

Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre

www.vgcc.org.uk

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Detail from "Vision Day" illustrated by Tim Casswell of Creative Connections

"Looking Ahead"

VGCC has now been at 5 Glasshouse Walk for two years and we are still striving to serve the local community in the best way possible. Following the announcement in our last newsletter, we can now confirm that our permanent stay at 5 Glasshouse has been endorsed by the Council - as we were granted the change of usage of the building from Commercial (B1) to Community use (D1). This news means we can now start planning ahead for our future; such as how we improve the building, accessibility and the activities for our local community to engage in.

In September we held a "Vision Day" where Management Committee members together with staff and Artists from the studios housed at

the VGCC had a brainstorming session about how to take the Community Centre forward. During the session we explored Mission, Values and Dreams - some of which you can see captured in the photo above.

The VGCC remains busy and vibrant with it's ever increasing array of activities. We continue to offer a variety of free activities such as Family Film Night, Basic Jewellery making classes, Bingo and Cool it Art's classes for 3-12 year olds. We have just introduced a Tea Dance for the last Friday of every month and we are still working hard to initiate more fun and free things to do!

- Alice Achola-Omara
Centre Manager

Upcoming Events



AGM:

Our next AGM is due to take place soon - the date to be confirmed. Please check our website for more information



Christmas Party:

Christmas is just around the corner - following on the success of last year's party, hosted by the Over 60's Club for older members of the community, this year's will be even bigger as it is for all ages to be included in our festive celebration! The party will be on Saturday the 20th December from 1 - 6pm with food and festive fun to get into the Christmas spirit! We look forward to seeing you there!

Weekly Events Calendar

Our regular events at the VGCC, check the website for other upcoming events

Latest News

Mondays:

Martial Arts Drama Academy 4:30 - 5:30pm
Zumba 6:30 - 7:30 pm
MUC Fellowship 5:30 - 8:30pm

Tuesdays:

Kumon 4Kids! 2 - 6:30pm
Cool it Art 4 - 5pm (2 - 4pm during School holidays)
Dru Yoga 6:30 - 8:30pm

Wednesdays:

Jewellery Making 11 - 12pm
Bingo 3 - 5pm
Multi-Style Yoga 6:40 - 7:40pm
JEFMI Worship 7 - 9pm

Thursdays:

Dance! Dance! Party!
Party! 6:15 - 7:30pm
Hatha Yoga 6 - 7pm
Vinyasa Flow 7:15 - 8:30pm

Fridays:

Tea Dance 4 - 6pm (last Friday of every month)
Family Film Night 6 - 8pm (every fortnight)
Pentecostal Worship 7 - 9pm

Saturdays:

Kumon 4Kids! 9 - 2pm
Baby Massage Class 10 - 11am
MUC Church 2:30 - 5:30pm
Family Dance Class 6 - 8pm

Sundays:

JEFMI Worship 9 - 2pm
Pentecostal Worship 3 - 6pm

Family Film Night

We were recently awarded a grant by Lambeth Living to put towards a brand new popcorn machine, laptop, projector and screen to make the increasingly popular film night even better!

The film night runs fortnightly, doors open at 6pm and we start the film at 6:15pm once everyone has got their popcorn and squash. All the films shown are a "U" or "PG" rating. For more information please contact the office or leave your number to be texted about the upcoming film.



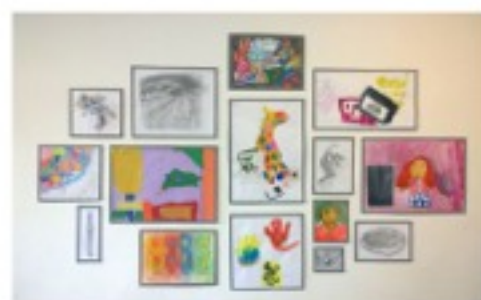
Tea Dance

As mentioned we have just launched a Tea Dance on the last Friday of every month; it is for all ages to come to - so bring your dancing shoes so you can "trip the light fantastic"! If you don't feel like dancing you can still come and listen to the music with a bit of cake and tea to pass the time of day! Cake, tea and music provided so all you need to do is turn up!



