

What's on at Hilldrop Community Centre Spring /Summer 2022

Activities & Services

The Hilldrop Food Hub (term-time only)

Tuesday Lunch Club: Drop in and pick up a free freshly cooked healthy lunch, make friends and find out more about our events and activities. The Lunch Club is preceded by our free drop-in Sewing & Craft / Mend & Make sessions which run from 10.30am. Please note that during COVID restrictions this service may be take-away only.

*Tuesdays from 12pm - 2pm in the Small Hall (term-time). Lunch served at 12.15pm.
There is no lunch club during the school holidays.*

All inquiries: elaine@hilldrop.org.uk. The service is drop-in, however if you wish to refer someone who may need additional assistance please contact Elaine.

Sewing and Craft / Mend and Make Workshops (term-time only)

Get creative at this weekly drop-in! All levels are welcome to come along, make friends and learn and share new skills. Mend & Make workshops show you how to renew, repair and customise old clothes and fabrics, saving money and reducing waste. Equipment is provided.

No need to book, just come along. Our **Lunch Club** immediately follows the session and participants are welcome to stay for a free healthy cooked lunch!

*Tuesdays (term-time). 10.30am to 12.30pm. Small Hall. Free
There is no sewing & craft workshop during the school holidays.*

Contact: elaine@hilldrop.org.uk

Gardening (term-time only)

The **Hilldrop Community Garden** & nearby raised beds are the combined work of dozens of local volunteers who've given their time tending & improving them over the years. It's a perennial task, but very rewarding! We're always seeking green fingered volunteers to join us for our Thursday afternoon gardening session.

We also run **extra workshops** and sessions around specific tasks including our '**Greening the Grey**' project which will transform the car park at the end of Community Lane into a new green space. Visit our Gardening page at www.hilldrop.org.uk/gardening for details of upcoming events.

Fancy getting involved? Email: elaine@hilldrop.org.uk.

*Thursday afternoons (term-time) from 12 - 3pm.
There are no gardening sessions during the school holidays.*

Hilldrop Ukulele Group (term-time only)

Singing and ukulele playing of classic and contemporary songs; rehearsals leading to group performances. Singers and other instrumentalists are welcome.

Fridays, 12-2pm, Main Hall. £1 - £2 contribution per session

Contact: bob.hilldrop@gmail.com

CHOIR: The Camden Harmony Singers (term-time only)

The Camden Harmony Singers are a friendly community choir who sing a variety of music styles from folk to jazz, gospel to pop and songs from many cultures, traditions and faiths.

Singers of any ability are welcome to join, from complete beginners to those with more experience. Choir leader Aaron teaches all songs by ear, so there is no need to read sheet music.

Wednesdays 6.30 - 8.30pm in the Main Hall.

Please check term dates & prices at www.camdenharmonysingers.com. Fees apply but the first session is free to new members.

Contact: info@camdenharmonysingers.com

NLC Over 65's Social Groups

North London Cares bring together younger and older neighbours for conversation, support and activities. Regular social groups take place at Hilldrop on Thursday evenings in the Main Hall.

Contact NLC directly for dates on 020 7118 3838

Email: imogen.duffin@northlondoncares.org.uk or andy.naylor@northlondoncares.org.uk

Website: www.northlondoncares.org.uk

Bengali women & children's groups (term-time only)

Social group for Women of Bengali heritage to network, learn Bengali and Arabic and study the Quran. Includes a weekly exercise session and homework club for primary aged children.

Tuesdays 10am-12.30pm Main Hall

Saturdays (exercise) 10am – 12.30pm Small Hall

Tuesdays (children's homework club) 3.45 -4.30pm Small Hall

Contact: office@hilldrop.org.uk

Children's Activities & Services

Stay & Play (term-time only)

Free play led by childcare workers, with weekly themes such as healthy eating, music & singing, while soft play and messy play sessions focus on encouraging creativity and exploration. Parents can also borrow from a variety of books and toys kept in our **Toy Library** for up to two weeks.

Mondays & Wednesdays from 9.45 – 11.15am. Main Hall.

Cost: Free but £1 donation encouraged.

Register on arrival, or contact office@hilldrop.org.uk

Humpty Dumpty Singalong *currently suspended*

Debs introduces relaxed and gentle singalongs for parents with babies and toddlers, including nursery rhymes and other favourite songs sung to musical instruments, puppets, toys and bubbles.

Fridays 9.45 – 12pm term-time, Main Hall. Fees apply and advance registration is required.

Debs is currently taking a break from her Friday session at Hilldrop but will continue to plan sessions at other venues when possible. Follow her Facebook page for news of future sessions taking place locally: www.facebook.com/Thehumptydumptysingalong

Under 5's football with Little Kickers

Little Kickers introduces children to the basics of football in a play-oriented yet structured format, using child-friendly equipment. Each child learns within their ability level in a group environment, helping them develop cognitive and social skills. Newcomers can join mid-term.

