



THE WHITE HOUSE

884 GREEN LANE, RM8 1BX

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Dear Resident,

We've been really busy since opening in summer 2016. Six artists have lived at the White House and joined people living in the area to explore the estate's past, what it's like to live here now, what can be grown here and what people can make here. As a result we have produced pantomimes, film screenings and debates, we have cooked together, learnt how to crochet and to oil paint, and the community of people that use the house is continuing to grow and take shape.

This winter we have a new artist in residence, are working with the Victoria & Albert Museum, have a new house caretaker, as well as the usual programme of regular activities led by brilliant local artists for you to get involved with. If we haven't met you yet, please don't hesitate to pop round on a Wednesday or Friday to say hello. We especially want to hear if you have an idea of something you would like to run, or for a workshop or event you'd like to see happen at the house.

We are really excited for what the next phase in the life of the house will bring and look forward to sharing it with you.

See you soon!

All at The White House

Dagenham Art & Music Ensemble (D.A.M.E.)

Like all the greats, D.A.M.E formed briefly and enigmatically on a hot summers day during artist Alice Theobald's residency. Led by Alice and made up of regulars to the house on keyboards, drums, guitars and harmonicas; for some participants it was their first time playing an instrument. D.A.M.E's infamous jam session was recorded and has been mixed with verses written by our poetry group. Call into the house to give it a listen.

"To be honest I didn't know what to expect and I must say I was pleasantly surprised!" -Terry Bickell

Your New Neighbours

Dagenham resident and everyone's favourite Dave Gore is our new live in house caretaker. Dave has volunteered at the White House since we opened, helping create the amazing set and props for artist Chad McCail's production of Jack, Jill & the Beanstalk at the Civic Centre last Christmas - making his reluctant acting debut as the giant's head. Since he has become an invaluable part of house, helping out with workshops and keeping our garden looking great.

In November, Berlin-based artist Wouter Osterholt will move into the White House to begin his residency. Selected in collaboration with the Victoria & Albert Museum Wouter's project will explore the utopian origins of the Becontree Estate. Wouter will form a study group, and plans to create a mobile watercolour group on the estate. Interested in history, architecture, local activism or community organising? Call in for a chat.

Beacon Garden

Artist collective THEY ARE HERE spent the summer working with local residents to kick start the transformation of our carpark into a garden. Beginners' woodwork sessions resulted in new seedbeds and a temporary sculpture. Right now we have tomatoes, sage, thyme, garlic and onions growing on site. Next month a civic engineer will assess what's beneath the tarmac. Once that's clear we'll be getting in touch to hear your suggestions for its future!

A PUBLIC SPACE FOR ART & SOCIAL ACTIVITY

The Front Room

Alongside the artist residencies, the house hosts the Front Room Programme, a series of workshops, classes and events designed in collaboration with and led by people living in the area.

Opening Times

We are open to the public on Wednesday's, between **10am – 5pm**, & **6.30pm – 8.30pm** and Friday's between **10am – 5pm**.

All welcome to drop in during these times either for a class or for a coffee to find out what is going on.

Dates for Your Diary

Poetry Circle

First Wednesday of each month **10:30am – 1pm**
(Adult group)

Lino Printing with local artist Keren

Second Wednesday of each month, **11am – 2pm**
(Adult class)

Art Class with local artist Miro

Wednesday evenings, **6.30pm – 8.30pm**
(Adult class)

Peaced Together

Thursdays **7pm – 9pm**

Exploring mosaic, decoupage, quilting, weaving and painting as art therapy.

(Women only closed group – please email to book)

Coffee Morning

Fridays **11am to 1pm**

Free craft activities over coffee.

(All welcome)

Gingerbread Friendship Group

Meet up for single parent families, days/times differ depending on the activity and/or event.

Email Christina on gingerbreadlbbd@gmail.com or pop into the house during the opening times to find out more.

Book Reading/Q&A with local author Julie Sanford

Sat **21st October from 4pm** (one off event)

Author of *Sculpting Amanda* and *Heart-shaped Shackles* Julie Sanford will join us to deliver a talk on her experiences as a self-published writer.

(Adults)



BEACON GARDEN WORKSHOP - THEY ARE HERE
Photo Indre Neiberkate



HEALTHY FAMILIES
Photo by Christina Ford



OIL PAINTING WITH MIRO TOMARKIN
Photo by Christina Ford

Supporting Local People

At The White House, we believe in supporting local people.

If you are interested in setting up an activity or want to participate in a specific workshop then please do get in touch; email whitehouse@createlondon.org or pop into the house during the opening times.

And remember: like [@thewhitehousedagenham](https://www.facebook.com/thewhitehousedagenham) on Facebook to be kept up to date with all of our events in real time!