

OCTOBER 2022



Hooray!
The printed
version is
here...

The Leisure Link newsletters will share with you information about accessible and inclusive activities and events.

The Leisure Link group meet in Croydon, in person once a month. (You can still join us online if you prefer) Leisure Linkers talk about arts and leisure: things we have done and things we are looking forward to.

Produced by



We hope you find it interesting and that you have the opportunities to take part in some of the things we have featured.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Oct-Jan Croydon Presents @
Museum of Croydon

6th-21st Croydonites Festival

7th Destinations E.P. release

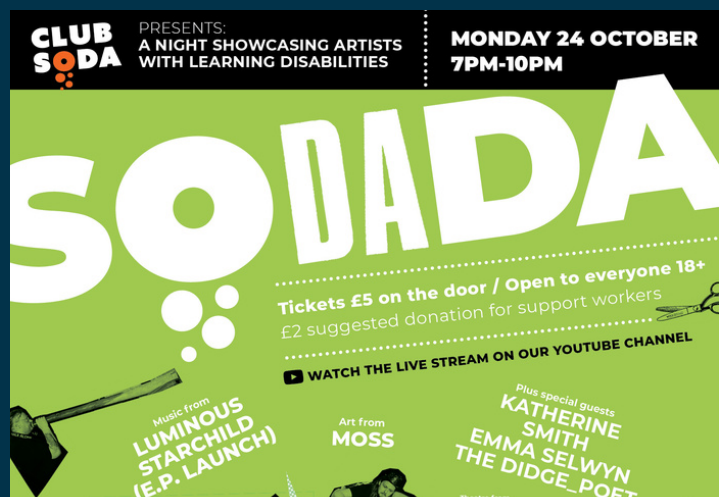
9th Croytopia @ Broad Green

13th Leisure Link @ OurSpace

22nd Not F**kin' Sorry @
Front Room

24th SoDaDa @ FunHouse

21st-29th A Bit Of A Do Festival



Club Soda @ FunHouse

SYMBOLS

These symbols are here to help you see how accessible venues, events and services are.



VENUE



EVENTS /
ACTIVITIES ONLINE



ON SITE
PARKING



OFF SITE
PARKING



CARD
PAYMENTS



CASH
PAYMENTS



DONATION



FREE EVENT



COMPANION /
CARER DISCOUNT



FRIENDLY
STAFF



SOCIAL



FILM



WELLBEING



NATURE /
OUTDOORS



ARTS + CRAFTS



SPORT



THEATRE



MUSIC



WHEELCHAIR
ACCESS



LEVEL ACCESS AND
AUTOMATIC DOORS
(OR NO DOORS)



RAMPED/SLOPED
ACCESS, AND/OR
MANUAL DOORS



RAMPED/SLOPED ACCESS
THAT IS LONG/STEEP (MAY
HAVE MANUAL DOORS)



LIFTS



SEAT/S
AVAILABLE



SAFE / QUIET
SPACE AVAILABLE



DISABILITY
AWARENESS/EQUALITY
TRAINED STAFF



STAFF TRAINED IN
SIGN LANGUAGE



FACILITIES FOR
ASSISTANCE DOGS



BRAILLE



AUDIO DESCRIPTION
AVAILABLE



CAPTIONED



HEARING
LOOP



ACCESSIBLE
TOILET



GENDER NEUTRAL
TOILET



INFORMATION IN
LARGE PRINT



WIFI
AVAILABLE



THE MAP

Croydon Leisure Linkers recommend places where things are happening this month

1 **Turf Projects**
Whitgift Centre, 46-47 Trinity Court, Croydon, CR0 1UQ
Creative space for locals
Exhibitions, workshops, projects space & more
turf-projects.com



2 **Stanley Arts**
12 South Norwood Hill, SE25 6AB
Arts venue
020 8251 0184
info@stanleyarts.org
stanleyarts.org



3 **Front Room**
37-39 St George's Walk, Croydon CR0 1YL
Live music venue
www.frontroom.space



4 **Frames Sports Bar**
202 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2NF
Pool, billiards & sports bar
020 8660 7660



FunHouse
91-101 High Street, CR0 1QF
Ball pit and games bar
020 8686 5800
www.funhousecroydon.co.uk



Fairfield
Park Lane, Croydon, CR9 1DG
Arts and entertainment venue
020 3292 0002
www.fairfield.co.uk



The Cherry Hub
St. James's Road, Croydon, CR0 2BY
Studio, sensory room, social areas & much more
<https://www.croydon.gov.uk/active-lives-day-and-evening-support/cherry-hub>



GIG BUDDIES CROYDON

TOM AND SEAN GO GIGGING FOR THE FIRST TIME!

