



## BREAK INTO THE ARTS

**Have you ever thought about getting into music, dance, theatre, art or something similar? Perhaps you have but you're not sure how.**

Why not try one of the Discover Young Hackney taster sessions during the festival? You could also take a look at our Discover Young Hackney website. It lists loads of training opportunities and venues, as well as a map of places around Hackney where you can learn about the cultural and creative industries.

Last year Leona Lewis supported the launch of Discover Young Hackney. A year later she has a number 1 single and album. Proof that Hackney has talent!

[www.hackney.gov.uk/discoveryounghackney](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/discoveryounghackney)



## CULTURE VULTURES

Hackney's young people have played a massive part in bringing the Discover Young Hackney festival to you. They've helped to choose the events, designed publicity materials, and promoted and evaluated the programme. Their contribution has been nothing short of priceless.


15 young people, who were trained as cultural ambassadors by Hackney Empire and Shoreditch Trust, have been spreading the word in the community. 15 other young people were trained by Eastside Educational Trust in partnership with Shoreditch Youth Forum to become Hackney arts correspondents. They will be running their own event at the festival.

## BEEN THERE... GOT THE T-SHIRT

In January, five young people helped to design and print customised t-shirts for Discover Young Hackney cultural ambassadors. They worked with Jaleel Muhammed, a professional artist from Hackney art organisation, Free Form.

Look out for the designs walking around at the Discover Young Hackney launch event (Hackney Empire, February 7).


**web: [www.freeform.org.uk](http://www.freeform.org.uk)**



## LIVE AND ON AIR

Throughout February, a group of Hackney's young people will be creating a radio show for Discover Young Hackney.

They'll be bringing you all the latest info on the exciting events that are happening, as well as playing some of Hackney's favourite choons. So, keep your ears open for their broadcasts and your eyes open for people with mics... who knows, they may want to interview you!




Discover Young Hackney radio shows can be downloaded from the Point Blank website.

**web: [www.pointblankyouth.net](http://www.pointblankyouth.net)**

## BELIEVE THE HYPE

Want to know what's going on for young people in the borough? Interested in promoting your event or finding out how Hackney Youth Service can help? Create your own web page and get your voice heard at [thehype.info](http://thehype.info).

**web: [www.thehype.info](http://www.thehype.info)**




## BLOOMING GOOD!

**"Photography was my hobby and passion during my teenage years," local artist, Stephen Gill, tells us. "Now it's also become what I do for a living."**

Stephen understands what it means to be inspired at a young age, and that's why he decided to make a financial donation to the Discover Young Hackney festival. "Looking back on that time, I can clearly see that my hobby to make pictures still plays such a crucial role in what I do now. I wanted to make a donation to young Hackney residents, and I'd always encourage them to follow their passion – whatever it is."

Stephen Gill has recently published 'Hackney Flowers', a book of photographs taken on Hackney Wick over the last three years.

**web: [www.stephengill.co.uk](http://www.stephengill.co.uk)**



## THANKS

Thanks to the 30 young cultural ambassadors who contributed greatly to the festival. Special thanks to Hackney's Youth Arts Cluster, Hackney Youth Service, Hackney schools, The Learning Trust and the participating organisations that have made every event possible.



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# DISCOVER young hackney '08

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ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Hackney**

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## WELCOME

One of the reasons that so many local residents tell me they love Hackney is the booming arts and culture industry here in our borough.

After the success of our first Discover Young Hackney Festival in 2007, this year's programme is another chance for Hackney's young people to get involved in arts and cultural activities, and to discover pathways into training and careers in the arts.

There will be lots of new opportunities – from fashion and photography to film, dance, live performance art, music and project management. I would like to thank all of the young people who have been involved in shaping the festival: the cultural ambassadors, young broadcasters and graphic designers.

Discover Young Hackney is a good opportunity to try something new or to meet other people with similar interests. Do make sure you check the listings to find out whether you need to book in advance. Above all though... have fun.

*Jules Pipe*

Mayor Jules Pipe




**For more information about Discover Young Hackney, contact the council's Cultural Development Team.**

**email:** [cultural.development@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:cultural.development@hackney.gov.uk)  
**phone:** 020 8356 7209

All venues are wheelchair accessible with the exception of two events: 'Play Saz' and 'Street to Screen'. Please contact the venues for more details.

