Imagine 2014

Saturday 13 September to Sunday 2 November

Sutton’s Festival of Arts

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The IMAGINE arts festival, in partnership with One Planet Sutton, aims to publicise Sutton’s sustainability initiatives via creativity and participation from our thriving arts community, offering entertainment, stimulating and thought-provoking events focussing on how we can better use, and treat, our planet.

The IMAGINE arts festival is supported by Sutton Council, which funds a grant scheme to help local community artists deliver a wide range of events. We are delighted to support these innovative and creative ideas and see them come to life, as well as encourage partnerships to flourish in our local communities. Please consider walking or cycling to events. Venue cycle racks are provided where you see the ‘Bicycle’ symbol on the back page.

I do hope you take advantage of the events on offer and continue to support your local arts scene.

Cllr. Jill Whitehead
Chair of Environment and Neighbourhoods Committee.

All events are FREE.

Where *Booking required* is stated please contact Sutton Theatres via the details below, or email if listed in the event.

**BY PHONE:**
You can book or reserve tickets by calling our box office number: 020 8770 6990 or enquiries line: 020 8770 6985

**IN PERSON:**
at the Secombe Theatre (9am - 4pm weekdays and Saturday 9.00am - 1.30pm) and the Charles Cryer Studio Theatre (Saturdays from 9.00am - 2.30pm)

**BY EMAIL:**
box.office@sutton.gov.uk with the title of the event, your full name and number of tickets requested

**WEBSITE:**
www.suttontheatres.co.uk/imagine and www.sutton.gov.uk/imagine

All events will be eco themed as we partner with One Planet Sutton to celebrate the arts in one of London’s greenest boroughs.

We have exhibitions, a rusty orchestra, culture cycle tours, recycled puppet workshops, an eco themed poetry slam, drama workshops and much more: spread right across the borough and at a venue near you.

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**Saturday 13 September**
**IMAGINE Opening Extravaganza**
Sutton High Street | 12noon - 3pm
Join us in the High Street for an afternoon of fun filled events and entertainment to celebrate the opening of the IMAGINE festival of the arts. There’s live music, drumming and craft workshops including snails tell tales, make your own scarecrow, a mascot race, giant butterfly stilt walkers and hedgemen living statues plus lots more. Opened by the Mayor of Sutton and sponsored by Enjoy Sutton, this inaugural event promises to offer something for everyone.

**Saturday 20 September**
**Inaugural IMAGINE Arts Cycle Tour**
Join us as we start the IMAGINE arts festival by a guided cycle tour of Sutton to celebrate the festival and the borough. Enjoy an energetic day exploring Sutton’s beautiful green spaces, heritage sites and hidden gems.

**Saturday 27 September**
**Community Art Cycle Tour**
Experience the IMAGINE arts festival from the saddle and see the range of activities on offer by cycling around Sutton. This Community Art Cycle Tour focuses on the role of the community in creating the festival, and comes to life with a mix of Calder sculptures, interactive installations and creative art projects.

**Monday 6 October**
**IMAGINE School Assembly**
Secondary Schools in the Sutton Local Authority area are invited to attend a creative assembly about the IMAGINE arts festival and the part they can play in it. The assembly is an outline of the festival and an opportunity to have your say about the programme and your ideas for it.

**Saturday 10 October**
**IMAGINE Opening Night Extravaganza**
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www.suttontheatres.co.uk/imagine
www.enjoysutton.co.uk
Tuesday 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 September

