

Somers Town Community Newsletter

Somers Town Festival 2025

A selection of photos from the festival, particularly highlighting the **GREEN ZONE** which featured some of the amazing community-led projects and organisations that are working for a more sustainable future.

The Somers Town Festival is Camden's largest street festival.
For more information visit: <https://somerstowfestival.co.uk/>



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STCA's 40th Anniversary

Last 15th of July, STCA officially marked its 40th year. It was an informal, drop-in session filled with cake, amazing food from Spicy Laass, creativity and good conversations. Big thanks to all who made the effort to join us and found ways to get involved and give support. For four decades, STCA has been a part of the Somers Town community, providing vital support, fostering connections, and creating a safe hub for residents. The road to where we are now has not always been smooth but it has always been worthwhile. We look forward to continuing our service for years to come.



Sarah Elie
Executive Director
Somers Town Community Association
150 Ossulston Street
London
NW1 1EE

Our Ref: JS/KS54859

17 July 2025

Dear Mrs Elie and all at Somers Town Community Association,

I am delighted to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Somers Town Community Association as you celebrate your 40th anniversary year.

Your work has been vital in shaping a vibrant and supportive neighbourhood, a place where culture and community thrive together, and where collective efforts create lasting positive change.

This milestone is a testament to the dedication and passion of all those involved who have tirelessly gone the extra mile for the betterment of the community.

Congratulations on four decades of remarkable service, and best wishes for many more years of continued success and growth.

Yours sincerely,

The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer KC, MP
Member of Parliament for Holborn & St Pancras
Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury



Camden's play offer

The play provision in Camden is run by community and voluntary organisations. They are funded by the Council to provide after-school clubs and holiday play schemes for children aged four to 12. This provision includes specialist services for children and young people with additional needs.

For summer holiday play scheme dates visit:
<https://tinyurl.com/58k5sx4y>

Summer in Camden

The council have recently published their Summer in Camden guide, which promotes free and low-cost activities and events for all ages over the summer. Activities including community festivals, arts and culture, physical activity and wellbeing, and activities for children and young people. A printed guide is available in the summer edition of the Camden magazine.

Visit <https://www.wemakecamden.org.uk/summer2025/>

August events

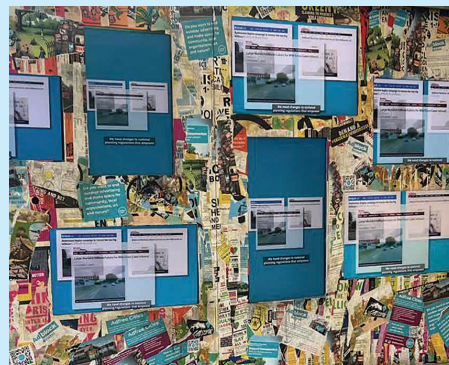
Prepare yourself for a spectacular month with our selection of the best events, exhibitions and things to do in London during August 2025.

Visit <https://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do/london-events-in-august>

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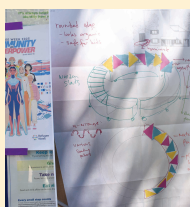
London Climate Action Week 2025

An incredible week as first time participants and a hub for London Climate Action Week 2025, co-hosting alongside an entire week of inspiring and meaningful 700+ events. Thank you to all those who believed in us and supported us. Looking forward to next year and the COP30 of events we're hosting later this year.



Co-Build Day with UCL IGP

Co-Build Project with UCL's Institute for Global Prosperity, Camden Council and other collaborators: Tile making and wood carving workshops with asylum seekers and residents. For more information or enquiries on similar opportunities, please contact deepika@thelivingcentre.org



PEOPLE'S MUSEUM

Art in Everyday Life Heritage Trail Launch

A Space for Us People's Museum is launching a new heritage trail exploring the lost heritage of Gilbert Bayes' 'Art in Everyday Life' sculptures scattered across the St Pancras Housing Estates. This will include three new finial sculptures, on the theme of 'Radicals, Reformers and Uncommon People'; and a digital trail with AR models of the lost artworks, designed by Central St Martins, plus local stories and folk tales.

