# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

## OCTOBER 2014

**Celebrating African, Caribbean and Black British Arts, Culture and History**

TOWER HAMLETS | MAYOR OF TOWER HAMLETS

# MAYOR'S WELCOME

Lutfur Rahman
Mayor of Tower Hamlets

I am delighted to welcome you to Black History Month 2014. This October sees a rich and varied programme of events being delivered across Tower Hamlets to celebrate black culture and heritage and recognize the contributions made by the community to British society both past and present.

Audiences can see film screenings, both documentary and fictional, amazing theatre including dramatised pop-up books, and uplifting, live music from around the world. Several exhibitions tell a hundred stories through striking images relating to history, two world wars, identity, homeland and toys. And the unique Somali Week Festival is back to offer the best of Somali arts and culture old and new through comedy, poetry, debate and more.

There are also a number of interactive sessions which have been programmed specifically for Black History Month for those of all ages and interests. You can get involved by taking a capoeira class, going to a book group or attending a heritage and identity workshop. Young people can get crafty in all sorts of ways including mosaic-making, banner making and cooking!  Create, learn, engage and enjoy!

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**From 'Toy Stories' on display at V&A Museum of Childhood**

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**by Dione Ible, Qemamu Mosaics**

# HOW BLACK SOLDIERS HELPED BRITAIN IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR

Walter Tull has become the most celebrated black British soldier of the First World War. He enlisted in December 1914, suffered shell shock, returned to action in the battle of the Somme and was decorated with the 1914-15 star and other British war and victory medals.

Commissioned as an officer in 1917, Tull was mentioned in dispatches for his 'gallantry and coolness' at the battle of Piave in Italy in January 1918, but two months later he was killed in No Man's Land during the second battle of the Somme.

With the centenary of the First World War from 2014 to 2018, there are many others who have been overlooked in the history books and need to be acknowledged.

After Britain joined the First World War on 4 August 1914, Black recruits could be found in all branches of the armed forces. From 1914 Black Britons volunteered at recruitment centres and were joined by West Indian colonials.

## MOTHER COUNTRY

THEY TRAVELLED TO THE 'MOTHER COUNTRY' FROM THE CARIBBEAN AT THEIR OWN EXPENSE TO TAKE PART IN THE FIGHT AGAINST THE GERMANS. THEIR SUPPORT WAS NEEDED, AND THEY GAVE IT.

Soon after the war started, soldiers from Nigeria, the Gold Coast, Sierra Leone, Gambia and other African colonies were recruited. They helped to defend the borders of their countries which adjoined German territories and later played an important role in the campaigns to remove the Germans from Africa. Throughout the war, 60,000 Black South African and 120,000 other Africans also served in uniformed Labour Units.

No one could have been more loyal to his king and country than the Guyanese merchant seaman Lionel Turpin. He was just 19 years old when he enlisted in the British Army and was sent out with the No. 32 British Expeditionary Force to the Western Front in Europe.

He was in the battles of the Somme and his army service ended in 1919 with two medals, two gas-burnt lungs and a shell wound in his back.

Lionel died in 1929 from the after-effects of war-time gassing. Lionel's story is typical of many Black colonials who came to the aid of the 'Mother Country' during the First World War.

**IN ACTION:** West Indian troops stacking eight-inch shells at a dump on the Gordon Road, Ypres, October 1917 © IWM (E(AUS) 2078)

In 1915 a proposal for a separate West Indian contingent to aid the war effort was approved. Consequently the British West Indies Regiment (BWIR) was formed as a separate Black unit within the British Army. The first recruits sailed from Jamaica to Britain and arrived in October 1915 to train at a camp near Seaford on the Sussex coast.

The 3rd battalion arrived in early 1916 in Plymouth while other battalions sailed direct to Egypt, arriving in Alexandria in March 1916.

## SACRIFICE

BY THE WAR'S END IN NOVEMBER 1918, A TOTAL OF 15,204 BLACK MEN, HAD SERVED IN THE BWIR.

However, the Black soldiers of the BWIR were mostly led by white officers and used as non-combatant soldiers in Egypt, Mesopotamia and parts of Europe. For example, in July 1916 the BWIR's 3rd and 4th battalions were sent to France and Belgium to work as ammunition carriers.

The BWIR spent much of their time at labouring work, such as loading ammunition, laying telephone wires and digging trenches, but they were not permitted to fight as a battalion.

By the end of the war the BWIR had lost 185 soldiers (killed or died of wounds).
A further 1,071 died of illness and 697 were wounded.
In Seaford Cemetery there are more than 300 Commonwealth War Graves and nineteen of the headstones display the crest of the BWIR.

Some of the Black servicemen made the ultimate sacrifice but, with the passage of time, with the exception of Walter Tull, the contributions of black servicemen have been forgotten. It is hoped that the centenary of the First World War will change that.

**Stephen Bourne's Black Poppies – Britain's Black Community and the Great War will be published by The History Press in August 2014.**

**Courtesy of www.blackhistorymonth.org.uk**

# EVENTS

IN DATE ORDER

## TOY STORIES

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**UNTIL SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER**

Daily 10:00 - 17:45

**V&A Museum of Childhood**

Toy Stories is a series of children's portraits exploring the role and function of toys in the lives of children around the globe. Consisting of 20 photographs taken by Italian photographer Gabriele Galimberti, the portraits reflect the impact of the children's backgrounds and families on their choice of toys and highlight the universality of play.

**V&A Museum of Childhood**
**020 8983 5200**
**www.museumofchildhood.org.uk**
**museumchildhood**
**@museumchildhood**

EVERYONE | FREE

## WRITING ON WAR: 'WALTER TULL: FOOTBALLER, SOLDIER, HERO'

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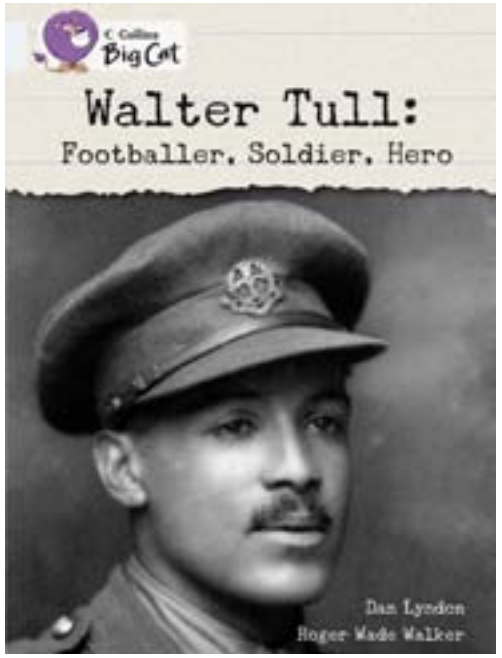
**SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER**

14:00

**Bethnal Green Library**




Courtesy of Harper Collins, part of the Collins Big Cat series.

