



LEISURE LINK

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FIND OUT MORE

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

The Leisure Link group meet in different Croydon venues once a month.

The Leisure Linkers talk about arts and leisure: things we have done and things we look forward to.

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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

June

Jun-Jul Citizen UK Exhibition
@ Museum of Croydon

8th Leisure Link social
@ Porter & Sorter

10th Pool + Disco @ Frames

10&11th New Addington Carnival
@ Milne Park

Jun-Aug Squidgy World Exhibition
@ Turf

July

1st Croydon Disability Carnival
@ High Street Croydon

10th Soda Crew DJs @ Boxpark

13th Leisure Link social

15th Croydon Pridefest
@ Wandle Park

16th Croydon Mela
@ Wandle Park

28th SoDaDa @ Fairfield



Leisure Linkers at Riff Ruffs social

SYMBOLS

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



VENUE



ACTIVITIES
ONLINE



ON SITE
PARKING



OFF SITE
PARKING



CARD
PAYMENTS



CASH
PAYMENTS



DONATION



FREE EVENT



COMPANION /
CARER DISCOUNT



FRIENDLY
STAFF



SOCIAL



WELLBEING



FILM



DANCE



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**
Creative art space
 Whitgift Centre, 46-47 Trinity Court, Croydon, CR0 1UQ
 020 3251 0108
turf-projects.com

7 **Stanley Arts**
Arts & performance venue
 12 South Norwood Hill, SE25 6AB
 020 8251 0184
stanleyarts.org

2 **Porter & Sorter**
Pub with regular social events
 Station Road East, Croydon, CR0 6BT
 0208 688 4296
www.porterandsorterpub.co.uk

8 **Riff Ruffs**
Bar & coffee shop with DJ nights
 28 George Street Croydon, CR0 1PB

3 **Wandle Park**
Croydon Pridefest & Mela
 Croydon, CR0 3RD
culturecroydon.com

4 **Frames Sports bar**
Pool, snooker & events
 202 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2NF
 020 8660 7660
framessportsbar.com

5 **Oval Tavern**
Pub with regular community events
 131 Oval Road, Croydon, CR0 6BR
 020 8686 6023
theovaltavern.co.uk

9 **Boxpark**
Food & entertainment venue
 99 George St, Croydon, CR0 1LD
www.boxpark.co.uk/croydon/

6 **Museum of Croydon**
Art, film & exhibitions
 Croydon Clocktower, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR9 1ET
museumofcroydon.com

10 **Fairfield Halls**
Arts, events & conference venue
 Park Lane, Croydon, CR9 1DG
www.fairfield.co.uk

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN

SLIDE, CLUB SODA **AND** MOSS JOIN FORCES?



INTRODUCING... FUSE!

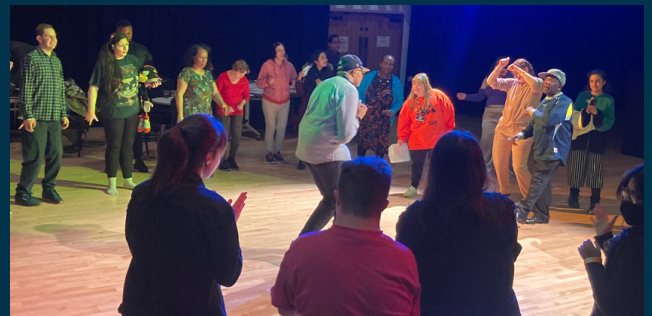
For the next 3 years we will be working together on a **project called 'FUSE'** that supports and shares the work of artists and performers with learning disabilities.



In April we held our first SoDaDa together at Fairfield Halls and in May our members and artists got together for our first ever mixer event. They chose the name 'FUSE' and started collaborating in music, art and dance... making a 'fusion' of improvised performance.



The project will bring 4 SoDaDa events a year and a very exciting mentor and share programme for artists and performers.



The next SoDaDa will be on Friday 28th July.

We are looking for pairs, trios and groups of performers to showcase their art on the night.

Performances can be as weird and wonderful as you like - music, dance, theatre, art, spoken word... or maybe a mix!

If you would like to perform at the next SoDaDa or find out more about the FUSE project, email: anna@slidedance.org

Fuse is being made possible thanks to funding from The National Lottery Community Fund.

THIS SUMMER WE ARE #PARTYINGINPLAINSIGHT

We are super excited to be official partners with **Brockwell Live Music Festivals** where we will be campaigning, partying and asking: **Why can't we be the DJ? Why can't we be the last on the dancefloor?**



But what does **#PartyingInPlainSight** mean?

Having a learning disability shouldn't stop you from having a good night out, or being the DJ on that night out...