We'll have two events showcasing the new trail during Open House Festival this September:

Thursday 18th September, 5.30pm

People's Museum, 52 Phoenix Road, NW1 1ES

An evening event launching the new heritage trail. Enjoy a guided walk of the new trail, and hear from those involved in the project, including architects Edit Collective, Central St Martins, artists Camilla Bliss and Dr. Melanie Jackson, and A Space for Us People's Museum.

Saturday 20th September, 2-4pm

Basil Jellicoe Hall, Drummond Crescent, NW1 1LE

Join us on a guided walk to launch the new trail, meet those behind the project and get to grips with ceramics in an artist-guided workshop. With Edit Collective, Central St Martins and artists Camilla Bliss and Dr. Melanie Jackson.

**People's Museum
52 Phoenix Road, London NW1 1ES**

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BRITISH
LIBRARY

Somers Town Compact Manager

An exciting job opportunity
to be part of the British Library
Extension Project

Working with Somers Town Community Association, we need a local resident, or someone with a good knowledge of Somers Town who will help us deliver meaningful social impact:

- Working with SMBL, the British Library and the Construction Manager
- Chairing the Construction Working Group and establishing a Steering Group
- Leading on the community garden co-design
- Focusing on local procurement, job opportunities, work experience and apprenticeships for local people
- Setting up projects that will link future occupiers with the local community

Recruiting in Autumn 2025.

For more information, visit
<https://tinyurl.com/4z45unt6>
or scan the QR code.



If you're interested in this opportunity, please
contact smb1@redwoodcomms.co.uk



Come to the Open House all day on
Saturday, 13th September 2025

Hear our repair strategy
at 01:00 pm from Alex Veal, ARTARCHITECTS



Open House details here:

The Friends of St Mary's Church Somers Town is a charity that
aims to protect and celebrate the heritage of St Mary the Virgin,
Eversholt Street. We want to raise funds to restore the church,
as well as to promote public awareness of the church and its
place in the history of Somers Town.

To get involved or for more info, visit:
www.friendsofstmaryssomertown.org



Eversholt St,
London NW1 1BN

Email: StMarysChurchFriends@gmail.com

ALL ARE WELCOME

GLOBAL
GENERATION



TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 2025

6 - 9 pm

STORY GARDEN, OSSULSTON STREET
NW1 1DF

TICKETS: £50*

*this is a fundraiser - thank you for your support

FAMILY SATURDAYS @ Story Garden Every Saturday, 11am to 4pm

Saturday 2nd August

- A fantastic creative mash-up with Fran the Potter and Puppet maker Kelly! Details to follow, but book for guaranteed fun and potential messiness!
- Plant sale at the Story Garden – all home-grown plants for gifting to family, friends, and pollinators. (Note: there's a plant sale on the first Saturday of every month, so this aligns with the first Friday event).

Saturday 9th August

- Make your own healthy, fizzy soft drink and fermented cordials with Lydia at the Story Garden! Bring a small jar or empty plastic bottle to take your fizzy drink home and design your own label! Let's drink to that!

What happens to the programmes and activities?

Global Generation's programmes will run as normal until our September closure and then will pause before moving to our new site. Keep in the loop by attending events this summer.

The Make Space located in Story Garden will continue to run programming until the end of July with much of the equipment at the Make Space then being relocated to the Community Climate Learning Hub at STCA.

Everyone involved in the management and facilitation of these spaces would like to also take this opportunity to thank everyone involved from design, inception to delivery and use. It has been an amazing journey so far and we are forever grateful to all those that made it happen and have worked tirelessly to make Make Space and The Story Garden the special place it has been and we look forward to the next chapter. Thank you for all your support!

For further information, please visit
<https://www.globalgeneration.org.uk/events>
or scan the QR code



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TRAININGLINK <https://traininglink.org.uk>

JOIN TRUSTEES




WE ARE RECRUITING A NEW TRUSTEE!

