



CRAFT – CREATE BEAUTIFUL ARTIST-LED FESTIVE CRAFTS TO TAKE HOME

Croydon Clocktower atrium unless otherwise stated.

Care givers are asked to supervise their children throughout the workshops.

CRAFTY CROYDON: MAKE A GREETINGS CARD

Sat 10am – 5pm

Get creative with drawing, collage, and more, to create cards inspired by your favourite places in Croydon. This workshop is at Croydon Urban Room in the Whitgift Centre. Suitable for children aged 5-12, but all are welcome!



FRAGRANT POMANDERS WITH FÉE UHSSI

Sat 11.30am-1.30pm

Join **Fée Uhssi** in crafting fragrant pomanders using oranges, cloves and cinnamon sticks. Suitable for age 5+

UKRANIAN FESTIVE FOLK CRAFT

Sat 11.30am – 1.30pm, 3pm – 5pm

Join in the creation of brooches inspired by traditional “Didukhs” and head crowns made with ribbons. Svitlana Goncharuk will show you how!

Suitable for age 5+



BABA YAGA’S HOUSE

Sat 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3pm
Sun 11am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

Watch out! If you see a ramshackle old cottage roaming the streets on chicken legs, then Baba Yaga will surely be close by... and she has her eye on your presents! Or she might just eat you. **Dizzy O’Dare** brings this centuries-old Slavic story to life.

LIGHT ART – NEON MURALS TO CELEBRATE HOME

The Queen’s Gardens

THIS IS THE PLACE BY EMERGENCY EXIT ARTS

Fri & Sat 4.30pm – 8.30pm

The Queen’s Gardens will be lit up by colourful light displays inspired by the themes of home and belonging – including a neon living room! A free installation by **Emergency Exit Arts**.



GRAB A BITE AT THE CLOCKTOWER CAFE

In addition to its usual opening hours of Monday – Friday, 9.30am – 5.30pm, the Clocktower Café will also be open on Sun 8 Dec 11am – 3pm, serving tea & coffee, cakes, children’s menu and a small à la carte hot menu.

SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

We are proud to support Small Business Saturday by providing opportunities for artists to present their work, enabling small business to bring culture to Croydon. Do support other small businesses whilst you are in town! #SmallBizSatUK

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A VERY CROYDON CHRISTMAS

Everyone is invited to our free festive winter celebration!



Croydon Clocktower, Katharine Street,
Croydon CR9 1ET and around the town centre

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WHAT’S ON

OUTDOOR ARTS – MEET SOME EXTRAORDINARY CREATURES ROAMING THROUGH THE TOWN CENTRE

Katherine Street, High Street and North End Saturday and Sunday. Surrey Street Saturday only. All performances start and end in and around Croydon Clocktower. Performances are circa 30-40 minutes.



THE PEACOCKS

Sat 12.30pm, 2pm, 4.30pm
Sun 1pm, 3pm, 4pm

The **Peacocks** from **Global Grooves** are known to be quite a charming pair! These beautiful puppets can’t wait to prance, stroll and display their impressive tail feathers to you.

THE SPICE GIRLS

Sat 11am, 1pm, 2.30pm
Sun 11.30am, 1.30pm, 3.30pm

Spice up your life with these beautiful stilted Indian elephants from **Global Grooves!** The **Spice Girls** stroll head and shoulders above the crowd, creating a spectacle that is guaranteed to get you moving and shaking.



GHOST CARIBOU

Sat 3.30pm, 5pm
Sun 12pm, 2pm, 4.30pm

Ghost Caribou by Thingumajig Theatre.

With music, song and shadow puppets, the spirit creatures tell stories of migration and hope as part of a hauntingly beautiful dream-world. Daytime shows are walkabout, after dark they perform their other-worldly ceremony - 5pm, Saturday at Croydon Clocktower, and 4.30pm, Sunday on North End.



BESPOKE VINTAGE HEADBANDS

Sat 12pm-2pm, 3pm – 5pm

Make beautiful vintage pin-up style festive floral headbands with **Sinéad Bríd** of **Self Raising Flowers**. Wonderful wearable art! Suitable for ages 8+



TRASH TO TINSEL

Sat 1pm – 4pm

An eco-friendly workshop with **Stacey McGonigal** where creativity meets sustainability! Transform everyday plastic shopping bags into beautiful Christmas decorations.

MAKE FESTIVE DECORATIONS

Sun 11am – 1pm, 2pm – 4pm

Make festive decorations with **Fée Uhssi** using felt and African print fabrics and/or upcycle newspaper and magazines to make unique gift bags.

Suitable for age 5+

GUJARATI BEAD WORKSHOP

Sun 11.30am – 1.30pm, 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Join **Subrang Arts** for an Indian beadcraft workshop celebrating Gujarati art and culture and make your very own jewellery and decorations.

Suitable for age 5+

PRINT YOUR CHRISTMAS DINNER!

Sun 1.30pm – 4.30pm

A unique festive food workshop with **Stacey McGonigal** where Christmas dinner ingredients are transformed into vibrant art print materials. Why stick to potato printing when there are also sprouts, parsnips and carrots to have fun with?

FESTIVE FACEPAINTING

Croydon Clocktower

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Sat & Sun 11am – 1pm, 2pm – 4pm

Choose from our vibrant, inclusive designs that reflect the magic of the season with free festive facepainting by **Atelier Arzu!**

STORYTELLING – BE INSPIRED BY STORIES FROM ACROSS THE GLOBE

Children's Library, Croydon Clocktower Saturday.

Clocktower Café, Sunday.

