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# Happy Streets

**Saturday 13 July 2019**  
**12 noon - 6pm**

**A FREE family-friendly day of circus,  
music, dance and fun activities**

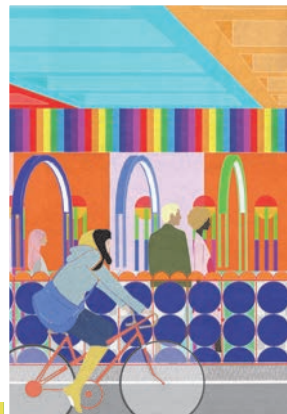
**Thessaly Road & Ascalon Street**  
**Nine Elms, SW8 5EJ**

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## Thank you

Wandsworth Council is grateful to the event partners, in particular our hosts at St. George's Primary School and the local developers who have sponsored the festival, as well as to all the performance companies and practitioners taking part.

# Welcome to Happy Streets

Join in the fun at *Happy Streets* - a free, family-friendly festival in Nine Elms celebrating the bright new Thessaly Road bridge design.

Yinka Ilori's striking new artwork on the bridge – commissioned by Wandsworth Council in partnership with the London Festival of Architecture – explores the theme of happiness through a wonderful use of colour.

Inspired by this, the festival is packed with opportunities to try out anything from hula hooping and pizza-making to beatboxing and gardening. Follow a giant puppet around the neighbourhood, take to the streets with a marching band, and be amazed by the skills of circus artists. There are also quieter moments to think about what

happiness means to you and to learn more about the trees and plants on our doorstep that bring a welcome bit of nature into our busy, urban lives.

So smash a piñata, dance a *Happy Dance*, watch some virtual reality theatre, scramble through a cardboard city, or simply enjoy some tea and cake while you soak up the atmosphere!

We'd love to know what you thought of the event: please fill out one of our surveys on site or e-mail your feedback to [info@nineelmsonthesouthbank.com](mailto:info@nineelmsonthesouthbank.com).



## 51st State Band

World Heart Beat's 51st State Band is one of London's largest and most vibrant community concert bands. Join some of their leading musicians on a marching route through the newly re-designed Thessaly Road bridge and back, celebrating the arrival of *Happy Street* in Nine Elms in musical New Orleans style!

**St. George's School**  
(meeting point: main playground)



## Beatbox Academy: Live on Stage

Round off your day by joining some of the remarkable young musicians from Battersea Arts Centre's famous Beatbox Academy for a highly charged and entertaining grand finale.

**St. George's School (main playground)**

## Beatbox Workshop

A fantastic opportunity to learn to beatbox. The team behind the famous Battersea Arts Centre's Beatbox Academy will help you discover the amazing sounds you can create using only your mouth and a mic. **All ages welcome; no experience necessary!** **ROSE Community Clubroom (large hall)**

## Colour-Your-Own *Happy Street* by Yinka Ilori

Pick up a pen and add your own splash of colour to a community mural version of Yinka Ilori's Thessaly Road bridge design.

**ROSE Community Clubroom (garden)**





## Circus Flavours by Upswing

Join leading circus company Upswing for a showcase of diverse, energetic performances and hands-on aerial workshops. For anyone who's ever dreamed of joining the circus, this is a perfect chance to learn from the best.

**Workshops suitable for 7 yrs+. Limited capacity, so we recommend signing up as soon as you arrive.**

**St. George's School (the pen)**



## The Errant Stage

A mobile stage, converted from a red Luton van, hosts live music, hula hoop workshops and beatboxing throughout the afternoon. Listen out here for announcements about what's going on or even appear on the stage yourself at an Open Mic session!

**If you sing, play an instrument or have a poem to share and want to perform at *Happy Streets*, email [info@nineelmsonthesouthbank.com](mailto:info@nineelmsonthesouthbank.com) with a short demo to request an Open Mic slot.**

**Some walk-up slots may also be available on the day via the Info Point.**

**St. George's School (main playground)**

## Gnomus - The Caretaker of the Earth by Puppets with Guts

Meet Gnomus, a gentle giant and the caretaker of plants and stories, as he unearths untold facts about climate change and the environment. Journey with him around the Nine Elms streets as he checks every leaf and every flower in the Thessaly Road area, inspiring a new generation of conservationists. **Suitable for 6yrs+.** All children to be accompanied by an adult.