Dan Lyndon speaks about his book 'Walter Tull: Footballer, Soldier, Hero', written for young readers. Walter Tull was a British footballer and soldier who was born in 1888 and died in 1918. He was also the first black officer to lead white British soldiers in battle. He was brought up in a National Children's Home orphanage in Bethnal Green.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 8980 3902**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN | FREE

## WHERE I BELONG

A

**WEDNESDAY 1 - FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER**

Mon - Thu 9:00 - 21:00 Fri 9:00 – 18:00
Sat 9:00 – 17:00 Sun 11:00 – 17:00

**Idea Store Whitechapel**

This exhibition brings together these oral histories in both audio-visual and written form. They are contextualised with images from the THLHLA collections and portraits, by photographer Sarah Ainslie, of the participants and the groups which facilitated the project-BYM Whitechapel Women's Centre, Zacchaeus Project and Black Women's Health & Family Support.

**Tower Hamlets Local History & Archives**
**020 7364 1738**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**
**anthony.flemming@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

EVERYONE | FREE

## SOLDIERS OF WAR

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**WEDNESDAY 1 - FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER**

Mon - Thu 9:00 - 21:00 Fri 9:00 – 18:00
Sat 9:00 – 17:00 Sun 10:00 – 16:00

**Idea Store Bow**

A memorial exhibition of black soldiers during WW1 and WW2.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 4332**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

EVERYONE| FREE

## PHOTOMONTH EAST LONDON

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**WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER - SUNDAY 30 NOVEMBER**

Times vary

**Various venues**

Autograph ABP – Bandele 'Tex' Ajetunmobi, Whitechapel 1950s

Exhibitions and events exploring the diversity of contemporary photography in galleries & venues across East London.

**Alternative Arts**
**020 7375 0441**
**info@alternativearts.co.uk**
**www.photomonth.org**

EVERYONE | FREE

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- A Arts, Crafts & Exhibitions
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# CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

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**WEDNESDAY 1 OCTOBER**
19:00 – 21:00
**Brady Arts Centre**

Capoeira is a Brazilian art which fuses martial arts with dance, music and acrobatics. It's a fabulous way to be fit, flexible and strong whilst having FUN.

**Brazil Arte**
**07894 716833**
**Info@brazilarte.org**
**www.brazilarte.org**

EVERYONE | £10 PER CLASS

# TRIBUTE TO MAYA ANGELOU

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**THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER**
18:45 - 20:15
**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

To mark National Poetry Day and Black History Month, we commemorate the life, spirit and achievements of poet and writer Maya Angelou, who died earlier this year. Featuring live readings and recordings of her work, this will also be an opportunity for participants to share and explore ways in which this amazing and influential figure has inspired them. Free refreshments provided.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 1506**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

EVERYONE | FREE

# FEED YOUR TALENT

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**THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER**
16:00 – 18:00
**Brady Arts Centre**

Young people can cook and eat a delicious 3 course meal each Thursday evening and learn about healthy eating, home economics and culinary independence. October will celebrate Black History Month by focussing on cuisines from the diasporic countries with Caribbean and Brazilian flavours among others. There is also the opportunity to stay on at the Brady Centre for the House of Talent Youth Arts sessions from 6-9pm.

**Tower Hamlets Council's 'A' Team Arts**
**020 7364 79011**
**www.towerhamlets.go.uk/arts**
**jessica.green@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

13-19 YRS WHO LIVE/STUDY IN TOWER HAMLETS | FREE
please book in advance

# WILTON'S SPOKEN WORD GROUP

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**FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER**
11:30 - 13:00
**Wilton's Music Hall**

A selection of celebrated Black authors has been chosen for Wilton's Spoken Word Group. A short story and a poem are read aloud to the group with a drink and a biscuit. The group discusses what they have heard in a friendly and relaxed atmosphere. Some of the authors and poets chosen are Maya Angelou,Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and ER Braithwaite.

**Wilton's Music Hall**
**020 3468 5670**
**d.graham@wiltons.org.uk**
**www.wiltons.org.uk**
**wiltonsmusichall**

YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS | FREE

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# POP-UP FLASHBACK

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**SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER**
11:00 & 14:00
**Half Moon Theatre**

Sebastian's memories aren't like everyone else's. He remembers troll kings and mermaid queens, deep sea diving super heroes and city smashing dinosaurs. You're invited to enter a world of beautiful, thought-provoking poetry with incredible pop-up books of every imaginable shape and size from CBeebies star Joseph Coelho.

**Half Moon Theatre**
**020 7709 8900**
**www.halfmoon.org.uk**
**halfmoontheatre**
**@HalfMoonTheatre**

AGES 6+ | £6

# HERE WE ARE: BLACK HISTORY IN TOWER HAMLETS CREATIVE WORKSHOPS

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**SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER**

11:00 - 16:00

**Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives**

Two creative workshops for young people (but all welcome) led by local black artists. Using the collections of THLHA we will make artwork inspired by the lives of black people in the area. The outputs from both sessions will be contributed to the archives.

**Tell Me a Story: A mini-zine workshop with Rudy Loewe (11:00 - 13:00)**

During this workshop we will create mini-zines* - using drawing, writing and collage – to document the true stories of local Black history. You can work from your own experience or use the THLHA material to explore the lives and history of Black people from the borough.
*A zine is a self-published magazine.

**Documenting Tower Hamlets residents past and present: an Expanded Portraiture workshop with Evan Ifekoya (14:00 - 16:00)**

Tell your story and the story of those that inspire you through collage and portraiture. We will use maps of the local area to create mixed media self and expanded portraits that document local residents past or present that mean something to us. Or why not find an inspiring figure from the archival material on display?

**Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives**
**020 7364 1290**
**www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history**
**rudy.lorentz@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

EVERYONE | FREE

# FILM: YOUNG SOUL REBELS

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**SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER**
14:00 – 16:00
**Idea Store Bow**

© Evan Ifekoya

A film by Isaac Julien. In the long hot summer of 1977, London prepared for the Silver Jubilee celebrations to the sounds of the burgeoning punk, soul and funk scenes.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 4332**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

18 + | FREE

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# ART CLUB

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**SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER**
14:15 - 15:00
**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

Our weekly art sessions for children are an opportunity to express yourself and get your work displayed! October is dedicated to Black History Month and this Sunday provides the opportunity to make a Black History Month banner

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 1506**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

AGES 6-12 | FREE

# AFRICAN ART CLUB

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**SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER**
14:15
**Idea Store Bow**

Special art clubs every Sunday in October exploring African art and techniques.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 4332**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

AGES 7-12 | FREE
Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult

# SILENT CRIES AND STAND UP COMEDY

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**SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER**
18:15 - 21:00
**Rich Mix**

The evening begins with Silent Cries: a short reading performance exploring the connections between the experiences of Indian indentured labourers and African slaves in the West Indies - led by artist Rez Kabir. At 7pm a lighter touch is provided with a stand up comedy show by special guests, several comedians and Crew (Best Male Comedians).