Children's stories are circa 30 minutes

AFRO-CARIBBEAN STORIES

Sat 12pm, 1.30pm, 4pm

Join **Wendy Shearer** for Afro-Caribbean stories including cheeky tricksters, talking trees and feasting giants. Bring your biggest imagination and a few wishes for the tales.



FESTIVE STORYTELLING AND HAND DANCING

Sat 2pm, 3.15pm, Sun 3.30pm

Debbie Guneratne tells timeless stories that will warm your heart. Hear about different seasonal traditions and learn a hand dance in this festive storytelling session.

Suitable for age 8+

Sun 2pm – 2.45pm

Includes free tea, coffee, biscuits

Three enthralling tales especially for grown-ups! Reflecting **Debbie Guneratne's** mixed Dutch and Sri Lankan heritage, these are centuries old stories typically told around St Nicholas Day and Diwali.

Suitable for adults

MUSIC AND DANCE – LISTEN OR JOIN IN WITH GLOBAL SOUND PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS

Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Clocktower

unless otherwise stated.

TUNING DIMENSIONS: POLYPHONIC SINGING WORKSHOP

Sat 11.30am – 1.30pm

Led by **Ilenia Cipollari** focussing on the connection between the body and the voice with collective singing. The workshop for committed singers will cover traditional songs from the Mediterranean.

Suitable for adults and limited to 15 spaces.



MARIACHI LAS ADELITAS

Sun 11.30am -12pm, 1pm – 1.30pm

Bringing the sounds of South America to south London! Europe's only all-female Mariachi band return to Croydon bringing sensationally funky festive cheer.



BULGARIAN DANCE AND STORYTELLING

Sun 12pm – 1pm

Inspired by Christmas and the New Year, **Marchela-Vasilena Dimitrova** leads a blend of traditional Bulgarian dances and storytelling, including the story of the 'Survakane', a Bulgarian folklore custom used to celebrate the beginning of the New Year.

Suitable for age 5+

CROYDON STEEL ORCHESTRA

Sun 12pm – 12.30pm, 1.30pm – 2pm, 3pm – 3.30pm

Listen to the infectious rhythms of Croydon's very own youth and community steel pan band. The band will be in Katherine Street if dry, and by the Museum of Croydon, Croydon Clocktower if wet.

UKRAINIAN CAROLS AND FOLK SONGS

Sun 2pm – 2.45pm

Ukrainian carols and folk songs. To mark St Nicholas Day, a popular celebration in Ukraine, **Choir Chervona Kalina** present a range of traditional carols, music and folk songs.



CHRISTMAS CABARET WITH ADA CAMPE

Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Clocktower

Sat 3.15pm – 3.45pm, 4.30pm – 5pm

Join **Ada Campe**, an award-winning cabaret performer, variety artiste and magician for some Christmassy family fun, silliness and magic! All ages welcome.

WELLBEING – A CHANCE TO WIND DOWN

Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Clocktower

CROYDON GURDWARA

Sat 2pm – 3pm

Croydon Gurdwara invite all, but particularly our elders, to experience Sikh chair meditation and an auricular therapy session.

Events are suitable for all ages unless otherwise stated or if they're in a pub.

POETRY – A MULTI FAITH MULTI LINGUAL CELEBRATION OF VERSE

Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Clocktower

POEMS OF PEACE

Sun 3pm – 4.30pm with interval.

Includes free tea, coffee, biscuits.

A multilingual poetry performance on the themes of peace, togetherness and the spirit of Christmas. Languages include amongst others Farsi, Urdu, Bengali and English. Presented in partnership with Faiths Together, Poets Anonymous Croydon and the Muslim Association Croydon.

MUSEUM OF CROYDON

Croydon Clocktower

FAMILY FRIENDLY FESTIVE TRAIL

A Festive Family friendly trail around the Museum of Croydon's exhibition 'Rewind: This is Croydon's Music'. Find and follow the Christmas baubles to discover a festive story; from well-known Christmas tunes to festive pantomimes. Collect places and names to get an early Christmas present!

COLLECTIONS CART

Sat & Sun 11am – 1pm, 2pm – 4pm

You are invited to take a step back in time and explore a Dickens themed Christmas with some fun curiosities from the Museum's Handling Collection.



EVENING EVENTS

A CAROLING WE GO WITH THE LONDON MOZART PLAYERS

Fri 5pm family concert with soft drinks, fruit and festive biscuits

Fri 6.30pm an after-work concert with mulled wine and cheese straws

Braithwaite Hall, Croydon Clocktower

A brass quintet from Croydon's resident orchestra will lead us into the festive celebrations with two very special concerts - all are welcome to join in the singing! A family concert at 5pm with soft drinks, fruit and festive biscuits; and at 6.30pm, an after-work concert with mulled wine and cheese straws. Tickets start at £2.

GIGS AND A PINT

The Oval Tavern

Fri 8pm The Riffs

Sat 7pm Homebrood

Upbeat sounds of live SKA music from **The Riffs** and festive folk with the lively and infectious traditional celtic folk band **Homebrood**.



SKETCHY COMEDY NIGHT

The Spread Eagle, Sat 8pm

Tickets from £1 – all proceeds to **Nightwatch Croydon**.

Sketchy comedy night. Musical comedian **Su Mi** (BBC New Comedy Awards nominee)

presents the most exciting sketch, character, and musical comedians on the circuit! Featuring **Andrew Doherty**, **Alex Franklin** and **Nikola McMurtrie**, and Croydon's very own **Dick Denham**.

Use the QR code to book