We spoke to Gig Buddies pair Sean and Tom who went to their first music gig together. Sean had only been to one concert before so we had a chat to see how it was...

How did you decide on the Gig?

Me and Tom were at the Oval Tavern for our first outing. Tom had a gig app on his phone.

What did you think of the venue?

The venue was nice and really close to Tom's car, we walked a really short distance and we were there.

Did anything surprise you about the gig?

Yes I thought there would be seating there.

How would you describe your night in 3 words?

Amazing. Great. Fantastic.

What type of gig would you like to go to next?

I don't know but probably a silly name similar to Still Pigeon.



Gig Buddy Volunteer Tom says:

Me and Sean went to see Still Pigeon at Hootananny in Brixton. The band were great, really fun, quite funky - a good fit for the venue. Me and Sean were playing the 'cool guys' at the back... we didn't really dance, but definitely did a lot of 'head nodding'. I think for our next gig, a venue of similar size, maybe slightly a heavier band this time, but absolutely they will have to have a name equally as silly as Still Pigeon.

NEW MEDIA TEAM



CLUB SODA NOW HAVE AN AWESOME NEW MEDIA TEAM

Can't make it to our live events? No need to miss out on the fun... We now have wicked live streams for all of our band and club nights!

The media team meet every week on a Tuesday. They learn skills in livestreaming, filming, presenting and how to make stuff look cool.

Here is what they say about their first term...

“ It was funny seeing myself on YouTube. The disco was my favourite thing. ”

“ FILMING ”

My family, Mum and Dad in U.S.A saw me vision mixing and doing camera work focusing on people dancing and having a great time. They were really proud of me.



““

I like the staff and their wisdom. They pass on their knowledge. The Box Park was good. There was a DJ. I was doing vision mixing and camera operating. It was fantastic. One day I would like to present my own show.

””

PRESENTING



““

I enjoyed working as a director, being in charge. We did some presenting. I taught camera angles and shot types to the group. In the future we want people to advertise and promote what we do. We want to one day get paid work.

””

LIVESTREAMING



““

I can't lie the Boxpark night was LIT! It's been a major opportunity. Learned about working as a team. Showing courage and being part of something. Helping other people. Great bonding. It was literally a dream come true!

””

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO...

I went to **Ashburton Park Bowling Club**. It is really accessible. They have aids to assist you and the people there were very helpful and welcoming.

SEDLEY

I enjoyed Julie's **Groove Zone Zoom** party.

HOLLY



YOUR PICS

SEND US YOUR PHOTOS & TELL US
WHAT YOU HAVE BEEN DOING

I am hoping to go to the **Shirley Windmill** soon.

SEDLEY

The **Beautiful Octopus Club** is on 25th November. I would like to go to it and see Robyn's Rocket.

RACHAEL

I am going on holiday to Turkey. I can't wait!

HANNAH



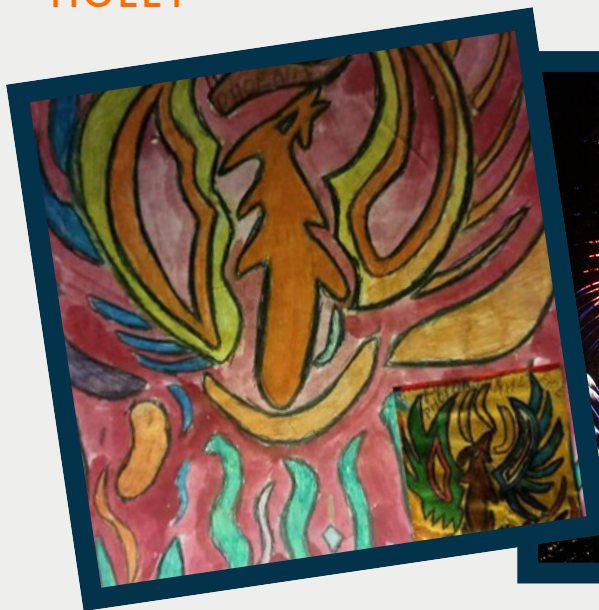
Other events this Autumn:

Blues music - The Oval: Sundays at 8pm, Free entry
Spices of Life - Stanley Arts: 12th Oct, 9th Nov & 14th Dec



I am looking forward to the next **Gig Buddies social**.

HOLLY



I have been writing **poetry** and look forward to creating some posters with MOSS artists.