**Muhammad Ahmedullah**
**07914 119282**
**bricklanecircle@yahoo.co.uk**
**www.bricklanecircle.org**

EVERYONE | FREE

# CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

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**MONDAY 6 OCTOBER**
19:00 – 21:00
**Brady Arts Centre**

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month – see Wednesday 1 October for details.

# WWI: EMPIRE UNTOLD

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**MONDAY 6 - SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER**
Mon-Fri 10:30 - 21:00
Sat 11:30 - 22:00
**The Crêpe Shop and Art Café**

Image courtesy of Whitechapel Mission. Revd. Thomas Jackson of the Working Lad's Institute, Whitechapel, with members of the British West Indies Regiment.

A photographic exhibition exploring the social history and role of colonial troops and volunteers in the Great War.

**Penstroke Publishing**
**07914 276560**
**www.penstrokepublishing.com**
**mail@penstrokepublishing.com**
**@PenstrokeP**

EVERYONE | FREE

# GIRLS' BOOK CLUB

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**TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER**

16:00 - 17:00

**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

Come and join our weekly book club for girls, where you can join other members to enjoy reading and related activities. This session is dedicated to Black History Month and will be an opportunity to explore the work of various black children's authors.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
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**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

AGES 6-12 | FREE

# NUMBI

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**TUESDAY 7 OCTOBER**

19:30

**Rich Mix – Main Space**

NUMBI is back with a night of Afro-futurism, featuring a line-up of some of our most loved NUMBI resident artists and very special guests: expect future rhythm music to keep you moving - hot African vibrations, and gorgeous spoken word.

**Kinsi Abdulleh**
**kinsi.kudu@talk21.com**
**Numbiarts**
**@numbiarts**

EVERYONE | £5

# CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

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**WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER**

19:00 – 21:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month – see Wednesday 1 October for details.

# FILM: KILLER OF SHEEP

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**WEDNESDAY 8 OCTOBER**

18:00 – 20:00

**Idea Store Bow**

Feature drama from African-American director Charles Burnett. Stan (Henry G Sanders) is a gentle dreamer whose job at a slaughterhouse is starting to take a toll on his psyche. On top of the pressures of his work, he's also beset by financial problems. Despite these trials, he still manages to find respite and solace in life's simpler pleasures. Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores

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**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

RATED 15 | FREE

Image courtesy of Rich Mix

# FEED YOUR TALENT

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**THURSDAY 9 OCTOBER**

16:00 – 18:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

Culinary youth arts project which happens every Thursday throughout the month. See Thursday 2 October for details.

# WILTON'S SPOKEN WORD GROUP

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**FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER**

11:30 - 13:00

**Wilton's Music Hall**

Every Friday throughout the month. See Friday 3 October for details.

# DOBET GNAHORÉ - NA DRÊ DANCE TOUR

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**FRIDAY 10 OCTOBER**

20:00

**Rich Mix- Main Space**

Yaram Arts & Chanya Culture Promotions in association with African Night Fever present Grammy award winner and Radio 3 World Music Award nominee, Dobet Gnahoré- Na Drê Dance Tour, from Ivory Coast, accompanied by her band and contemporary African dancers as part of her 2014 UK Tour.

**07723 015654 (Naomi)**
**www.dobetgnahore.com**
**dobetgnahore**
**@naomiforward @africanfever**

YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS | £12 ADV / £15 DOOR

# STYLE PORTRAITS 2

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**SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER**

12:00 – 16:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

Participants may attend one or both of the days.

What do your clothes say about you? This project explores African and Asian clothing styles. Identity can be forged through the influences and reinterpreting of traditions, colours and patterns. Participants will have a studio portrait taken which will result in an exhibition alongside their personal statement.

**Tower Hamlets Council's 'A' Team Arts**
**020 7364 79011/08**
**www.towerhamlets.go.uk/arts**
**sarbjit.natt@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

14-16 YRS WHO LIVE OR STUDY IN TOWER HAMLETS | FREE

# EBO TAYLOR LIVE

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**SATURDAY 11 & SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER**

20:00

**Rich Mix- Main Space**

Image courtesy of Rich Mix

Afro-beat, highlife legend Ebo Taylor will grace the stage at Rich Mix to deliver a show of epic proportions. The 'James Brown of Ghana' will be setting this intimate venue alight with powerful rhythms that will ensure not one person is standing still!

**07791 492504**
**www.ebotaylor-loveanddeath.com/info.php**
**pages/Ebo-Taylor**

YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS | £12

Watch any two CASA 2014 Rich Mix shows for only £18

# ART CLUB

**SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER**

14:15 - 15:00

**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

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Our weekly art sessions for children are an opportunity to express yourself and get your work displayed! October is dedicated to Black History Month and this Sunday provides the opportunity to make a Black History Month banner.

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**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

AGES 6-12 | FREE



# AFRICAN ART CLUB

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**SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER**

14:15

**Idea Store Bow**

Special art clubs for kids every Sunday throughout the month. See Sunday 5 October for details.

# BOYS' BOOK CLUB

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**MONDAY 13 OCTOBER**

16:00 - 17:00

**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

Come and join our weekly book club for boys, where you can join other members to enjoy reading and related activities. This session is dedicated to Black History Month, exploring different aspects of black culture, history and creativity.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
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**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

AGES 6-12 | FREE

# CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

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**MONDAY 13 OCTOBER**

19:00 – 21:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month – see Wednesday 1 October for details.

# BLACK LITERATURE HERITAGE

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**TUESDAY 14 OCTOBER**

14:00 – 15:30

**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

Take part in this event to share an appreciation of black authors and poets as we read a short story and poetry together and discuss the texts and themes as we go along. Expand your knowledge and enjoyment of black culture and history whilst having free refreshments as well.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 1506**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

16+ | FREE

# CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

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**WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER**

19:00 – 21:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

Photo: Gemma Macleannan

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month – see Wednesday 1 October for details.