**ROSE Community Clubroom**  
(meeting point: garden)



## The Happiness Garden & Allotment

Make recycled hanging baskets with the **Green Fingers Gardening Club**, get your face painted courtesy of **Wandsworth Mediation Services**, be served tea and cake by **St. George's Church**, and try your hand at simple craft activities designed to promote wellbeing with **Nine Elms Arts Ministry**. You can also share your ideas on happiness at the **Table under the Trees** or join one of the **Round Table Happiness Conversations** for an open discussion on how we pursue happiness as individuals and as a community.

**St. George's School**  
(happiness garden, allotment)

## Happy Dance by Lorraine Roberts

Dance your way to happiness with a simple, community dance open to everyone of all ages and abilities. Local choreographer Lorraine Roberts will call the steps so you don't have to know the dance before you join in – just get stuck in!

For those who want some practice first, you can learn the dance and explore how connecting with our bodies makes



us feel better at one of the afternoon workshops.

**ROSE Community Clubroom (large hall) - workshops**  
**St. George's School (main playground) - community performance**



## A Kitchen's True Mission

A celebration of food in all its guises - eating it, cooking it, making it, growing it - is at the heart of the Yvonne Carr Centre's summer offer in partnership with New Covent Garden Market and Vinci St Modwen. Pop down to learn more, try something new and sign up for food-related activities running all summer long!

**Yvonne Carr Centre**

## All-day activities

### ROSE Community Clubroom

**12noon-6pm -**

Pizza-making Workshops (garden)

**12noon-6pm -**

Virtual Reality Theatre Tasters (garden)

**12noon-6pm -**

Colour-Your-Own *Happy Street* (garden)

### St. George's School

**12noon-6pm -**

*Tea Trail* (info point)

### Ball Court

Ascalon Street, SW8 4DL

**12.30-2.30pm;**

**3.30-5.30pm -**

WildCity

### Yvonne Carr Centre

2 Thessaly Road, SW8 4HT

**12noon-6pm -**

A Kitchen's True Mission

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## Event start times

**Starting between 12 noon - 1pm**

## ROSE Community Clubroom

Ascalon Street, SW8 4DL

**12noon-1.45pm - Piñata-making workshop**  
 (small hall; drop in anytime)

**12.30-1.30pm - Nine Elms Tree Walk**  
 (meeting point: garden)

**12.45-1pm - Gnomus** (meeting point: garden)

**Starting between 1pm - 2pm**

**1-1.30pm - Happy Dance workshop**  
 (large hall)

**1.45pm - Piñata smashing** (garden)

**Starting between 2pm - 3pm**

**2-2.15pm - Gnomus** (meeting point: garden)  
**2.30-3pm - Happy Dance workshop** (large hall)

**2.45-4.30pm - Piñata-making workshop**  
 (small hall; drop in anytime)

**2.45-3.45pm - Nine Elms Tree Walk**  
 (meeting point: garden)

**Starting between 3pm - 4pm**

**3-3.15pm - Gnomus** - (meeting point: garden)  
**3.30-4.30pm - Beatbox Academy workshop**  
 (large hall)

**3.45-4pm - Gnomus** - (meeting point: garden)

**Starting between 4pm - 5pm**

**4.30pm - Piñata smashing** (garden)  
**4.45pm-5pm - Gnomus** (meeting point: garden)

**Starting between 5pm - 6pm**

**Head to St. George's School** (main playground) **for the festival finale!**



## St George's School

Thessaly Road, SW8 5EJ (entrance opposite Powerleague)

**12noon-1pm – The Errant Stage** (main playground)

**12noon-3pm – Musical Instrument Discovery Hotspot**

(long play area; drop in anytime)