Through the Eyes of a Child

Sutton Life Centre | 5 - 7pm

The Citizenship Media Group, led by the filmmaker Richard Paris Wilson will create a video-based piece via the technique of double exposure, exploring the repercussions of damage to our environment. If you are aged 13-18 and interested in being involved, please email: RichardParisWilson@gmail.com. Screening throughout October at Sutton Life Centre. | 13-18years old | *Booking required

www.suttonlifecentre.org

Sunday 14, 21 and 28 September

One Body: painting workshops

Sutton Life Centre | 11am - 12 noon

Picasso once said that ‘All children are artists’, so let us be inspired by our young artists! These workshops are an opportunity for children to create two large community paintings, inspired by the natural environment. To book on these workshops please email: adam.greenhalgh@sutton.gov.uk. *See the final piece at the Sutton Life Centre on Friday 17 October, 5-6pm. | 4-7years old | *Booking required

www.suttonlifecentre.org

Monday 8 and 15 September

One Body: art workshops

Sutton Life Centre | 12 noon - 2pm

One Body is a creative project which enables the vulnerable from our community to express their artistic talent. These workshops, open to adults with learning disabilities, will help create large paintings to be exhibited in the public in Sutton Life Centre. To book on these workshops please email: adam.greenhalgh@sutton.gov.uk *See the final piece at the Sutton Life Centre on Friday 17 October, 5-6pm. | Adults with learning difficulties or disabilities | *Booking required

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Thursday 25 September and 2 October

One Sound: music workshops

Sutton Life Centre | 5 - 6pm

Two workshops for children with autism exploring sounds inspired by nature, recording sound with unusual acoustic and electronic instruments. The children will be able to hear their contribution and take away their music. If you would like to know more or be involved please email: adam.greenhalgh@sutton.gov.uk. The final piece of music will be available to view on the Sutton Life Centre website from 10 October. *Hear the work at the Sutton Life Centre on Friday 17 October, 5-6pm. | 5-12yrs old | *Booking required

www.suttonlifecentre.org

Saturday 20 September

Open House Weekend

Sutton Life Centre | 11am - 3pm

Join Sutton Life Centre for a tour of this award winning Eco building, from 11am-3pm. This is a child friendly event that includes art & crafts, as well as a Lego building activity! | All ages

www.openhouselondon.org.uk/sutton

Sunday 21 September

Open House Weekend

Charles Cryer Studio Theatre | 10am - 5pm

Explore behind the scenes of the Charles Cryer Studio Theatre and experience a special One Planet themed performance at 12noon and 2pm. Standard tours last 30 minutes, 45 minutes with live performance. Last tour 4.30pm. Max 10 at one time. | All ages

www.openhouselondon.org.uk/sutton

Walking and Enjoying Sutton’s History

Sutton High Street, outside Barclays Bank & Caffé Nero

Look out for the Imagine banner | 13.30p & 3.30p

This 75 minute walk around Sutton town centre will reveal rare architecture both new and old. See our Straw café and learn about its sustainability and the impact of a living wall of plants. | All ages

www.enjoysutton.co.uk

Wednesday 24 September

Just a Light Bite!

Wallington Library | 1 - 2pm

A lunchtime performance by the exceptional London Mozart Players, where you can hear small bites of music on the theme of nature/animals/sea to suit all tastes. There will even be a chance to get involved! | All ages

www.facebook.com/pages/Wallington-Library/31262106143

Saturday 27 September

You’re Getting Warmer

Straw Café | 10am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm

Hurry - we don’t have much time! The Three and a Half Degrees gang are on their way, and you’re our only hope of slowing them down.

You’re Getting Warmer is an outdoor adventure for families and small groups, which explores the effects of climate change in the UK. Armed with a smartphone and specialist app technology, you and your family are agents for change, hunting down clues and interacting on your mission to stall the Three and a Half Degrees. Booking is essential and groups will set off at regular intervals so please arrive at the Straw Café shortly before your allocated time, so you don’t miss your slot.

You’re Getting Warmer is funded by Arts Council England and Brighton and Hove City Council and was developed with Brighton Dome and Undercurrent.

www.pebblegorge.com *Booking required

Sunday 28 September

Stones, Goons and Martians:
A cultural tour of Sutton by bike

Sutton High Street, outside Waterstones: Look out for the Imagine banner | 11am - 1pm

Have you ever wondered which famous stars and people of history have lived in Sutton? Now is your chance to find out, and get healthy! Charles and Paul will take you on a gentle cycle tour to see hidden sites, such as the pub where the world famous Rolling Stones began, and the homes of H.G.Wells, Noel Coward and Sir Harry Secombe. This two hour cultural tour will take you from Sutton High Street, to Cheam and onto Worcester Park. Arrive early to avoid disappointment.