# ‘FREE’ BY DAVID LANE

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**PERFORMANCES: WEDNESDAY 15 – SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER**

Wed-Thu 16:30 & 19:00 Fri 13:30 & 16:30
w Sat 15:00 & 19:00
Workshops and discussions - Saturday 18 October 13:45 – 18:45
**Half Moon Theatre**

A hard-hitting story of two teenagers, brought together through the dynamic discipline of free-running. When the practice of free-running starts to cage them in, they form an obsessive relationship with one another, their city and the sport they know is pushing them to the limits of what is safe
There will be a series of FREE events for young people to accompany the two Saturday performances. One of the stories explores forced marriage and migration and through these workshops, Half Moon is working closely with the council’s Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) team to tackle these issues.

**Scriptwriting workshop 13:45 – 14:45**
This rapid-write workshop parallels the energy and drive of FREE, led by playwright David Lane who will help participants create character relationships and imaginative theatrical worlds in just one hour. Suitable for ages 13 – 18. Using the play as a starting point, this is a perfect opportunity learn the craft of playwriting.

**Panel discussion 16:30 – 17:30**
Forced migration of young women and girls: creating characters in Theatre for Young Audiences, overturning stereotypes and helping combat violence.

**Spoken word workshop 17:45 – 18:45**
A workshop with award-winning spoken word artist, Azfa Awad, helping young people learn how to tell their own stories through the medium of spoken word.

**Half Moon Theatre**
**020 7709 8900**
**www.halfmoon.org.uk**
**halfmoontheatre**
**@HalfMoonTheatre**

AGES 13+ | PERFORMANCES £6, WORKSHOPS FREE

# THE SOMALI EAST END

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**WEDNESDAY 15 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 2 NOVEMBER**

Mon-Thurs 9:00 - 21:00 Fri 9:00 - 18:00
Sat 9:00 - 17:00 Sun 10:00 – 16:00
**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

This exhibition examines the history of the Somali community in Tower Hamlets. Produced by Idea Stores in partnership with KAYD Somali Arts Culture, the exhibition draws on oral histories of influential and inspirational residents as well as the collections of Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 1506**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

EVERYONE | FREE

# FEED YOUR TALENT

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**THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER**

16:00 – 18:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

Culinary youth arts project which happens every Thursday throughout the month. See Thursday 2 October for details.

# TUNDE'S FILM

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**THURSDAY 16 OCTOBER**

18:00 – 20:00

**Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives**

Trapped by circumstance and lack of opportunity, Stepney youth Tunde Ikoli and his friends wrote and starred in this 1973 film which fictionalised their desire to escape from the gritty East End of the early 1970s. Cast members and director Maggie Pinhorn will be in conversation after the film which is screened to tie in with the library's current exhibition of paintings and prints by local activist and artist Dan Jones.

**Tower Hamlets Local History & Archives**
**020 7364 1290**
**www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history**
**tamsin.bookey@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS | FREE

# WILTON'S SPOKEN WORD GROUP

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**FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER**

11:30 - 13:00

**Wilton's Music Hall**

Every Friday throughout the month. See Friday 3 October for details.

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## LAUNCH EVENT - IMAGINATIVE HORIZONS (English-Somali)

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**FRIDAY 17 OCTOBER**

18:00 – 22:00

**Oxford House**

Drawing inspiration from their artistic, academic and activist work, Professor Said Samatar, Professor Hussein Abdilahi Bulhan, Ijiaba Suban Scego and Warsan Shire will launch the 2014 festival. Collectively they will reflect on the theme of the imagination in relation to their own work, personal and collective struggles and future hopes and aspirations. Samatar, who was raised in a nomadic environment until the age of 16, is now a prominent scholar and academic in the field of African Studies. Bulhan is a leading figure in Somali academia; aside from his extensive publication record he is the director of Hargeysa University and the founder of the Academy for Peace and Development. Suban Scego will discuss the role of female Somali writers in Europe, Warsan Shire is the first female Somali-British London poet laureate and her poetry has been translated in a range of languages. The event will close with vocalist Nuur Dallah.

**Kayd Somali Arts & Culture**
**07903 712949**
**ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org**
**www.kayd.org**

EVERYONE

To confirm pricing, please contact KAYD

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Contemporary Art Boot Camp, 2012 Whitechapel Gallery

# IMAGINING THE EAST END WORKSHOP

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**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER**

12:00 – 15:00

**Whitechapel Gallery**

Coinciding with Photomonth this workshop looks at how cultural identity has been documented and shaped by photography. Work with photographers Heather McDonough and Rod Morris and learn practical tips for taking great street portraits.

**Whitechapel Gallery**
**020 7539 3363**
**www.whitechapelgallery.org/education/youth**
**@duchampandsons**

AGES 15 – 20 ONLY | FREE

booking required

# STYLE PORTRAITS 2

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**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER**
12:00 – 16:00
**Brady Arts Centre**

Participants may attend one or both of the days.
What do your clothes say about you? This project explores African and Asian clothing styles. Identity can be forged through the influences and reinterpreting of traditions, colours and patterns. Participants will have a studio portrait taken which will result in an exhibition alongside their personal statement.

**Tower Hamlets Council's 'A' Team Arts**
**020 7364 79011/08**
**www.towerhamlets.go.uk/arts**
**sarbjit.natt@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

14-16 YRS WHO LIVE OR STUDY IN TOWER HAMLETS | FREE

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL: CREATIVE PLAY (English)

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**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER**
15:00 - 18:00
**Oxford House**

Join us for a fun, interactive activity session for accompanied 5-10 year olds. Saynab Dahir, a Somali storyteller and entertainer will lead the activities which will include face painting, arts and crafts, clowns and more!

**Kayd Somali Arts & Culture**
**07903 712949**
**ayan_mahamoud@kayd.org**
**www.kayd.org**

5-10YRS
To confirm pricing, please contact KAYD

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:
## SOMALI POETRY - PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE (Somali)

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**SATURDAY 18 OCTOBER**
18:00 - 22:00
**Oxford House**

Poetry is an ideal medium for articulating creative ideas and affecting change both socially and politically. Historically, many Somali political figures were also poets, and poets such as Hardaawi often exert more influence in society than politicians. This session will explore the connections between poetry and the imagination through recitals and dicussions with Hadraawi, Mustaffa Sheikh Elmi and Bashir Goth. These more established poets will be joined by young emerging London-based poets such as Weedhsame, Abdurahman Abes, Asha Luul and Abdullahi Ahmed Ahda. The event will be chaired bu Martin Orwin, an expert on Somali Poetry and lecturer at SOAS, University of London.

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**www.kayd.org**

EVERYONE
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Open CASA Community Show © Alex Brenner

# OPEN CASA COMMUNITY DAY

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**SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER**
12:00 – 18:00
**Rich Mix**

CASA Latin American Theatre Festival partners with MWALIMU EXPRESS to celebrate Afro-Latin heritage with a day of workshops, music, dance, food and more culminating with the Open CASA Community Theatre Show – a brand new play created and acted by members of the Latin American community living in London.