Too often people with learning disabilities aren't able to access mainstream music and party spaces due to:

Support workers finishing work at 9pm

Venues/events not being accessible

Inclusive events happening in hidden away spaces like community halls

Care providers not prioritising an enriching social life

Very few opportunities for disabled artists in the music industry

And a lot of other silly excuses that often mean they don't have a choice in the matter.



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We want to
#ChangeTheScene by
taking up space at music
festivals this summer and
beyond, fighting for the
right to party in plain sight.

”



At **Wide Awake** and **Cross the Tracks** we will be hosting a panel talk on how to make nightlife and live music more accessible for people with learning disabilities.

And if that's not exciting enough, The Carbonators and the Soda Jammers are running an accessible jam session on both days.



Check out our instagram to follow the fun....
clubsodacroydon

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO...

"I was a DJ at an event in **Our Space**. People really liked the music" **SEDLEY**

"I visited some new exhibitions at **TURF** and **Museum of Croydon**." **LORAIN**

"I DJ'd at a **Borough of Culture** event at TURF." **BRIAN**



YOUR PICS

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

"I went to **Hastings** and we stopped off at the **Route 66 cafe**. There were loads of bikers when we got to the beach" **ROBERT**

"I have started a new woodwork class at **Nickel Support**." **JAMES**

"I am looking forward to going away to Portugal." **CHRIS**

"I am looking forward to the **New Addington Carnival**." **TASHA**



"**SLIDE Collective** danced with 10 dance degree students at **The Place** (London Contemporary Dance School) at their King's Cross studios." **ANNA**

"We had our artwork in an exhibition at **TURF.**"

BARAT & BRIAN



"I went with my Gig Buddy to the **O2 Academy** to see a **Daniel Wakeford** concert." **EMMA**

"I enjoyed going to a quiz at the **Oval Tavern.**" **MARTIN**

"I got to meet Dick & Dom at **Fairfield.**" **SOPHIE**

**SHARE YOUR
VIEWS / PHOTOS / FEEDBACK**

**YOUR
PICS**

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO...



"I can't wait to see the Club Soda bands perform at the **Brockwell Live Festival.**" **RACHAEL**

"I'd like to see **Croydon Pridefest.**" **TASHA**

"I'm looking forward to the **Learning Disability Carnival** on 1st July in Croydon." **SHANNEN**

"I'm interested in the **poetry hour** on 17th June at Croydon Central Library." **LEISURE LINKER**



Share with us by emailing rachael@clubsoda.org.uk

LEISURE LINK SOCIAL

What: Leisure Link social

When: Thursday 8th June,
3pm-4:30pm

Where: Porter & Sorter
Station Road East,
Croydon, CR0 6BT

Cost: Free

New members are
always welcome.



Leisure Link is a group for people with learning disabilities and supporters who meet once a month to talk about arts and leisure: things they have done and things they are looking forward to.

Find out more: clubsoda.org.uk

WHAT'S ON

MUSEUM OF CROYDON EXHIBITION



What: Citizen UK: Croydon's
Caribbean Influencers

When: Wednesdays & Fridays
11am-4pm, now until 21st July

Where: Museum of Croydon,
Croydon Clocktower,
Katharine Street, CR9 1ET

Cost: Free

MoC in partnership with the National Portrait Gallery, artist Kyam and Croydon Poet Laureate Shaniqua Benjamin explore stories of the Caribbean community and influencers who have made an impact on the borough.

Find out more: museumofcroydon.com

POOL & DISCO AT FRAMES

What: Pool Knock Out, disco, bingo, food & more

When: Saturday 10th June, 6pm-12am

Where: Frames Sports bar, 202 Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2NF

Cost: £15

A night of fun and games including a pool tournament, some great food, buzzing music and atmosphere.



WHAT'S ON

Find out more:

email Alannah.farr@achievetogether.co.uk

Alannah or Fiifi 020 8651 9670

LEARNING DISABILITY CARNIVAL



What: Learning Disability Carnival with activities, entertainment and stalls

When: Saturday 1st July, 11am-4pm

Where: North Walk - Croydon High Street

Cost: Free



Find out more:

email stella.osan@mencap.org.uk

SODA CREW DJs AT BOXPARK

What: Soda Crew DJs

When: Monday 10th July,
7pm-10pm

Where: Boxpark, 99 George
Street, Croydon, CR0 1LD

Cost: £5 on the door

Our pioneering club night
returns to BOXPARK
Croydon, featuring talented
DJs & MCs from South
London with learning
disabilities.

WHAT'S ON



DJ sets from:

Boom // Reggae – Hip Hop – House

Soul Sista // Funk – Soul – Rare Groove – Disco

4Blue // Hip Hop – Funky Bashment – Afrobeat

Tony Cool // House – Pop – Charts

+ More

Find out more: clubsoda.org.uk

CROYDON MELA



What: Croydon Mela -

Music & dance performances,
food & craft stalls

When: Sunday 16th July,
12pm-8pm

Where: Wandle Park,
Croydon, CR0 4XT

By tram: Wandle Park stop

By bus: 157, 264, 407, 410 &
455 stop at Rectory Grove

Cost: Free

This FREE event in the beautiful surroundings of
Wandle Park will have something for everyone.

