Find new interests & find others locally!



Discover regular weekly and monthly activities to help you to keep active, try out new interests and to meet other locals.



# **Staying Well**

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# Join us for our next Staying Well event

Age UK Islington is running a series of 'Staying Well events'. The next one on Wed 8 November has a focus on 'Finding Skills & Interests'. It's taking place at LIFT Islington, near Angel tube.

For

adults 18+

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We invite you to book for a half day event to help you revive a previous passion or your career, whatever your age or stage of life!

Find out about activities and volunteering opportunities (morning session - Skills & Interests) or find ways to help you prepare for work here in Islington (afternoon - Training & Employment support).

Hear from inspirational speakers and talk to organisations that offer services & support.

# **Booking essential! Contact Age UK Islington:** 020 7281 6018 or gethelp@ageukislington.org.uk

# Have you got an email?

If you haven't already got an email address, you are likely to be missing out on useful information, resources and invites to local activities. Your local Islington library has computers you can access for free and can help you to set up an email address. Age UK Islington can also link you to one-to-one digital support and groups.

# Get in touch with Age UK Islington: 020 7281 6018



Age UK Islington is here to help adults 16yrs+.

Call our helpline: 020 7281 6018 (Mon - Fri 9am - 5pm)

Get free, confidential information & guidance e.g. about money worries, housing issues, keeping independent at home, help to find social groups.

Keep informed: receive digital mailings with info about local activities, opportunities & support direct to your email inbox!

# Weekly Get Together Activities

All activities below are free unless a price is shown.



You are doing amazing work. Nobody can be lonely or helpless or out of a social circle in Islington... I only get out occasionally as I can't walk much but I do read every newsletter! (Islington resident)

#### Mondays

There are currently no face-to-face activities on Mondays.

### Tuesdays

Sobell Get Together 10.30am - 1pm, weekly Sobell Leisure Centre, Hornsey Rd, N7 7NY. £2.45 (debit or credit card).

50yrs+ Sports social in the north of Islington. Table tennis, indoor bowls, dominoes & dance class. Plus sitdown and chat with tea & coffee. NB. Due to flooding, the lift is currently out of order.

#### Dance Fitness 3pm - 4pm, weekly

Jean Stokes Community Centre, Coatbridge House, Carnoustie Dr, N1 0DX.

Try our dance class with a mix of latin, disco and pop music with strength, balance, and functional exercises. Take part seated or standing. Call our Helpline on 020 7281 6018 for help to find an activity that's right for you, or to work out how to get to a group. Booking is essential!

### Wednesdays

Finsbury Get Together 10.30am – 12.30pm, weekly

Finsbury Leisure Centre, Norman Street, EC1V 3PU. £2.50 (debit or credit card).

50yrs+ Sports social in the south of Islington. Table tennis, badminton, short tennis & tea. Fully accessible.

Park Cuppa 11am - 12pm, weekly Cally Clock Tower Centre, Caledonian Park, N7 9PL.

Join our small group for a chat and to share memories over a cuppa, in this lovely location.

#### **Festive Party**

Fri 1 Dec, 12 - 4pm Business Design Centre, 52 Upper St, N1 0QH.

50yrs+ Book your place via Age UK Islington! Traditional Xmas food & drink as well as carol singing and games.

### Thursdays

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Lego Get Together 1.30pm - 3.30pm, weekly The Playroom (by The Toy Project), 99 Junction Road, N19 5QX.

50yrs+ Relaxed, friendly and creative social with Lego building plus tea & coffee.

## Fridays

There are currently no face-to-face activities on Fridays.

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# Special and monthly Get Together Activities

All activities below are free.

### **Special October & November activities**

Wills and Funeral Planning Workshop Tuesday 31 October 3 - 5pm North Library Manor Gardens, N7 6JX.

Our Future Matters Service will provide guidance about how to put a Will in place. Also info about funeral planning. Planning ahead can help reduce stress for family/friends at such an emotional time. Weaving Warmth Workshop Thursday 16 November 2 - 3.30pm Islington Ecology Centre, Gillespie Park, N5 1PH.

50yrs+ Join Cubitt's artist Lucy Steggals for a creative session exploring how we weave warmth (Lavender Lines) into our communities. We will be drawing with wire, weaving on our fingers and making zines.

## Monthly

Park Cuppa Second Tuesday of the month, 10.30am - 12 Islington Ecology Centre, Gillespie Park, N5 1PH.