ROBERT

I would like to go and see a **firework** display.

TOYIN

I have been listening to **Rock music** on my phone.

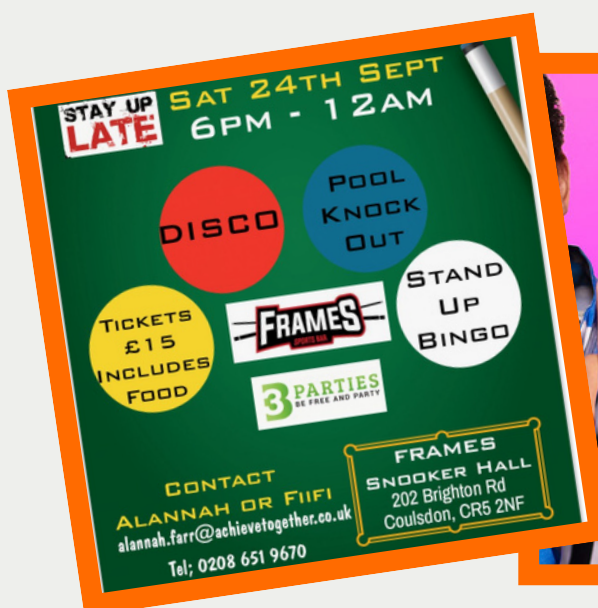
ROBERT

**SHARE YOUR
VIEWS / PHOTOS / FEEDBACK**

**YOUR
PICS**



WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO...



I am interested in the next '**Stay Up Late**' Pool competition at Frames in Coulsdon.

SEDLEY

I'm performing in a show called '**Not F**kin' Sorry**' at the Front Room in Croydon on 22nd October.

EMMA

EVIE I am looking forward to launching the next **Leisure Link Podcast**.



MUSEUM OF CROYDON EXHIBITION

What: Exhibition

When: 30th Sept 2022 -
13th Jan 2023

Wed & Fri, 11am-4pm

Where: Museum of Croydon

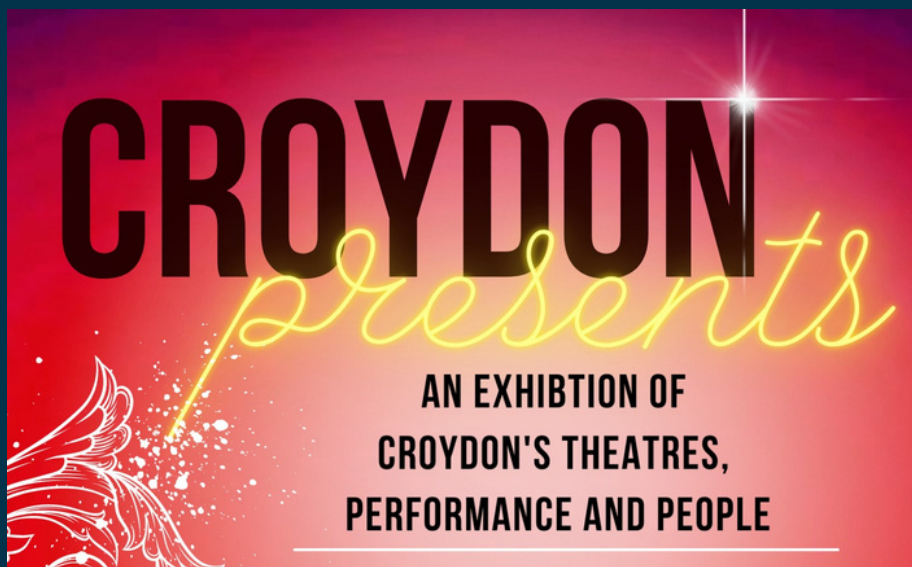
Croydon Clocktower

Katharine Street

Croydon

CR9 1ET

Cost: Free



Explore the theatres of Croydon through place, design, people and performance. Featuring photography exhibition by Lukasz Izdebski.

Find out more:

museumofcroydon.com/exhibitions

WHAT'S ON

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CINEMA



What: Film screenings

When: Thur 6th - Hidden Figures, Thur 13th - The Help
Fri 21st - The Harder They Come, Sat 22nd - Kirikou and the Sorceress

Where: Fairfield, Park Lane,
Croydon, CR9 1DG

Cost: £2-£10

As part of Black History Month, Fairfield are screening films throughout October in the Ashcroft Theatre.