Contact us on 020 8356 7209 if you would like this brochure in large-print, in Braille, on disk, on audio tape or translated into a different language

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### Music and dance

## AJOYO (CELEBRATE)

11-14 year olds £2.50

Get creative with Nigerian percussion, dance and Afro-Latin beats. Join one or more introductory workshops and be part of a short performance for family and friends on 23 February. Presented by Musiko Musika.

**when:** Saturday 2, 9, 16, 23 February (1-3pm)  
**where:** Shellgrove Community Hall, Shellgrove Estate, Boleyn Road. E8  
**phone:** 020 7690 9128  
**web:** www.musikomusika.org



### Film

## DISCOVER FILM

16-18 year olds Free Book your place

Free film screening. Plus, join a professional filmmaking workshop led by Chocolate Films. Create your own short feature. Decide on the story. Act, shoot, edit, then take home the final cut. Phone to book your place.

**when:** screening: Tuesday 12 February (10am-1pm)  
workshop: Saturday 16 February (10am-6.30pm)  
**where:** Rio Cinema, 107 Kingsland High Street. E8 2PB  
**phone:** 020 7241 9419  
**web:** www.riocinema.org.uk



Digital media Sponsored by Stephen Gill

## SIGNS OF THE CITY

13-19 year olds Free Book your place

Walk people through your Hackney with photos from your mobile phone or digital camera. Create digital maps of street life with artist Douglas Nicolson. Maps will be shown online as part of a European-wide project and at SPACE in April.

**when:** Monday 18 to Friday 22 February (phone for times)  
**where:** SPACE, 129-131 Mare Street. E5 8HR  
**phone:** 020 8525 4330  
**web:** www.spacestudios.org.uk

### Fashion

## BE A FASHION DESIGNER

11-19 year olds Free Book your place

Fascinated by fashion? Get a taster of textiles at London College of Fashion. Try printmaking, work with 3D construction, and create a mood board for a fashion illustration. Phone early to book your place.

**when:** Saturday 23 February (10am-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm)  
**where:** London College of Fashion, 183 Mare Street. E8 3RE  
**phone:** 020 7514 8653  
**web:** www.fashion.arts.ac.uk



### Art, dance, gaming and music

## HAPPINESS LAB

11-19 year olds Free

What makes you happy? Explore those smiley feelings through music, dance, gaming and art. Then invite friends and family to a special exhibition of your work at London's newest art space, Rivington Place. With Iniva and artist Harold Offeh.

**when:** Saturday 2, 9, 16 and 23 February (12-6pm)  
**where:** Iniva, Rivington Place. EC2A 3BA  
**phone:** 020 7729 9616  
**web:** www.iniva.org

### Music

## FOLK FUSION

11-19 year olds Free

Traditional Turkish and Kurdish folk dance, drumming and Zurna music led by Halkevi. How stories, culture, war and beliefs shape the art. Plus a chance to watch The Bus Stop, a short film screened at the London Turkish Film Festival.

**when:** Saturday 16 February (12-3pm)  
**where:** Halkevi, 65 Downham Road. N1 5AH  
**phone:** 020 7249 6980

### Arts

## STREET TO SCREEN

YOU RUN THE SHOW

14-19 year olds Free Book your place

Are you into dance, video or graffiti art? Ever thought about managing your own arts venture? Plan and run a hip-hop project for young people over the half term. Get training and one-to-one support from professionals at Hoxton Hall. No experience necessary and expenses paid.

**when:** Monday 18 to Friday 22 February (10am-4pm)  
**where:** Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street. N1 6SH  
**phone:** 020 7684 0060  
**web:** www.hoxtonhall.co.uk

### Theatre

## ARCOLA YOUTH THEATRE

13-19 year olds Free Book your place

Like the idea of expressing yourself on the stage? Come and speak to performers, directors, producers and theatre professionals. Get involved in a workshop and see a showcase of 'A Vampire Story', written by Moira Buffini and produced in association with the National Theatre.

**when:** Saturday 23 February, 1.30-3pm: workshop (13-15 year olds)  
3.30: theatre showcase, 5-7pm: workshop (15-19 year olds)  
**where:** Arcola Theatre, 27 Arcola Street. E8 2DJ  
**phone:** 020 7503 1645 (Box office)  
**web:** www.arcolatheatre.com

### Talent contest

Co-sponsored by Stephen Gill

## I'M IN

DON'T CHASE THE COMPETITION, CHASE THE DREAM

11-19 year olds

£1 in advance  
£5 on the night

Hackney Empire presents a talent contest and showcase of the best in the borough. Find out if we've found another Leona Lewis. Performers to be selected by our cultural ambassadors and youth groups. To get involved, talk to your youth group leader or phone 020 8510 4500 and quote 'Discover young talent'. Support your friends and get a chance to vote by booking early.