SCENE & HEARD

CREATIVE ARTS WEEKS

A PERFORMING ARTS SUMMER CAMP
FREE AND OPEN TO CHILDREN IN SOMERS TOWN AGED 7-12

7-9 YEAR OLDS
4-8 AUGUST

10-12 YEAR OLDS
11-15 AUGUST

Monday to Friday, 10am - 3.30pm
Lunch and snacks provided



To register for Creative Arts Week 2025

Text, WhatsApp, Email or Call Katie:
07522 557 703
katie@sceneandheard.org

Scene & Heard HQ
Corner of Chalton Street & Polygon Road
Entrance next to Plot 10

The St Pancras & Somers Town Living Centre

West Central London Fixers

CAF

LEARN-ELECTRONIC REPAIR & EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP



Watch, learn and get hands-on experience for free at this community electronic repair workshop. Get assistance with CV writing and job interviews.

SOMERS TOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
MAIN HALL
150 OSSULSTON STREET NW1 1EE
Tuesday 11th Aug 10am - 4pm

Book now by scanning the QR code or call Alex on 07773 898 806 for more information.

Limited availability.



VOLUNTEER

SOMERS TOWN
Volunteering Roles and Training Opportunities
NETWORK

LATEST VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Feast With Us – Donations – 2-3 volunteers required
Thursdays – 10.45am - 2.00/2.30pm approx

- Unloading, sorting, date checking and displaying of food.
- Managing clients in a fair and orderly fashion + signposting.
- Creating and maintaining accurate weekly spreadsheets.
- Sweeping and mopping of the hall, adequate disposal of waste food – changing bins.

For more information
email kylie@thelivingcentre.org or tel 020 7380 0453

Somers Town
Future Neighbourhoods
2030
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The St Pancras & Somers Town Living Centre

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FREE AGES 5-14



KINDLE CORNER SUMMER HALF PROGRAM



**28th July-21st August
11am-3pm**



**Somers Town Community
Centre NW1 1EE**



- SPORTS
- STORYTELLING
- DAY TRIPS
- COOKING
- ARTS & CRAFTS

HURRY!

**DON'T WAIT, REGISTER YOUR
CHILD'S SPOT TODAY!**



SCAN ME

<https://book.plinth.org.uk/calendar/ly9ultDHV1FHKtijs8qb>

Discover what's possible at Working Men's College, Camden, NW1 1TR – Courses open for 2025/26

WM College is more than just a place to study, it's a welcoming space where adults of all backgrounds come together to learn, grow and connect. With flexible daytime, evening, and weekend courses, learning can fit around your life. Many courses are low-cost or free, and all are taught by supportive, experienced tutors.

From green skills and fashion to maths, bookkeeping, languages and woodcarving, there's something for everyone, whether you're returning to learning or starting fresh.

Explore our full range of courses at <https://www.wmcollege.ac.uk/> or scan the QR code.



IT drop-in sessions – Open over the summer

Training Link is open over the summer! We are not running classes but we will be running our regular informal IT/computer drop in every Tuesday and Thursday from 2pm to 5pm. Here you get the use of a laptop, headphones and internet **free** of charge. We can also help you get started if you are not used to working on a laptop and we can suggest useful websites for practicing working on a laptop or improving your English. **All are welcome.**

Training Link Open Day

Thursday 4th September 2025, 11am to 4pm

All are welcome to the Open Day when you can chat with the tutors and register for the Autumn classes. **Free** refreshments!

For more information, please call

020 7383 5405 or email

director@traininglink.org.uk



CAMDEN HIGHLINE

Local charity, Camden Highline, are offering **free, guided, heritage walking tours** that weave together the history of Camden Town and the emerging story of the Camden Highline.

What to expect

- A two-hour walk led by the Camden Highline team and local guides
- Hidden physical clues, untold stories, and glimpses into Camden's industrial heritage
- Insight into the plans and vision behind the Camden Highline and it's story
- Everyone is welcome to share your own stories and memories along the way

The tour starts at Camden Collective (also Highline HQ), winds through Camden Market, and follows the Victorian railway viaduct at ground level to King's Cross, rounding up just north of Coal Drops Yard. Please follow the link to express your interest: <https://www.trackingtheheritage.com/walking-tour-booking> or scan the QR code to express your interest.

Camden Highline Top Container, 5-7 Buck Street, London NW1 8NJ

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HOW TO FIND US

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Committed to tackling
the climate and ecological
emergencies, whilst
addressing London's health
and social inequalities.



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Other announcements are also available and can be posted digitally on www.thelivingcentre.org

Connect with volunteering, training and job opportunities – Visit the Job Hub