Find out more: www.fairfield.co.uk/whats-on/category/cinema

CROYDONITES FESTIVAL

What: Croytopia, part of the Croydonites Festival

When: Sunday 9th Oct, 3pm

Where: Broad Green Tavern
296 London Road, Croydon,
CRO 2TG

Croytopia, a new video project from Richard DeDomenicic and Jess Mabel Jones which is set to change the world - but they need your help!



Participants are invited to recount on camera important and interesting personal facts and memories, triggered by specific locations in Croydon.

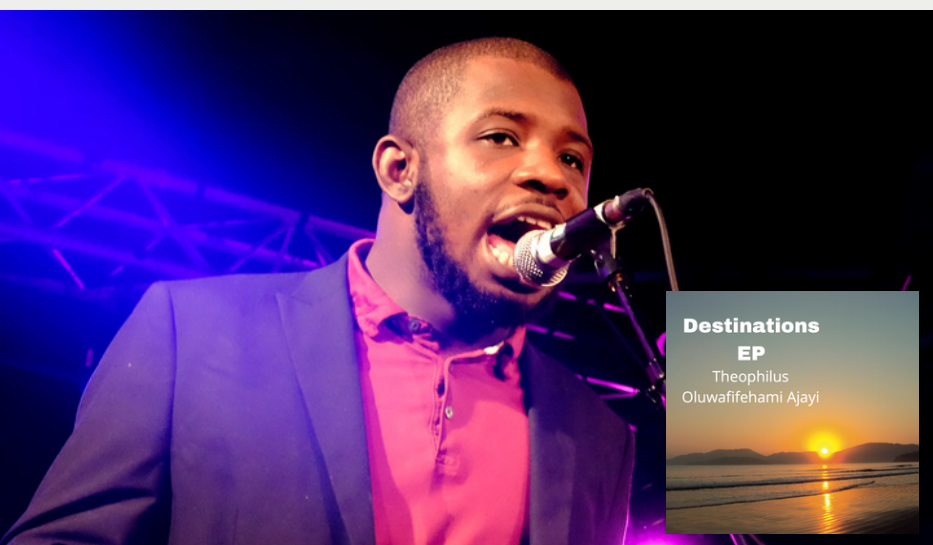
Find out more: www.croydonites.com

email: katie@croydonites.com

Croydonites is a fantastic programme featuring some huge names from theatre, tv and film.

WHAT'S ON

DESTINATIONS E.P. RELEASE



Artist: Theophilus

Oluwafifehami Ajayi

Title: Destinations

Record Label: Club Soda

Format: EP

Release Date: 7th Oct 2022

Bandcamp

<https://theophilusoluwafifehamiajayi7.bandcamp.com>

Look out for the video.

Theo is a London based Pop, Funk, Rock singer, songwriter, producer and multi-instrumentalist with autism. **Destinations** is Theo's latest release taking us on a journey, globe trotting from West Africa to the North of England.

LEISURE LINK SOCIAL

What: Social meeting

When: Thursday 13th Oct,
11am-12:30pm

Where: OurSpace Hub
or online

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81126468259?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81126468259?pwd=MIY4NzVJa0ZNZVFhUGhkWDhXNjgrdz09)

[pwd=MIY4NzVJa0ZNZVFhUGhkWDhXNjgrdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81126468259?pwd=MIY4NzVJa0ZNZVFhUGhkWDhXNjgrdz09)

Meeting ID: 811 2646 8259

Passcode: 695910



Join us to share with each other accessible events and activities in Croydon.

If you can not come in person then you are welcome to join us online.

WHAT'S ON

CROYDON MENCAP OUT AND ABOUT



What: Tai Chi

When: Thursday 13th Oct,
5:45pm-7pm

Where: The Cherry Hub,
171 St James's Rd, Croydon
CRO 2BY

Cost: £7:50 per person
Come along to try some
simple, fun and relaxing Tai
Chi moves.

The session is accessible and you can still join in if you need to sit. You will need to book in advance for this activity.

Find out more: www.croydonmencap.org.uk/whatson/item/46349333

Contact: **07784 979 340**

SODADA 2022

What: SoDaDa 2022

When: Monday 24th Oct,
7pm-10pm

Where: FunHouse,
91-101 High Street, Croydon,
CR0 1QF

Cost: £5 on the door

Dancing from **SLiDE**

Theatre from **DISCO DISCO**

Art from **MOSS**

Open Mic

+ much more



SoDaDa is part of 'A Bit of A Do' festival.

Join us for mayhem, fun and frolics at this year's SoDaDa at FunHouse.