**CASA Latin American Theatre Festival**
**020 3302 0660**
**www.casafestival.org.uk**
**CASALatinAmericanTheatreFestival**
**@casafestival**

EVERYONE | FREE

# ART CLUB

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**SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER**
14:15 - 15:00
**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

Our weekly art sessions for children are an opportunity to express yourself and get your work displayed! October is dedicated to Black History Month and this Sunday provides the opportunity to draw your favourite black personality.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 1506**
**ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

AGES 6-12 | FREE

# AFRICAN ART CLUB

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**SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER**

14:15

**Idea Store Bow**

Special art clubs for kids every Sunday throughout the month. See Sunday 5 October for details.

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## COMEDY FROM THE HORN (Somali)

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**SUNDAY 19 OCTOBER**

18:00 - 22:00

**Oxford House**

Comedy is not an established art form in the Somali regions; over two decades of war and the growth of religious and cultural conservatism have further curbed its development. Soran and Jowan are two emerging comedians from Somaliland who have in recent years drawn a large following across the horn and the diaspora. Their comedy sketches are entertaining while offering perceptive critiques of political, economic and social issues affecting the region. This event will feature their work alongside that of London-based stand-up comedian Prince Abdi, the only Somali-British comedian who has performed on BBC, Comedy Central and ITV. The night will conclude with the music of Farhia Fiska and Nimco Yasim.

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**www.kayd.org**

EVERYONE

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# BLACK HISTORY EXHIBTION

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**MONDAY 20 OCTOBER - FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER**

10:00 - 16:00

**THCH Head Office**

Display of arts, craft, books and information to celebrate Black History Month.

**Tower Hamlets Community Housing**
**020 7780 3070 / 020 7780 3076**
**thch@thch.org.uk**
**shema.khanam@thch.org.uk**
**@THCH_Ltd**
**www.thch.org.uk**

EVERYONE | FREE

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## ANGLO-SOMALI SOCIETY YEARLY ANNUAL GATHERING AND PRESENTATION (English)

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**MONDAY 20 OCTOBER**

18:00 - 20:00

**Oxford House**

The Anglo-Somali Society is a non-profit making international society whose objective is to foster friendship and understanding between Somalis and the English speaking world, and to develop cultural and social relations between them. The Society returns to SWF this year to explore the relation between the UK Somali Community and the law. Speakers will include Dr Eleni Palazidou and Abdi Abby.

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**www.kayd.org**

EVERYONE

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# CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

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**MONDAY 20 OCTOBER**

19:00 – 21:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month – see Wednesday 1 October for details.

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## DJIBOUTI SPECIAL: CONVERSATION WITH ABDULLAH HAJI AND AMINA FARAH (Somali)

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**MONDAY 20 OCTOBER**

20:00 - 22:00

**Oxford House**

Abdullah Haji is an arts broadcaster on Djibouti TV, art critic, journalist, writer and poet. Amina Farah is an iconic Somali singer, well known for her fantastic vocals and highly popular music. Together they will take to the stage to discuss recent developments in Djibouti culture, art and music. They will be joined by UK-based Djobouti artists such as Abdurahman Hanante and many more.

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**www.kayd.org**

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# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## CREATIVE DIALOGUE: SOMALI TRANSLATED WORKS (Somali-English - In partnership with Poetry Translation Centre)

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**TUESDAY 21 OCTOBER**

18:00 - 22:00

**Oxford House**

In recent years, SWF has worked in partnership with the Poetry Translation Centre to translate a range of Somali poetry and literature into English to introduce it to wider audiences. Following the success of previous years and the ensuing publications, this session will showcase these joint projects focusing on the work of writers from both cultures including Hadraawi, Bill Herbert, Weedshame and Martin Orwin; Asha Luul and Claire Pollard. Throughout the evening scholars will discuss the importance of translation and the influences of Somali poetry.

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EVERYONE

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# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## WOMEN'S EVENING: ART OF THE POSSIBLE (English - In partnership with the Royal African Society)

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**WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER**

18:00 – 22:00

**Oxford House**

Four prominent Somali-European female artists and intellectuals will take part in what promises to be an inspiring and stimulating event. Nadifa Mohamed, Christina Farah, Ijiaba Scego and Nuura Farah will draw on their literary work to reflect on the connections between art, activism and the imagination. These pioneering young women will be asked to present their work and discuss how their adopted countries as well as their Somali origins have shaped their work and visions for the future. Chaired by Muna Hersi who has recently completed a PhD at the Centre for Gender Studies at SOAS. Other invited guest speakers include the Puntland Women's Writers Association.

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**WEDNESDAY 22 OCTOBER**

19:00 – 21:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

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# FEED YOUR TALENT

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**THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER**

16:00 – 18:00

**Brady Arts Centre**

Culinary youth arts project which happens every Thursday throughout the month. See Thursday 2 October for details.

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# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## REMEMBERING ABDI GOUHAD (English-Somali)

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**THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER**

18:00 - 20:00

**Oxford House**

Abdi Gouhad is a renowned Somali actor, and the first black actor to train at the LAMDA. He has worked with a number of theatre companies and cultural development organisations as both an actor and founder member and his high profile resumé includes roles at the Royal National Theatre and English National Opera as well as on screen as cast by such revered directors as Mike Hodges in "I'll Sleep when I'm Dead" and Stephen Frears' "Dirty Pretty Things". Sadly he passed away in January this year and this evening session is dedicated to his work and the profound influence it had on second-generation British-Somali actors for whom he help pave the way. A number of industry professionals will come together to discuss the place of young black actors in British Theatre in the wake of his extraordinary career.

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Image courtesy of Rich Mix

# THE RETOLD RAMAYANA

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**THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER**
19:30
**Rich Mix - Main Space**

When Daljit Nagra was a boy, his relatives told him stories of Rama's quest to rescue his wife Sita from her abduction by Raavana, Lord of the Underworld. Now an award winning poet, he brings his version of Rama's tale to the stage: wonderful words embellished with a touch of theatre.

**Rich Mix**
**07768 012645 (Julia)**
**www.jaybird.org.uk**
**Jaybird Live Literature**
**@jaybirdlivelit**

EVERYONE | £9, £7 CONCESSIONS

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## POSSIBILITIES: YOUTH ACTIVISM, ACADEMIA AND THE ARTS (English)

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**THURSDAY 23 OCTOBER**
20:00 - 22:00
**Oxford House**

A screening of the documentary film "Through the Fire' will be followed by a Q&A session with the director, Eunice Lau and Ilwad Elman, one of the three exceptional Somali women who are featured in the film for their efforts to rebuild a shattered nation during two decades of civil strife. This session also includes a panel discussion chaired by Laura Hammond with key players on the social and cultural scene such as architect Rashid Ali, human rights activist Ilwad Elman, British-Somali singer/ songwriter Aar Maanta and educationalist Ahmed Ali.

