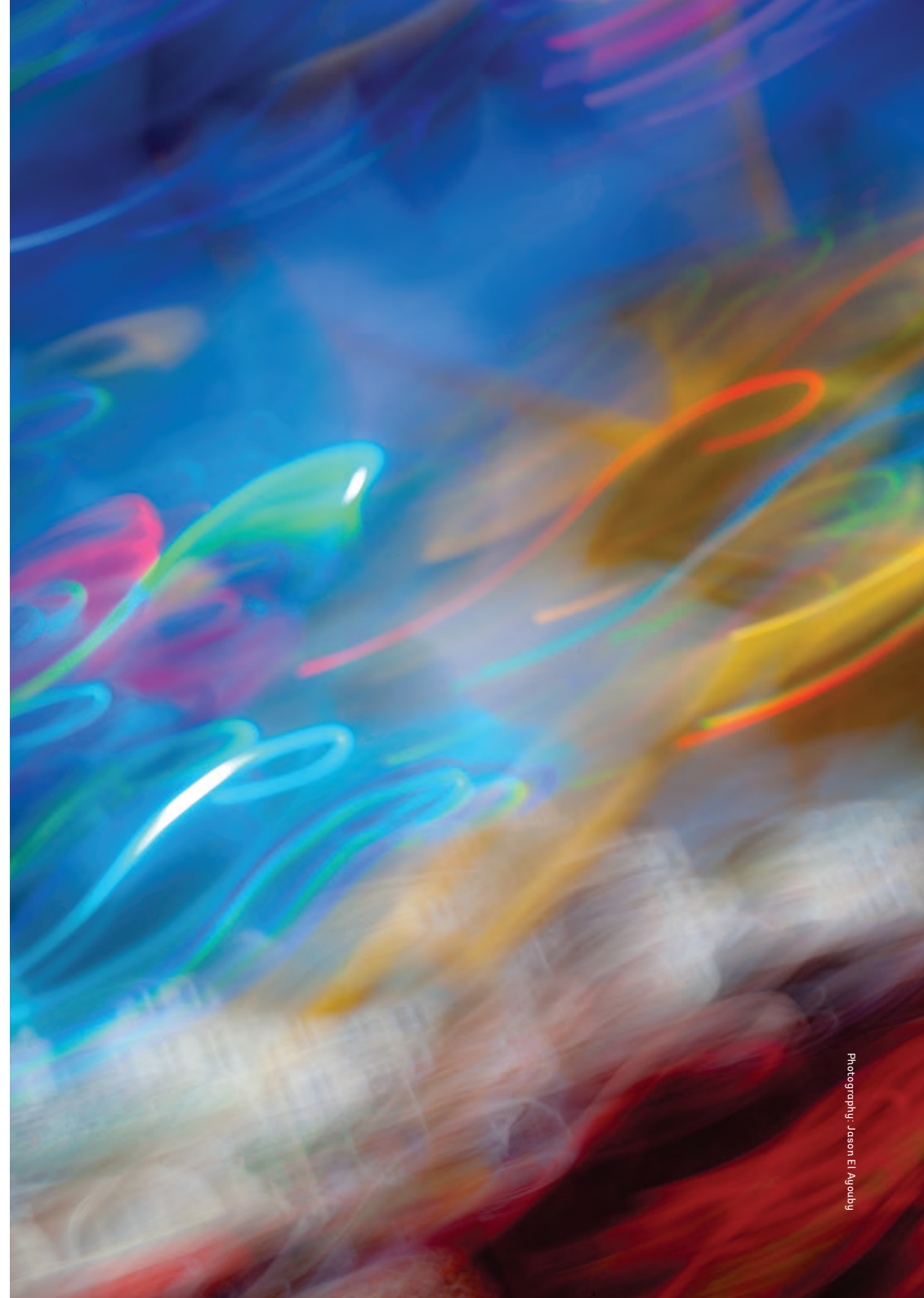
**Greenwich University Landscape Design** post-graduate students exhibit elements of their six-month-long engagement with Thamesmead, in particular The Ridgeway path, exploring new and experimental uses for the area.

**Jason El Ayouby**, a fine art photographer based in London, will display his vibrant landscape and abstract works using acrylic paint on print, and acrylic glass on aluminum.

Artists **Janetka Platun** and **Amanda Lowe** present a large format print and NTT customised bicycles, showcasing the first year of their work in Thamesmead, as part of the Now's The Time project and to launch the new bike hire scheme.

**Travis Hodges** is fascinated by people and uses his camera to explore what makes them unique, from well-documented celebrities to those who have never stood before a professional photographer in their lives. His client list includes Adidas and The New York Times and his images are seen in magazines such as Wired and ES. Personal projects allow him to further explore the human condition and consider how people come together in tribes through common interests or habits.

**Bexley College Art and Media Students** will take over the corridor that leads up to the studio theatre with an exhibition of large prints that showcases the dynamic range of subjects and media they explore through their work.



Photography: Jason El Ayouby

# Contact/booking

All workshops are free. Activities and performance are £1 unless otherwise stated in this programme.

Tickets are allocated on a first come, first served basis. You can book in advance (where possible) online or by popping into The Link Thamesmead.

Tickets and entry also available on the door for most events.

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**The Link Thamesmead, Belvedere Road, off Harrow Manor Way, Thamesmead, SE2 9BS**

For further information log on to

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Or to book tickets, log on to

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To register to volunteer or enquire about the Thamesmead Arts Forum contact

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## Please note:

- We will do everything we can to run activities on time and without any hiccup, however, sometimes things happen that are out of our control which can lead to things changing/being cancelled at short notice. Thank you in advance for your patience
- By attending our events you agree to be filmed and photographed for publicity purposes. Please let a member of staff know if this is not the case and we will ask you to fill in a form

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