More info: www.clubsoda.org.uk

WHAT'S ON

WILLOW LEARNING FOR LIFE

Timetable 2022-2023



Tuesday morning	 Gentle Ramble 10-12	
Wednesday morning	 Business Enterprise 10-3	 Football Fans 10-12
Wednesday afternoon	 Business Enterprise 10-3	 Community Champions 1-3
Wednesday		



What: Courses & activities

When: September 2022 - July 2023

Where: OurSpace Café & Hub, Portland House and Croydon Sports Arena

Willow Learning for Life have a new course guide which includes football, rambling, drama, campaigning and more.

See the course guide here:

www.willowlearningforlife.org

Contact: **07729 617 454**



DIRECTORY - The Leisure Link List

ACCESSIBLE AND/OR INCLUSIVE EVENTS / VENUES / SERVICES

Turf Projects - Art Space

46/47 Trinity Court (Ground Floor) Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon, CR0 1UQ

020 3251 0108

turf-projects.com



Makers Of Stuff Squad (MOSS) - Art Workshops

46/47 Trinity Court (Ground Floor) Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon, CR0 1UQ

020 3251 0108

turf-projects.com/moss/



Drunken Chorus + Disco Disco - Theatre Group

37-39 St George's Walk, Croydon, CR0 1YL

07813 409 304

www.drunkenchorus.co.uk/discodisco



SLiDE - Dance

The Recreational, Park Lane, Croydon, CR9 1DG

07887 781 361

www.slidedance.org



Ludoquist - Board Game Café

63-67 High Street, Croydon, CR0 1QE

020 3011 2295

www.theludoquist.com/



Limitless-VR - Bar and Gaming Lounge

79 High Street, Croydon, CR0 1QE

020 8680 7775

www.limitless-vr.com



Get Fired! - Pottery

186 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2NF

020 8660 3188

www.getfired.co.uk



DIRECTORY - The Leisure Link List

ACCESSIBLE AND/OR INCLUSIVE EVENTS / VENUES / SERVICES

The Oval Tavern - Pub with regular community events

131 Oval Road, Croydon, CR0 6BR

020 8686 6023

theovaltavern.co.uk



Frames Sports Bar - Pool/Darts/TV

202 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2NF

020 8660 7660

www.framesportsbar.co.uk



Club Soda

46/47 Trinity Court (Ground Floor) Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon, CR0 1UQ

07309 750 283 - info@clubsoda.org.uk

www.clubsoda.org.uk



Gig Buddies Croydon

46/47 Trinity Court (Ground Floor) Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon, CR0 1UQ

07309 750 283 - Info@gigbuddiescroydon.co.uk

www.gigbuddiescroydon.co.uk



Cherry Hub - Community Space

171, St James Road, Croydon, CR0 2BY

020 8689 2625



MDL Coaching - Tennis

Purley Bury Tennis Club, 53A Purley Bury Avenue, Purley, Surrey, CR8 1JF

clubspark.lta.org.uk/MDLCoaching/Events



Fun House - Ball Pit and Games Bar

91-101 High Street, Croydon, CR0 1QF

020 8686 5800

www.funhousecroydon.co.uk

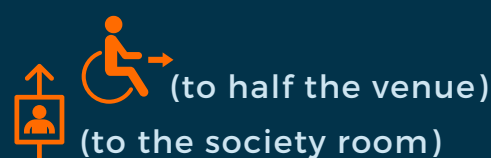


Stanley Arts - Arts and Performance Venue

12 South Norwood Hill, South Norwood, SE25 6AB

020 8251 0184

stanleyarts.org



SOMETHING MISSING?

Do you know a great place or service in Croydon who should be on the list?

We want our list to show off the best accessible and inclusive venues for:

Music / Theatre / Film / Sport / Arts + Crafts / Wellbeing / Outdoors/Nature / Socialising



There are many accessible and inclusive things to do in our community... so get in touch! We want to hear what is important to you.

Email us at rachael@clubsoda.org.uk



Our Podcast!

Listen to Episode #3

Do you think you would be a good host?
What would you like to hear on the podcast?
Get in touch and let us know
Email evie@gigbuddiescroydon.co.uk

We work hard to make sure that all the information in this newsletter is correct. Please always check with venues and services before heading out.

"I love
Ruskin House"
SEDLEY

"I love
SLiDE Dance"

CHRIS

"I love
Ludoquist"
RACHAEL

"I love
Apsara Arts"

LORAIN

"I love
Frames"
MARTIN

"I love
Groove Zone"
HOLLY

CLUB
SODA

GIGBUDDIES
CROYDON

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