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# WILTON'S SPOKEN WORD GROUP

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**FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER**
11:30 - 13:00
**Wilton's Music Hall**

Every Friday throughout the month. See Friday 3 October for details.

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## MUSIC NIGHT (Somali-English)

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**FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER**
18:00 - 22:00
**Oxford House**

Amina Farah and Maryam Mursal are two iconic Somali singers who will share a stage for this event dedicated solely to Somali music. The evening will also feature the work of traditional lute players Said Hussein and Hudaydi, and young London-based Somali vocalists such as Ikran Arale and Farhia Fiska.

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# SATURDAY SOUP

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**FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER**
19:30 pm
**Brady Arts Centre**

image: Danielle Cargill, Saturday Soup

A dramatic triptych exploring, themes of black food and London lives. Historically food has played a pivotal role in how black people articulate themselves culturally, socially and nationally. Off The Wall Players present three stimulating and dynamic pieces that open a debate around food, culture, identity and the black Londoner. Followed by a talk and Q&A. Off The Wall Players

**07939 461010**
**offthewallplayers@gmail.com**

EVERYONE | £8/£5 CONCESSIONS

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# AFRICAN MASKS AND MASQUERADES

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**SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER**
11:00 – 17:00
**Idea**
**Store Watney Market**

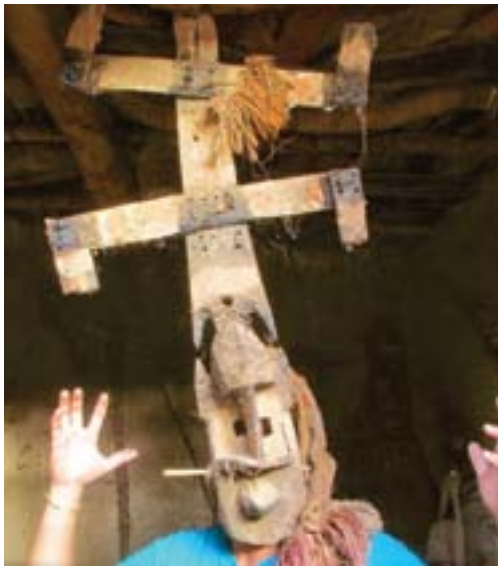

image: Cesar Perez, Dogon Mask

'African Masks and Masquerades' is an event during which we will invite families and communities in Tower Hamlets to embrace Africa from an artistic and cultural perspective. Join us for a full day of African masks, myths, art and dance!

**Lon-art**
**07446 612 107**
**info@lon-art.org**
**www.lon-art.org**
**lonartorg**
**@lonartorg**

EVERYONE | FREE

Photo: Gemma Macleannan

# FESTA DO TAMBOR - PARTY OF DRUMS

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**SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER**
12:00 – 23:00
**Brady Arts Centre**

Festa do tambor is a celebration of Afro Brazilian culture through music and dance. Celebrating rhythms and movement through a series of workshops during the day and live performances and live music in the evening. It will also showcase local artisans in a cultural market.

**Brazil Arte**
**07894 716833**
**info@brazilarte.org**
**www.brazilarte.org**

EVERYONE | £5 ENTRANCE (UNDER 16S FREE)

# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:

## LITERATURE AND POETRY (Somali)

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**SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER**

18:00 - 22:00

**Oxford House**

This session is dedicated to providing Somali writers and poets with a platform to present new work, discuss influences and interact with one another. Guests include Professor Bulhan and renowned poet Hadraawi who will recite some of his work alongside many other emerging and established literary figures. It will be hosted by prominent scholar, writer, activist and editor of the Ponte Invisible Red Sea Press Jama Musse Jama, and books will be available to purchase.

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# ART CLUB

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**SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER**

14:15 - 15:00

**Idea Store Chrisp Street**

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**SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER**

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**Idea Store Bow**

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Image courtesy of Rich Mix

# LONDON INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL

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**SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER**

15:00

**Rich Mix - Main Space and Venue 2**

The London International Arts Festival (LIAF), curated by violinist/composer Jyotsna Srikanth, is produced by Dhruv Arts, which was established in London in 2004 to promote the traditional arts of South Asian music, dance, storytelling and visuals.

**Jyotsna Srikanth**
**violinjyotsna@gmail.com**
**www.liaf.co.uk**
**DhruvaLIAF**

EVERYONE

WORKSHOP: £10 FULL / £6 CONCESSIONS

GIG: £20 FULL / £13 CONCESSIONS

# MAYA ANGELOU & THE CRUEL TRUTH

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**SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER**
15:00
**Pinter Studio (Queen Mary University)**

The Rokeya Project presents extracts from their next production "The Cruel Truth" paying tribute to the warrior for equality, tolerance and peace - Maya Angelou. The performance will be followed by interactive workshops in Dance and Theatre, where everyone can participate and explore the messages of Maya Angelou through creativity.

**The Rokeya Project**
**07946 341018**
**ssdas@hotmail.co.uk**
**www.rokeya.co.uk**
**@rokeyaproject @Showm1**

EVERYONE | FREE

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# SOMALI WEEK FESTIVAL:
## CLOSING NIGHT (Somali-English)

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**SUNDAY 26 OCTOBER**
18:00 - 22:00
**Oxford House**

The culmination of SWF will see visiting artists including musicians, comedians, poets and more return for a final night of entertainment alongside London based artists. These incude Abdi Omar,and Aar Maanta, the voice of the new generation of Somali musicians in the UK who will perform with his band.

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# LONDON E123

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**MONDAY 27 OCTOBER**
14:30 – 15:00
**Idea Store Whitechapel**

A short film on life in Tower Hamlets by writer and film-maker Eric Schachter.

**Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 1738**
**anthony.flemming@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

EVERYONE | FREE

# FILM SCREENING: HARLEM USA

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**MONDAY 27 OCTOBER**
18:30 – 20:30
**Idea Store Whitechapel**

A feature documentary that records the death of the mecca of black American culture. The story of gentrification and dispossession, aggravated by the historical legacy of race in America. By writer and film-maker Eric Schachter.

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**www.ideastore.co.uk**

ADULTS ONLY (OVER 18) | FREE

# CAPOEIRA FOR ADULTS

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**MONDAY 27 OCTOBER**
19:00 – 21:00
**Brady Arts Centre**

Photo: Gemma Macleannan

Every Monday and Wednesday throughout the month – see Wednesday 1 October for details.