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You’re Getting Warmer

A full listing is available on www.suttontheatres.co.uk or if you have any queries call the Festival number 0208 770 6990

One Planet Sutton themes: Carbon Waste Communities Environment Economy
Saturday 4 October

Eco workshops with the Gary Mason Charity
The Old Town Hall, Wallington | 10am - 4pm
The Gary Mason Charity use 100% eco friendly materials, going back to the beginning of time when man used sounds of drums to communicate. Our qualified workshop leader will guide you through the way drums are made from sustainable forests and goats’ skin to learning basic rhythms and even playing your own solo piece! Also performing at the IMAGINE Opening Extravaganza.

www.gary-mason-charity.org

Sunday 5 October

Drama Performance Day at the Secombe Theatre
Secombe Theatre | 10am - 6pm
Unleash your creativity with a dramatic day of workshops and free performances. Could you tread the boards? Why not try our ‘Play in a Day’? No matter how much experience you have, the day long workshop, (from 10am) which culminates in a final environmentally aware performance, will lead to the group using new acting skills to perform on stage at 4.45pm. Even if acting isn’t for you, there will be free performances to enjoy all day. Perhaps rhyming couplets are more your thing? Running from 10.30am-12.30pm, award winning poet Stephen Smith will guide you through the way drums are made sounds of drums to communicate. Our qualified workshop leader will guide you back to the beginning of time when man used instruments and rhythms to share their life stories. Rusty Orchestra will lead to the group using new acting skills to perform钢 on stage at 4.45pm. Even if acting isn’t for you, there will be free performances to enjoy all day. Perhaps rhyming couplets are more your thing? Running from 10.30am-12.30pm, award winning poet Stephen Smith will guide you through the way drums are made sounds of drums to communicate. Our qualified workshop leader will guide you back to the beginning of time when man used instruments and rhythms to share their life stories. Rusty Orchestra will lead to the group using new acting skills to perform on stage at 4.45pm. Even if acting isn’t for you, there will be free performances to enjoy all day. Perhaps rhyming couplets are more your thing? Running from 10.30am-12.30pm, award winning poet Stephen Smith will guide you through the way drums are made sounds of drums to communicate. Our qualified workshop leader will guide you back to the beginning of time when man used instruments and rhythms to share their life stories. Rusty Orchestra will lead to the group using new acting skills to perform on stage at 4.45pm. Even if acting isn’t for you, there will be free performances to enjoy all day. Perhaps rhyming couplets are more your thing? Running from 10.30am-12.30pm, award winning poet Stephen Smith will guide you through the way drums are made

www.facebook.com/BHM-sutton

Sunday 12 October

Music Performance Day
Secombe Theatre | 10am - 6pm
Performances by Sutton Brass Ensemble at 11.30am, the British Clarinet Ensemble at 2.30pm and W10 Choir at 5pm, plus many local groups performing throughout the day. Got an old and formerly loved instrument mouldering in the cupboard? Get it out and join the Rusty Orchestra at 1.30pm, email joanna.steele@sutton.gov.uk or call 0208 770 6985 to take part. There will also be craft stalls selling throughout the day, so you can leave with some great memories and a lovely gift.

www.suttontheatres.co.uk

Monday 13 - Saturday 18 October

Art as Therapy
Europa Gallery | 10am - 6pm | Sat 9:30am - 5pm | Sun 1 - 4.30pm
The annual Art as Therapy exhibition will give emphasis to eco subjects as part of the IMAGINE festival. Participating groups include Bananas Art, Clusters, Orchard Hill College, SCOLA, Scill Centre, the Sutton Mental Health Foundation and Sutton Support and Inclusion Team.

There will be a prize of £50 for the piece of work judged to have the greatest visual impact.

