



## January 2012



St Margaret's House is a community charity in Bethnal Green, East London. We are home to 38 voluntary and community organisations and provide support to them, as well as running many in-house projects. We carry out a wide range of social and neighbourhood activities and events and run a popular vegan and vegetarian cafe, two community shops and a community resource centre.

We'd like to thank you for all your support in 2011. Together we can continue to go from strength to strength in 2012, and if you have any ideas or contributions please get in touch.

A very happy new year to all of you and a very warm welcome to our January newsletter.



In the countdown to Christmas The Gallery Cafe menu had a distinctly festive feel with a delicious nut roast Christmas dinner served daily, ideal for East End folk for whom one Christmas dinner just wasn't enough. As ever there was an array of intimate film screenings in the St Margaret's House chapel, with fans of every conceivable Christmas film catered for. One of December's musical highlights was undoubtedly a one-off performance from kora maestro Diabel Cissokho, whose CV boasts appearances at Glastonbury and WOMAD. There will be many more exciting world music events coming up so keep checking our [blog](#).

We would also like to welcome Lucinda as our new cafe team leader. Luke and Derek will be moving on to pastures new, and we wish them all the best for the future and thank them for all their hard work.

### Shhh!

On Saturday February 4<sup>th</sup> the cafe and chapel will be hosting 'Shhh!', an all-day event dedicated to music of a quiet nature, an event so exciting we had to let you know about it nice and early. Loads of artists including [Tiny Ruins](#), [Anna Meredith](#) and [Hyperpotamus](#) will be performing from 3pm onwards on what promises to be an unforgettable day.



A short film about David Thomas Broughton will be screened, followed by a selection of silent films made by Luke Drozd, with live musical accompaniment. There will also be art on sale throughout the day, and of course plenty of the finest vegetarian and vegan cuisine.

To see full details including the full line-up of acts, and to buy tickets online click [here](#).



We continue to support the U3A, an organisation that supports people no longer in full-time employment. During January, visitors to The Gallery Cafe will be able to enjoy a selection of vibrant images created by members of the U3A and the Gateway Shelter Housing scheme. The 'Joy of Art' exhibition will launch on the 11<sup>th</sup> of January from 2.30- 5.00 and will remain on display throughout the month.



For more information on the U3A visit their [website](#), email [u3atowerhamlets@gmail.com](mailto:u3atowerhamlets@gmail.com), or phone 02072473283.

### Supporting St Margaret's

St Margaret's always welcomes donations and volunteers are always much appreciated. If you would like to get involved with any area of St Margaret's House or make a donation please don't hesitate to contact us.

We also have an extensive range of rooms available for hire. If you are a community or charity organisation and would like to use our fantastic facilities please email [roombookings@stmargarethouse.co.uk](mailto:roombookings@stmargarethouse.co.uk)



The Create Place is less than a year old but 2011 was a terrific start. In 2012 there will be lots more community projects, workshops and events, and our homemade items shop will return. We are also very excited about our upcoming debut at the Southbank Centre. Of course, there's far too much going on to mention it all here, but you can find full details of all our events on our [blog](#).

### Animate

Starting January 10<sup>th</sup> and continuing on every Tuesday for six weeks, this stop frame movie workshop run by artist [Kate Kennedy](#) provides local kids with a creative and fun afterschool hobby.

They will learn how to write their own storyboards, create models and sets, shoot an animated film, and record voice-overs. They will then see their imaginative creations come to life at the Film Screening in February which concludes the workshop. Animate! is making its London debut after being praised by schools in Newcastle.

[Book online](#) as spaces are limited.



### Eco Design

Looking to save money on expensive furnishings? The Create Place will be hosting a series of classes in which participants will learn the different steps of creating cardboard furniture from re-cycled cardboard. Participants will learn a range of practical skills, and come away with lots of creative, eco-friendly ideas. [Book online](#) as spaces are limited.

### What's on this month @ The Gallery Cafe

**Friday 6th** - Book Launch: 'Tired of London, Tired of Life'. 7pm -10.30pm. Free.

**Saturday 7th** - Folklore: Andy Oliveri, O Chapman, Drew Worthley. 7.30pm. £6

**Sunday 8th** - Sunday Jazz: Catherine Lima. 6pm. Free.

**Tuesday 10th** - Eyes and Ears Cinema: Cool Runnings (1993 - PG). 7pm. Free.

**Saturday 14th** - Word House: Ross Sutherland, Holly McNish, Adam Kammerland. 7.30pm - 10.15pm. £5/4

**Sunday 15th** - Sunday Jazz: Sue Jameson. 6pm. Free.

**Tuesday 17th** - Book Club: The Great Gatsby. 6pm. Free.

**Saturday 21st** - Tabarnak. Doors @ 7pm. £5 door, £3 adv.

**Sunday 22nd** - Sunday Jazz: Annie Dehaney-Steven. 6pm. Free.

**Monday 23rd** - Chapel Cinema: Nosferatu (2003 - PG) with live music. 6.30pm, film at 7pm.

**Thursday 26th** - Gay Film Night. 6.30pm, film at 7pm. Details TBC.

**Friday 27th** - Live music: Bohemios Auroizaos. Details TBC.

**Sunday 29th** - Sunday Jazz: Yuki Umiguchi. 6pm. Free.

**Tuesday 31st** - Bethnal Green Transition film screening: Just Do It. 7pm. Free.