Thursdays from 9-11am in the Main Hall (or local MUGA court during school holidays).

Fees apply. Register by contacting nclondond@littlekickers.co.uk 0203 983 1990, or pop into the centre on Thursday morning for a chat with the coach.

Artistic Takeover (term-time only)

Free multimedia workshops for young creatives aged 10-12 yrs delivered by Cut Moose. The workshops cover film making, video editing, theatre and performance making, collaborative games, photography, puppetry, storytelling and creative writing. Activities are designed in collaboration with participants.

Wednesdays from 5pm to 6pm (term-time) during spring and summer 2022.

Free. Please note that parental consent is required for participants.

Register in advance by contacting info@cutmoose.com

Play Project After School Club & Holiday Playscheme

Affordable childcare with a full range of fun and stimulating activities geared toward primary-aged children (4-11yrs) and run by our qualified, friendly and experienced staff.

Our **After School Club** runs from 3.45pm-6pm, Monday to Friday during term-time with free 'walking bus' collections provided to children from Hungerford and Tufnell Park Primary Schools.

Our **Holiday Play Scheme** runs from 8.15am-5.30pm Monday to Friday during the Half Term, Easter and Summer Holidays (excluding all Bank Holidays) and is open to children from any school.

Fees Apply. Visit www.hilldrop.org.uk/play-project for further information

Contact: iola@hilldrop.org.uk

Bright Futures Early Help Service

The Bright Futures Early Help team work with 5-19 year olds and their families to link them with services and activities designed to improve outcomes for children and young people.

Advice sessions run on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm - 3.45pm at Hilldrop.

To talk to a practitioner, drop in on a Wednesday afternoon or contact the helpline on 020 7527 4343 (Mon-Fri 9am-5pm) or email early.help@islington.gov.uk.

Upcoming Gardening Workshops 2022

Gardening workshops are free to attend. Please email elaine@hilldrop.org.uk to register your interest.

Bee Talk: Identifying bees & understanding pollination – Saturday 30th April (12.30 – 3pm)
Presented by Alison Benjamin from the Urban Bees project

Wildlife Gardening & Permaculture Principles – Saturday 7th May (1-4pm)
Presented by Fran Smith

Urban Growing: Seed Sowing & Plant Care – Thursday (12th May 12.30-2.30pm)
Presented by Fran Smith

Habitats for Wildlife – Thursday 26th May (12.30-2.30pm)
Presented by Fran Smith

Making Homes for Bees – Saturday 18th June (12.30-3pm)
Presented by Alison Benjamin

Discover Nature: Talks & Activities – Saturday 30th July (1-4pm)
Presented by Fran Smith

Upcoming Events – Save the Dates!

'New Shoots' Social Event - Saturday 7th May 2022 2.30pm - 4.30pm

St George's Mutual Aid invites you to find out what's growing at Hilldrop Community Centre and hear about the new **Greening the Grey** project on Community Lane! Why not drop in, make friends, enjoy some refreshments and explore our community garden? There'll also be a free **Wildlife Gardening Workshop** with Fran from the Octopus Community Network. Free. All welcome.

RSVP to sgislingtonmutualaid@gmail.com

Family Craft Day - Saturday 28th May 2022 12 - 4pm

Join us for a **Family Craft Day** in preparation for our **Jubilee Summer Fair!** We'll be making crowns, costumes, hobby horses, bunting and decorating vehicles for our children's **Parade on Wheels**. Could you bring a bike, tricycle, scooter or buggy and decorate it? Whether it's flowers, ribbons, balloons, paints, fabrics, flags or toys, we'd love to see your creations! Free.

For more info contact elaine@hilldrop.org.uk.

Jubilations! Our Summer Fair celebrates Jubilee Week! - Wednesday 1st June 2022 3 - 6pm

On Wednesday 1st June join us for a **Parade on Wheels** on Community Lane featuring decorated bikes, tricycles, scooters and buggies, followed by an **International Supper** of delicious foods in our gardens accompanied by live music and kid's activities! Free.

If you'd like to be involved please contact elaine@hilldrop.org.uk.

The Hilldrop Health & Wellbeing Fair - Saturday 2nd July 2022 3 - 6pm

We're also planning another Health & Wellbeing Fair on **Saturday 2nd July**, where we'll be offering therapeutic activities, advice on healthy living, workshops, arts & crafts and delicious healthy foods to sample! **12pm - 5pm**

If you'd like to be involved please contact elaine@hilldrop.org.uk.

Shakespeare at Hilldrop! - Sunday 4th September 2022 3pm - 6pm

We're partnering with **Shake-Scene Shakespeare** to deliver a one-off production of Romeo & Juliet using our centre and gardens on Sunday 4th September.

Accessibly priced tickets will be available later in the year for this very special fundraiser.

If you'd like to be involved with any of the above events please contact elaine@hilldrop.org.uk.