# WHERE I BELONG: PRESENTATION

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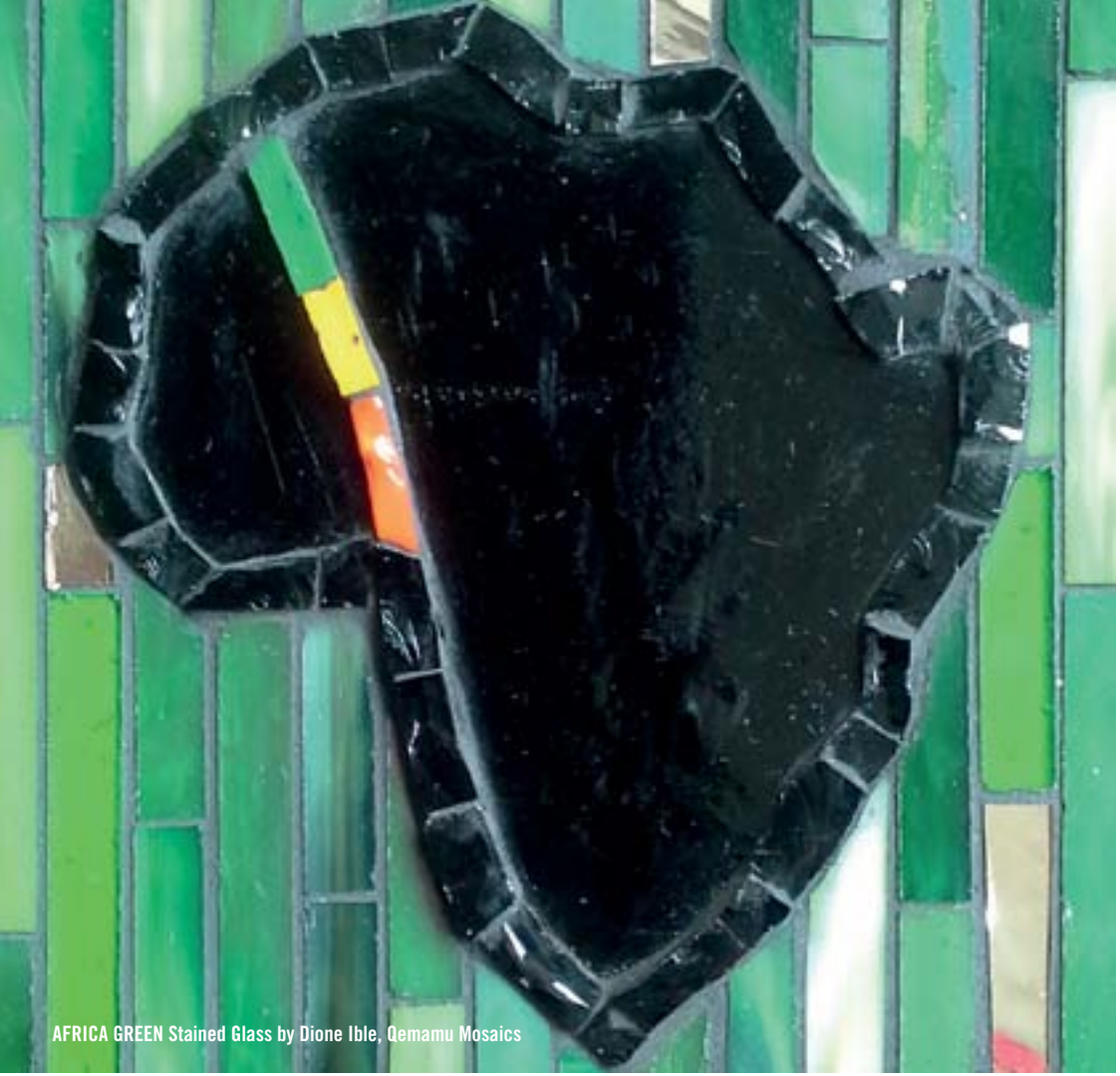
**TUESDAY 28 OCTOBER**
13:00 – 14:00
**Idea Store Whitechapel**

Inspired by oral histories recently collected by THLHLA which record Black and Asian women's lives (see related exhibition), young people age 7 to 16 years will be encouraged to capture autobiographies of their older relatives in a session of intergenerational storytelling. Bring a mobile phone and an older relative!

**Tower Hamlets Local History & Archives**
**020 7364 1738**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**
**anthony.flemming@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

EVERYONE | FREE



AFRICA GREEN Stained Glass by Dione Ible, Qemamu Mosaics

## MOSAIC ART

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**WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER**
13:00 - 15:30
**Idea Store Whitechapel**

Come along and learn the ancient art of mosaic craft with artist Dionne Ible. A craft session for children of all ages.

**Qemamu Mosaics in conjunction with Tower Hamlets Libraries and Idea Stores**
**020 7364 1738**
**anthony.flemming@towerhamlets.gov.uk**
**www.ideastore.co.uk**

FAMILIES AND CHILDREN (UNDER 13) | FREE

## THE ART OF WELL BEING

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**WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER**
16:00 – 21:00
**Oxford House**

This event will explore ideas of how art-based and heritage performances and activities can benefit mental wellbeing. It will focus on people with experience of mental health problems from African and Caribbean communities.

**THACMHO**
**020 7426 5389 | 07745 392 318**
**mellow@safh.org.uk**
**www.safh.org.uk**

EVERYONE | FREE

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**Brady Arts Centre**

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## FEED YOUR TALENT

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**THURSDAY 30 OCTOBER**
16:00 – 18:00
**Brady Arts Centre**

Culinary youth arts project which happens every Thursday throughout the month. See Thursday 2 October for details.

## WILTON'S SPOKEN WORD GROUP

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**FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER**
11.30 - 13:00
**Wilton's Music Hall**

Every Friday throughout the month. See Friday 3 October for details.

## WORMFOOD - NUBIYAN

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**FRIDAY 31 OCTOBER**
21:00
**Rich Mix - Main Space**

Wormfood presents the official album launch of 12 piece future soul/ afrobeat/ dub pioneers Nubiyan Twist. "A beautiful blend of groovy dub with uplifting horns and soulful female vocals" The Guardian. Plus support from 30 piece samba/ dnb street band Carnival Collective, rock reggae renegades Solko, and Nottingham's Sounddhism DJs spinning soul, funk, disco and house.