Monday 13 October

Art as Therapy Private view
Europa Gallery | 6 - 8pm
Join Arts Network Sutton for the Art as Therapy private view, when the Mayor will announce the winner of the best eco themed work produced.

www.artsnetworksutton.org

Wednesday 15 October

Recycled Stories
Secombe Theatre | 3 - 5pm
You are invited to a fun workshop where no skills are required. There’s no need to write down your stories, instead we encourage you to share them and use your personal experiences and histories to create a new story: to be acted out within the group. This will be led by a professional actress; you will be in very safe hands. Lots of laughter guaranteed and a cup of tea too!

www.facebook.com/fallenangelsdrama

*Friday 17 October

One Body / One Sound Exhibition
Private View
Sutton Life Centre | 5 - 8pm
One Body / One Sound is a sensory exhibition which takes inspiration from nature, with works produced by children aged 4-6, adults with learning disabilities, children with autism, the elderly in care homes and people in prison.

The exhibition runs from 22 October - 23 November
Open Mon - Fri 9:30am - 8pm, Sat 9:30am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 2pm

suttonlifecentre.org

Saturday 18 October

Dance Performance Day at the Secombe Theatre
Secombe Theatre | 10am - 6pm
Warm up that body and throw out some moves with our free IMAGINE dance workshops. Our first class will be an open session on contemporary fusion dance at 1pm. Later in the day, we have a very different flavour with our Sutton Stompers workshop at 3.15pm (for the over 50s) and performances throughout the day on the main stage of the theatre. You will be spinning with imagination by the end!

www.suttontheatres.co.uk/IMAGINE

Saturday 18 October

The Flying Scotsman Film Screening
Carshalton Methodist Church | 7.30pm
(Doors open at 7pm)
Our cinema shows the true story of Scottish cyclist, Graeme Obree, who designed and built his own high performance bicycle from scrap metal and washing machine parts and cycled into history by breaking the world record. Sub-titles for people with hearing difficulties.

www.carshalton-methodist.org.uk

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**Wednesday 22 October**

**One Planet Poetry Performance Workshop**

**Charles Cryer Studio Theatre | 3 - 5pm**

Sutton Writers, together with the Fallen Angels drama group invite you to a One Planet themed poetry performance practice. Learn how to read your poems out loud and achieve maximum impact.

[Read more](http://www.suttonwriters.co.uk)

**Thursday 23 October**

**Natural African Worlds Exhibition**

**Private View**

Europa Gallery | 5.30 - 7.30pm

Join the artists of the Natural African Worlds at the Europa gallery for an evening of great art with contemporary artists coming out of Africa.

[Read more](http://www.artafro.com)

**Saturday 25 October**

**Autumnal Bird Watch**

**Whitehall | 2 - 4pm**

A gentle guided walk around the local parks, including Cheam Park and Nonsuch Park, looking at bird migration. The walk and talk will be led by a representative from the Ecology Centre and will start and end at Whitehall, with refreshments available in the tea room at the end. To book your free place, please email: whitehallmuseum@sutton.gov.uk or call 020 8643 1236

[Read more](http://www.suttonmencap.org.uk)

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**Friday 24 October**

**A Rubbish Lunchbreak Performance**

**Sutton High Street, Morrisons | 3 - 3.20pm**

**Europa gallery, Central Library | 4 - 4.20pm**

Bill and Fred are knackered! They've spent the morning sweeping and rubbish-picking Sutton High Street and are ready for a bite to eat. But something strange has happened to Bill's sandwiches and even the rubbish pile behind him has something to say about it. A show using puppetry, comedy and movement to bring fun and imagination to a pile of rubbish. Brought to you by the members of the Equally Diverse Training Scheme.

[Read more](http://www.suttonwriters.co.uk)

**Sunday 26 October**

**Scrap Heap Scarecrow Challenge**

**Honeywood Museum | 2 - 5pm**

Help Carshalton Community Allotment create super scarecrows, recycling and reusing materials destined for landfill. Drop in for free workshops with professional artists.