**when:** Thursday 7 February (7pm)  
**where:** Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, Hackney. E8 1EJ  
**phone:** For advance booking, please pop into the box-office or call the box-office on 020 8985 2424 (phone bookings are charged at 50p per ticket)  
**web:** www.hackneyempire.co.uk

\*Under 16s will not be admitted without a responsible adult (youth group leader/parent/carer or teacher)

### Music

## PLAY SAZ

11-19 year olds Free Book your place

Learn to play saz, a Turkish and Kurdish traditional instrument. London Saz School is offering two free introductory lessons. Phone to secure your place and get the chance to be a part of the course and concerts.

**when:** First lesson - Mondays (5-7pm) and Saturdays (11am-1pm) during February  
Second Lesson - Wednesday (7-9pm) and Sundays (10am-12pm) during February  
**where:** London Music Organisation, 24 Stoke Newington High Street. N16  
**phone:** 020 7249 6455 (speak to Güner)

### Music

## AROUND THE WORLD

11-19 year olds Free Book your place

Get inspired by Hackney's global musical styles. Interact with other cultures by performing together. Open to all young musicians. Please bring your instrument. Group performance at 7.30pm. Led by Grand Union.

**when:** Saturday 16 February, 10am-1pm: workshop  
2-5pm: workshop, 7.30pm: performance  
**where:** Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street. London N1 6SH  
**phone:** 020 7684 0060  
**web:** www.grandunionyouth.org.uk

### Dance

## RHYTHM, LIFE & ROOTS

11-16 year olds Free

Learn about the roots of today's urban dance moves. Explore the history and heritage of Black dance. Dance between centuries and across continents. Become part of the future of the artform. Plus, a chance to build up to a performance in May if it's for you.

**when:** Sunday 10 February (2-5pm), Sunday 17 February (2-5pm), Wednesday 20 February (2-5pm)  
**where:** Chats Palace Arts Centre, 42-44 Brooksbys' Walk, Homerton. E9 6DF  
**phone:** 020 8533 0227  
**web:** www.chatspalace.com

### Music and media

## UPLOAD

13-19 year olds Free

Are you a talented singer or songwriter? Want to get into the music industry? Get tips, pick up contacts and hear more about our Rising Tide development programme. Bring your instrument and recordings, if you have them.

**when:** Monday 18 February  
11am-12pm: speed networking for artists and producers  
1-2pm: meet the producers (producer, radio DJ and manager)  
1-6pm: recording collaborations  
4-5pm: create your personal recording studio  
7-10pm: live performance show  
**where:** Rising Tide, Ocean Venue, 270 Mare Street. E8 1HE  
**phone:** 020 8986 3232  
**web:** www.rising-tide.co.uk

### Theatre

## BEHIND THE SCENES

WORKING IN THEATRE

16-25 year olds Free

Dreaming of the theatre? What about setting up your own arts company? Come and watch a play being made, talk to young actors and meet successful theatre professionals. A mixture of performance, discussion and drama led by Immediate Theatre.

**when:** Wednesday 20 February (7-9pm)  
**where:** Hoxton Hall, 130 Hoxton Street. N1 6SH  
**phone:** 020 7012 1677  
**web:** www.immediate-theatre.com

### Fashion and design

## T-SHIRT DESIGN

9-25 year olds Free Under 13s must be accompanied by an adult

Customise your own t-shirt with paint, pens, fabric and stencils. Express your creativity. Be open-minded. Hear a bit about fashion and design. Work as a team with Hart of Design. We particularly welcome disabled people. Hart of Design staff has years of experience running accessible workshops.

**when:** Wednesday 20 February (10am-4pm)  
**where:** The Huddleston Youth Centre, 30 Powell Road. E5 8DJ  
**phone:** 020 8356 7209

### Film premiere

In association with Elevate, Cityzen and Immediate Theatre.

## CETT4FILM

13-19 year olds Free

Premier of a short feature film inspired by life on the Fawcett Estate. Written, acted, directed and edited by Cett4Film participants, Hackney's future film stars.

**when:** Monday 25 February (7-8.30 pm)  
**where:** Fawcett Estate Community Hall, Upper Clapton Road, Springfield. E5 9DG  
**phone:** 020 7017 2039  
**web:** www.elevateuk.org