Booking essential!

Come and have a chat, a cup of tea and maybe spot a bird or two out the window! There will be a topic to start the conversation flowing. All adults welcome. (Dementia-friendly venue.)

**Breakfast Club** Last Tuesday of the month, 2pm - 4pm The Breakfast Club, 31 Camden Passage, N1 8EA.

50yrs+ Join for a chat and cuppa in this muchloved Islington café not far from Angel tube.

Park Theatre First Thursday, 2pm social and 3pm or 3.15pm matinee Park Theatre, Clifton Terrace, Finsbury Park, N4 3JP.

Suggested donation of  $\pounds$ 3, tea and coffee is  $\pounds$ 1.

# **Tech Break**

Get more from your smartphone or tablet with our fortnightly Tech Break sessions.

### **Upcoming sessions**

Join us for helpful tips and advice from our knowledgeable tutor. Sessions: 12-1pm on Zoom.

Friday 13 October - Accessing local services online Friday 27 October - Google Maps Friday 10 November - WhatsApp Friday 24 November - YouTube

#### **Please note**

We also have regular online Get Togethers every month – please see <u>www.ageuk.org.uk/islington/get-togethers</u> for our full programme.



Self-Advocacy

Centre, N1 0DX.

Learn about Self-

Wed 29 November

Jean Stokes Community

advocacy, the barriers

to achieving it and try

out skills to get results

important for you. This

workshop is particularly

useful for those who are

facing issues dealing

with organisations.

Workshop

2 to 5pm



The Carers event gave me an opportunity to meet other carers and I've made new friends...we all left feeling much better than when we arrived! (Islington Carer)

# Booking essential! Call Age UK Islington on 020 7281 6018 / activities@ageukislington.org.uk

Oct - Nov 2023

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# Upcoming sessions

Let's Talk Peer Event Wednesday 25 October 10.30am - 3.30pm LIFT Islington, 45 White Lion St, N1 9PH.

Black History Month & Let's Talk-Greener Life. Talks with guest speakers & information stalls from community and NHS services providing Health and Wellbeing advice.

Free food & refreshments.

# **Let's Talk Events**

"Let's Talk events are a co-production that empowers and enables the voice of its peers to gain knowledge, friendships and better our lives." Islington resident, Rose-Marie McDonald.

All activities below are free.

#### Let's Talk Peer Event Thursday 16 November 10.30am - 3.30pm LIFT Islington, 45 White Lion St,

Let's Talk-Income Maximisation with guest speakers & information stalls from organisations specialising in benefits advice and grants/financial support. Free food & refreshments. Let's Talk Keeping Safe Wednesday 22 November 10am - 1.30pm LIFT Islington, 45 White Lion St, N1 9PH.

London Adults Safeguarding Board Conference 2023 - Hub. Join us to hear experts across London discuss initiatives to improve ways of keeping adults safe in the community. Free snacks & refreshments.

Booking essential! Call Age UK Islington Helpline on 020 7281 6018 / letstalk@ageukislington.org.uk

# **Carers Special Events**

Do you look after a partner, friend or family member 18yrs+? Islington Carers Hub provides support for both you and the person you are caring for. Contact us for guidance, to keep informed and to meet other Islington carers.

N1 9PH.



## **Upcoming sessions**

#### Black History Month: Explore & Read

**Tues 3 Oct, 10.30am - 12pm** Islington Central Library, 2 Fieldway Crescent, N5 1PF.

Come along to explore the historic building plus the books and events for Black History Month. Enjoy a chat and a hot drink as we read aloud stories and poetry to lift the mood.

### Creative Music Workshop Thursdays 12 Oct to 23 Nov, 2-4.45pm (6 sessions)

Upper Holloway Baptist Church, 11 Tollington Way, N7 6RG.

Come along to these fun music sessions creating our own music. We'll play instruments, sing and create our own lyrics and melodies. No previous musical experience required! Carers Rights Day 'Caring Costs' Thursday 23 November, 10.30am - 2.45pm Upper Holloway Baptist Church, 11 Tollington Way, N7 6RG.

The 'cost' of caring impacts on much more than carers' finances it can impact on your wellbeing. Join us for talks, information stalls, free lunch & pampering.

#### Booking essential! Call Islington Carers Hub on 020 7281 3319 / info@islingtoncarershub.org