**André Marmot**
**020 7613 7498**
**boxoffice@richmix.org.uk**
**www.richmix.org**

YOUNG ADULTS AND ADULTS | £10 \ £8 CONCESSIONS

# VENUES

**Bethnal Green Library**
Cambridge Heath Road
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020 8980 3902
www.ideastore.co.uk
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Full disabled access
Tube: Bethnal Green
Local buses: D3, 25, 254, 8

**Brady Arts Centre**
192 – 196 Hanbury Street
London E1 5HU
020 7364 7900
www.towerhamletsarts.org.uk
festivalsandevents@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full disabled access
Tube: Whitechapel
Local buses: D3, 25, 254, 106, 205

**The Crêpe Shop and Art Café**
103 Fieldgate Street
Whitechapel E1 1JU
020 3719 5685
www.crepeshop.co.uk
thecrepeshop@gmail.com
Restricted access. No lift. Narrow stairs. Not suitable for wheelchairs, etc.
Tube: Whitechapel
Local buses: 25, 205, 254

**Half Moon Young People's Theatre**
43 White Horse Road
London E1 0ND
020 7709 8900
www.halfmoon.org.uk
admin@halfmoon.org.uk
Full disabled access
DLR: Limehouse
Local buses: 115, 15, D3, 135

**Idea Store Bow**
1 Gladstone Place
Roman Road
London
020 7364 4332
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full disabled access
Tube: Bow Road
Local buses: 8

**Idea Store Chrisp Street**
1 Vesey Path
East India Dock Road
London E14 6BT
020 7364 4332
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full disabled access
DLR: All Saints.
Local buses: 15, 115, D6, D8

**Idea Store Watney Market**
260 Commercial Road
London E1 2FB
020 7364 4332
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full disabled access
DLR: Shadwell
Local buses: 135, D3, 100, 339

**Idea Store Whitechapel**
321 Whitechapel Road
London E1 1BU
020 7364 4332
www.ideastore.co.uk
ideastore@towerhamlets.gov.uk
Full disabled access
Tube: Whitechapel
Local buses: 25, 106, 205, 254

**Oxford House**
Derbyshire Street
London E2 6HG
020 7739 9001
www.oxfordhouse.org.uk
info@oxfordhouse.org.uk
Full disabled access
Tube: Bethnal Green
Local buses: D8, D6, 388

**Pinter Studio**
Queen Mary University
Arts One Building
Mile End Road
London E1 4NS
07946 341 018
www.rokeya.co.uk
ssdas@hotmail.co.uk
Full disabled access
Tube: Mile End
Local buses: 25, 205, 339

**Rich Mix**
35 - 47 Bethnal Green Road
London E1 6LA
020 7613 7498
www.richmix.org.uk
boxoffice@richmix.org.uk
Full disabled access
Tube: Liverpool Street, Old Street, Bethnal Green, Aldgate East
Local buses: 8, 388

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285 Commercial Road
Stepney E1 2PS
0207 780 3070
www.thch.org.uk
thch@thch.org.uk
shema.khanam@thch.org.uk
Full disabled access
DLR or Overground station: Shadwell
Local buses - D3,15,115,135 & 339

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localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk
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Tube: Stepney Green
Local buses: 25, 205

**Whitechapel Gallery**
77 – 82 Whitechapel High Street
E1 7QX
020 7522 7888
www.whitechapelgallery.org
education@whitechapelgallery.org
Full disabled access
Tube: Aldgate East
Local buses: 25, 205, 254, N205, N253

**Wilton's Music Hall**
1 Graces Alley
E1 8JB
020 7702 2789
www.wiltons.org.uk
Full disabled access
Tube: Aldgate East Tower Hill, Tower Hill
Over Ground: Shadwell
Local buses: D3, 115, RV1, 100, 79, 42, 25, 205, 254

**V&A Museum of Childhood**
Cambridge Heath Road
London E2 9PA
020 8983 5200
www.museumofchildhood.org.uk
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**Bamana puppet, inspired in the Malian theatre, as made by children in the Masks and Masquerades workshops. Image courtesy of Lon-art.**

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# MAYA ANGELOU 1928 - 2014

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Charismatic and passionate, warm and wise, formidable without being forbidding, Maya Angelou, who has died aged 86, was a unique role model who recorded and celebrated the experience of being black in the United States.

SHE IS OFTEN CALLED A RENAISSANCE WOMAN NOT LEAST BECAUSE SHE WAS A CELEBRATED POET, MEMOIRIST, NOVELIST, EDUCATOR, DRAMATIST, PRODUCER, ACTRESS, HISTORIAN, FILMMAKER, AND CIVIL RIGHTS ACTIVIST.

As a teenager she discovered a love for the arts and won a scholarship to study dance and drama at San Francisco's Labor School. At 14 she dropped out of school and subsequently became San Francisco's first female cable car conductor.

At the age of 16 she gave birth to her only child and as a young single mother, she worked as a waitress and cook but in time, her passion for the performing arts took over and took her career in new directions, touring Europe with a production of the opera Porgy and Bess in 1954 and 1955, studying dance with Martha Graham and going on to dance on television, recording her first album in 1957 and acting in the historic Off-Broadway production of Jean Genet's The Blacks. While in New York she also wrote and performed Cabaret for Freedom.

In the early 1960s she lived in both Egypt and Ghana, worked as a lecturer and journalist, mastered several languages including French, Spanish, Italian, Arabic and the West African language Fanti, and met the black activist Malcolm X. She returned to the United States in 1965 to help him build his new Organization of African American Unity, but he was killed shortly afterwards, and the organisation was dissolved.

Soon after X's assassination, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. asked Angelou to serve as Northern Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, though his subsequent assassination in 1968, left her devastated. "I along with a number of young people at the time had been disenchanted, and felt angry and protested inequality," she later told the BBC when she recalled her time with Martin Luther King and Malcolm X. "But until the Civil Rights movement came along there was no clear way to oppose the inequities."

It was around this time that her friend, the writer James Baldwin, helped persuade her to write her first volume of autobiography, the book that would become I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings which was published in 1970 to international acclaim and enormous popular success. The list of her published verse, non-fiction, and fiction now includes more than 30 bestselling titles.

Her writing flourished to incorporate screenplays, and her involvement in film and television grew to encompass composing scores, narration, acting, and directing. Onscreen highlights include Alex Haley's Roots (1977) and John Singleton's Poetic Justice (1993) and in 1996, she directed her first feature film, Down in the Delta.

Maya Angelou has served on two presidential committees, been awarded the Presidential Medal of Arts in 2000 and the Lincoln Medal in 2008, and has received 3 Grammy Awards. She recited her poem "On the Pulse of the Morning" at the inauguration of President Clinton in 1993, for which occasion it was composed.

Having received over 50 honorary degrees, she was Reynolds Professor of American Studies at Wake Forest University and is now widely known as Dr Maya Angelou.

Of all her achievements, perhaps the most impressive was her own character. Life, she believed, was to be lived. "The excitement is not just to survive," she once said, "but to thrive, and to thrive with some passion, some compassion, some humour and some style."

Few could quarrel with the breadth of her erudition and her achievement, her profound influence and her highly deserved renown.

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