Find out more: croydonmela.com



SODADA AT FAIRFIELD

What: SoDaDa event

When: Friday 28th July,
7pm

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

Cost: £5 / £2 suggested
donation for support
workers. Cash on the door

SoDaDa is an event
with different kinds of live
performances, including
dance, art and music.

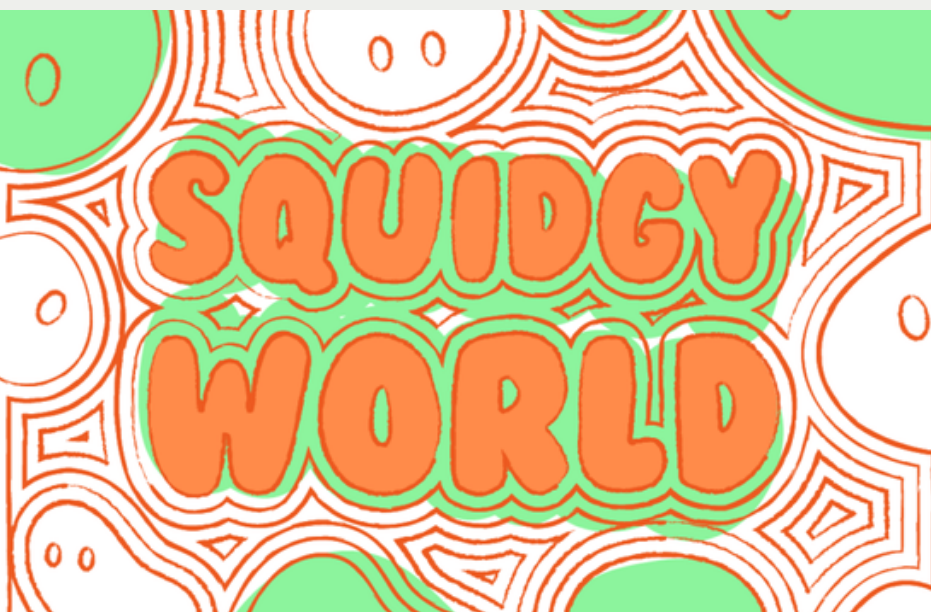


WHAT'S ON

Find out more:
email anna@slidedance.org
07754 639009

www.fairfield.co.uk

SQUIDGY WORLD EXHIBITION



What: Magic, joy, humour
and play. 'Squidgy World'
a space for resting, playing,
and being

When: Now until 5th August,
Wed-Sat, 11am-5pm

Where: Turf, 46-47 Trinity
Court, Whitgift Centre,
Croydon, CR01UQ

Cost: Free & open to all

turf-projects.com

Pick up and handle the artworks; engage with objects and ideas
virtually and physically. Contrary to the typical gallery experience,
in 'Squidgy World' we invite you to both look and touch.



Do you have a learning disability and
want to choose how to live
your life, in your community?



Where Are You?

We want to tell you more...

Come join Leisure Link in Croydon



We run **monthly socials** where you can
join us and:



- **Meet people** who are passionate about making Croydon accessible to all
- **Share activities** you have been doing and things you look forward to
- **Recommend events** & venues locally
- **Discover new places** to go

#WhereAreYou?



We create **regular magazines** where you can help to:



- **Review accessible places** in Croydon
- **Provide information** about where to go
- **Discuss what is important** to people in Croydon with learning disabilities



We produce **regular podcasts** where you can help to:



- **Promote local artists** & organisations
- **Feature venues**, events & activities
- **Celebrate inclusive arts** & culture

To find out more
email rachael@clubsoda.org.uk
or visit clubsoda.org.uk

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OTHER STUFF...

OUR PODCAST

Check out all previous episodes...
LISTEN NOW!



- Do you think you would be a good host?
- What would you like to hear on the podcast?
- Let us know

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT LEISURE LINK?

Email: loraine@clubsoda.org.uk

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT CLUB SODA?

Email: olly@clubsoda.org.uk

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT GIG BUDDIES?

Email: cherilyn@gigbuddiescroydon.co.uk

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

"I love Willow Learning"
TOFI

"I love Fairfield"
WAYNE

"I love Frames"
FIIFI

"I love Nickel Support"
SHERILYN

"I love Oval Tavern
HOLLY

"I love OurSpace"
SHANNEN

"I love Victory"
LORAINÉ

**CLUB
SODA**

**GIGBUDDIES
CRO**

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