[Read more](http://www.envfair.org.uk)

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**Monday 27 October**

**A Rubbish Lunch Break Workshop**

**Wallington Hall | 2 - 3pm**

Come and join the cast from A Rubbish Lunch Break and have fun turning rubbish into puppets. Bring along anything you were going to chuck and let’s see what we can create. Limited places available.

[Read more](http://www.savvytheatre.co.uk)

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**Tuesday 28 October**

**Make and Bake with Sutton Youth Parliament**

**The Quad | 10.30am - 3.30pm**

This is your chance to up-cycle old tiles and create something beautiful! Your handy work will be part of creating an everlasting piece for the Quad. Please contact youthservice@suttonlea.org to book your place!

[Read more](http://www.suttonyouth.org)

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**Graffiti Competition (Afternoon)**

On the spot graffiti workshop will use eco friendly materials to create art works on boards made from recycled material. The final pieces will be on themes which help raise awareness of our changing environments and the causes. There will be prizes for the best three works. Please contact youthservice@suttonlea.org to book your place!

[Read more](http://www.suttonyouth.org)
Half Term

Enjoy Sutton in conjunction with Secombe Theatre Presents:

Spooky Sutton, Creative Workshops for All

Let the little ones sing to their hearts content and boogie at the Secombe! From Sing-a-Song in Sutton to a Toddlers ball and Halloween Story time there will be something for those aged as young as 6 months to 15 years old. Bring out the star in your child! Visit our website for more details.

Sutton Music Festival will present a concert of songs and music reflecting the ongoing cycle of life and how death leads to regeneration and re-birth. Guest House Opera’s singers – many of them soloists in their own right - sing solo, in various-sized groups and in a number of musical styles from classical to contemporary ‘crossover’, with special guests joining. Guest House Opera is working with the Sutton Music Festival for the first time this year, to give outstanding performers from the festival an added local platform to showcase their talents, early in their career.

All Saints Church | 6.30 - 8.30pm
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All ages *Booking required
www.guesthouseopera.co.uk

Sunday 2nd November

Finale Eco Beats Showcase
The Brook | 3 - 5pm
EcoBeats will showcase their eco film and creative music project produced especially for this year’s festival. The intimate screening will be followed by a Q&A and live acoustic performance from the project directors Paolo Tossio & Lyrical. Please reserve your place by emailing ecobeats2014@gmail.com

All ages *Booking required
www.facebook.com/paolotossio
IMAGINE new ways of travelling by walking or cycling to the events and getting healthy at the same time! Visit [www.walkit.com](http://www.walkit.com) to plan out your walking route! Or map out your journey for using public transport on: [www.journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.journeyplanner.tfl.gov.uk).

We also have more information on cycle routes at [www.suttontheatres.co.uk/imagine](http://www.suttontheatres.co.uk/imagine).

Please also see cycle icons for events with bicycle racks.

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| Sutton High Street | Sutton Life Centre | Wallington Library | Friends Meeting House | Secombe Theatre | Charles Cryer Studio Theatre | Riverside Centre | Wallington Hall | Honeywood Museum | Whitehall | Europa Gallery | BedZED Pavilion | Carshalton Methodist Church | Morrisons | The Quad Youth Centre | All Saints Church | Straw Café | Friends of the Sutton Ecology Centre | The Brook | The Old Town Hall - Wallington |
| 24 Alcorn Close, Sutton, SM3 9PX | 24A Sandmartin Way, Wallington, SM6 7DF | Shotfield, Wallington, SM6 0HY | Cedar Road, Sutton, SM2 5DA | 42 Cheam Road, Sutton, SM1 2SS | 39 High Street, Carshalton, SM5 3BB | Riverside Community Association, 113 Culvers Avenue, Carshalton, SM5 2FJ | Stafford Rd, Wallington, SM6 9AQ | Honeywood Walk, Carshalton, SM5 3NX | 1 Maldon Road, Cheam, SM3 8QD | Sutton Central Library, St Nicolas Way, SM1 1EA | | High St, Sutton, SM1 1DD | Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, SM5 1JW | | | | | |

On site and local cycle parking available

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