Well London Projects

We supported projects funded by Well London. The projects we supported were Yoga for Mums and Cool it Art's Summer Art Academy. Cool it Art's Summer Art Academy put on a Private View of the work that was created over the 5 days intensive sessions. Well London held a fun day at the Carmelita Centre on the 8th November with a range of stalls and activities for the whole community to enjoy!



VGCC Membership

Why join the VGCC? Our dream is to evolve into a community centre lead by the community it serves; so get involved! Have an idea you want to see happen - we would love to hear from you. We want to work with local residents and businesses to develop inspiring projects for the local area to engage with; from health and well-being to entertainment and skills sharing - the possibilities are endless.

By becoming a member you can actively help your local community by ensuring the VGCC is a hub that all people are welcome to use. There are many free activities we already offer and new ones we want to bring in as well as a range of paid activities open to all. If you are interested in joining please do come to our next AGM to see what we are about - the date will be announced on our website very soon.



VGCC joins the Big Draw:

This year the VGCC got creative and took part in this year's Big Draw - the Big Draw is the world's largest festival to encourage drawing for all ages and abilities. Cool it Art in partnership with VGCC, City & Guilds of London Art School and GreatArt created work for the Big Draw theme "It's Our World"; which is part of a larger project - more can be found online at www.itisourworld.org.uk

Cool it Art chose to do a collaborative intergenerational painting looking at Vauxhall through the ages - "the now and the then" documenting Vauxhall's history and it's future with the everchanging face of the landscape. The event was held on the 25th October and ran from 11am - 4pm and was free for all to come and join in the painting! The painting will be photographed so that a panoramic view of it will be added to the It's Our World online gallery as well as the VGCC website.



Upcoming Events

Arriving in Vauxhall:

THE VAUXHALL THEATRE WORKSHOP

- Our aim is to give voice to the creative potential of residents who live within the local area:
- We believe in Partnership working, shared experience, & creative participation:

For more information contact Alphie Pritchard on 07958357563



Ice Skate Vauxhall:

Vauxhall One in conjunction with Icebox will be hosting a Winter Wonderland on the Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens complete with ice rink, a Christmas tree maze, Christmas street food market and traditional family rides - such as a beautifully restored carousel! For more information about the events taking place check the website to keep up to date www.iceskatevauxhall.co.uk

VGERTA:

VGERTA will be holding their Christmas Party on the 13th December at the Carmelita Centre from 1- 5pm. Please check their website for more details on www.vgerta.org.uk

NEW CAFE OPENING SOON

VGCC are pleased to announce that the cafe will soon be reopened under the management of Umbrella. They will be running the cafe as a social enterprise to fit with the VGCC's ethos. Umbrella will be offering a whole range of ways to engage with the local community such as training and events as well as tasty food!

Umbrella
from woman to woman



For Hire

The Community Centre is available for hire for all kinds of events at reasonable rates

Or if you want to discuss any ideas you have for the community centre you can contact us on
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admin@vgcc.org.uk

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The centre operates an equal opportunities policy

Useful Contacts

Alford House Youth Centre
www.alfordhouse.org.uk

Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Forum
www.kovforum.org.uk

Roots & Shoots
www.rootsandshoots.org.uk

Vauxhall City Farm
www.vauxhallcityfarm.com

Lambeth Living
www.lambethliving.org.uk

Vauxhall Surgery
www.vauxhallsurgery.org.uk

Vauxhall Gardens Estate Residents and Tenants Association
VGERTA
www.vgerta.org.uk

Places of Interest around Vauxhall Triangle



- ★ Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre
- ★ Alford House
- ★ Carmelita Centre
- ★ Tesco
- ★ RCDD
- ★ Post Office
- ★ Church
- ★ Moffat Clinic
- ★ Vauxhall Primary

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