



Newsletter



September Repair Cafés

Saturday 13th September 13.00 - 16.00
Campsbourne (Kurdish Advice Centre)
[register](#)

Sunday 14th September 14.00 - 17.00
All Good Bookshop, Turnpike Lane
[register](#)

Saturday 20th September 10.30 - 13.30
Broadwater Farm Community Centre
[register](#)

Saturday 27th September 14.00 -17.00
Muswell Hill (28 Page's Ln, Muswell Hill, N10 1PP)
[register](#)

Local News

New River's £6.3m upgrade project in Harringay 'completed seamlessly'
[Read here](#)

A simply Boot-iful initiative flourishing at New River Leisure Centre
[Read here](#)

'Tiny Forest' bringing 'huge benefits'
[Read here](#)

Call for free public transport in London as high fares 'exacerbate social inequality'
[Read here](#)



Library of Things Hackney



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5e3jNhBhKA>



Jewellery Upcycling Workshop on 25th September

Learn how to turn forgotten objects into unique, wearable art. You'll take home handmade creations – original, meaningful, and made by you.
[register](#)

Spotlight on local legends:

Althea McNish, Textile Artist



A world-renowned Tottenham textile artist has been honoured with a blue plaque to celebrate her contribution to the fabric and textile industry.

On Monday, 15th May, Althea McNish's London blue heritage plaque was unveiled during a ceremony on the 99th anniversary of her birth. The ceremony took place at her home and studio on West Green Road, where she had lived and worked for over 60 years with her lifelong partner, architect and jeweller John Weiss.

The installation of the plaque was made possible by the work of the Nubian Jak Community Trust, and funding from London Unseen – part of the Mayor of London's Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm. The production and installation of the plaque was supported by the staff and students of Earlsmead Primary School and Haringey Council – marking the start of a longer, local focus on Althea's work leading up to a celebration of her centenary in 2024.

Jak Beula, founder and chief executive of the Nubian Jak Community Trust, commented: "We are delighted to work with London Unseen to make Althea McNish the 84th recipient of a Nubian Jak London Blue plaque. Her impact on the capital resonated for over half a century, and we trust the plaque will help in making her legacy better known and no longer unseen to future generations."

Althea McNish, who passed away in 2020 at the age of 95, was born in Trinidad and migrated to the UK in 1951, settling in Tottenham in 1957. After achieving a postgraduate degree in textile design at The Royal College of Art, Althea went on to become an acclaimed and internationally important textile designer and artist. She designed for companies including Liberty's and Hull Traders, and her work is also represented in the V&A collections. She was closely associated with the Caribbean Artists' Movement.

Althea lived and worked for over 60 years on West Green Road in Tottenham, a street renowned for being the home of many pioneering businesses, entrepreneurs and artists of the Windrush Generation.

Article: [haringeycommunitypress](https://www.haringeycommunitypress.com)

V&A: [Althea McNish an Introduction](#)

Podcast Interview with curator:

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/1755276/episodes/11215760>





Join Our Repair Café Team – Make a Difference in Your Community!

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves, connect with others, and contribute to a more sustainable world? Our Repair Café team is looking for enthusiastic individuals to join us in these key roles:

1. Repairers/Fixers/Menders

Love solving problems and repairing household items?

No professional expertise needed—just bring your life experience and curiosity!

Commitment: Just 3.5 hours a month.

2. Event Volunteers

Be the friendly face that welcomes visitors and helps our events run smoothly.

Help with setup, guiding attendees, timing repairs, and more.

Commitment: 3.5 hours at one of our monthly events in Tottenham.

3. Keyboard Helpers (Behind the Scenes)

Support our team remotely by handling bookings, emails, and light admin tasks.

Commitment: Only 1 hour a month at your own pace.

Why Join Us?

- Gain hands-on experience, meet new people, and help save items from landfills.
- Learn new skills while having fun.
- Make a tangible impact in your local community.

Ready to join the fun? Get in touch today and become part of a movement that repairs, connects, and inspires. Together, we can make a real difference!

✨ Contact us to get started at
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