**12.15pm-12:45pm – 51st State Band** (meeting point: main playground)

**12.30-2pm – Recycled Hanging Baskets** (allotment; drop in anytime)

**12.30-2.30pm – Face Painting and badges** (happiness garden; drop in anytime)

**12.45-1:30pm – Circus Flavours workshop** (the pen)

**1-1.10pm – Marawa's Majorettes performance** (main playground)

**1.30-2pm – Marawa's Majorettes hula hoop workshop** (main playground)

**1.30-2.30pm – Wellbeing Craft sessions** (allotment; drop in anytime)

**2-2.15pm – Circus Flavours performance** (the pen)

**2-3.15pm – The Errant Stage** (main playground)

**2.15-2.45pm – 51st State Band** (meeting point: main playground)

**2.30-3pm – Round Table Happiness Conversation** (happiness garden)

**2.30-3.15pm – Circus Flavours workshop** (the pen)

**2.30-4.30pm – Tea and Cakes** (allotment; drop in anytime)

**3-4pm – Wellbeing Craft sessions** (allotment; drop in anytime)

**3-4.30pm – Face painting and badges** (happiness garden; drop in anytime)

**3.15-3.45pm – Marawa's Majorettes hula hoop workshop** (main playground)

**3.45-4pm – Circus Flavours performance** (the pen)

**4-4.10pm – Marawa's Majorettes performance** (main playground)

**4.15-5pm – The Errant Stage** (main playground)

**4.15-5pm – Circus Flavours workshop** (the pen)

**4.30-5pm – Round Table Happiness Conversation** (happiness garden)

**5-5.15pm – Happy Dance performance** (main playground)

**5.15-6pm – Beatbox Academy: Live on Stage** (main playground)

## Marawa's Majorettes

Be dazzled by the skills of this troupe of world-record-holding hula hoopers, led by a *Britain's Got Talent* semi-finalist. You can also have a go yourself by joining one of their workshops.

**St. George's School**  
(main playground)



## Nine Elms Tree Walks by Paul Wood

An urban forest safari led by the author of *London's Street Trees*. Explore the fascinating stories that the trees on Nine Elms' streets, estates and gardens help us unlock about people and nature.

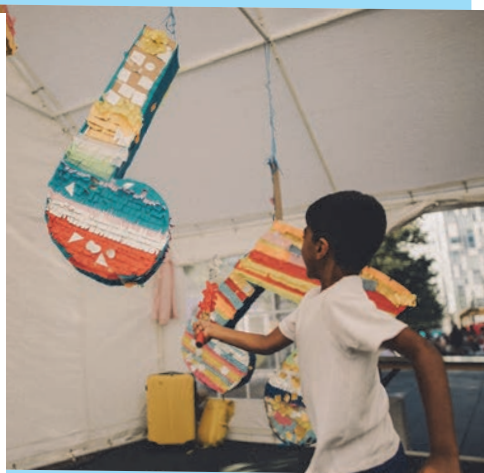
**ROSE Community Clubroom**  
(meeting point: garden)

## Piñata-making (and smashing!) by Lizzie King

Decorate – then smash – large, colourful piñatas celebrating Thessaly Road's *Happy Street* bridge and the horticultural heritage of Nine Elms, which, according to local legend, was the first place in the country to grow pineapples.

**All ages welcome; children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult.**

**ROSE Community Clubroom**  
(small hall & garden)





## Pizza-making Workshops

Learn how to make and cook pizza in the ROSE's very own outdoor pizza ovens then devour your culinary creations!

**ROSE Community Clubroom (garden)**

## Tea Trail by Urban Canopy & Edible Avenue SW8

Pick up a guide from the Info Point and follow this health and wellbeing *Tea Trail* by solving clues and following directions around newly planted herb gardens to learn about the health properties of plants. Bring the herbs you pick back to the Allotment to make a health-giving cup of tea.

**St. George's School  
(meeting point: info point)**



## Virtual Reality Theatre Tasters

Wandsworth Council is launching a year-long series of free Virtual Reality theatre screenings at the ROSE Community Clubroom in partnership with LIVR. Come along to the Virtual Reality Shed to try out a headset, learn more about how the regular sessions will be run, and get a taste of what's in store!

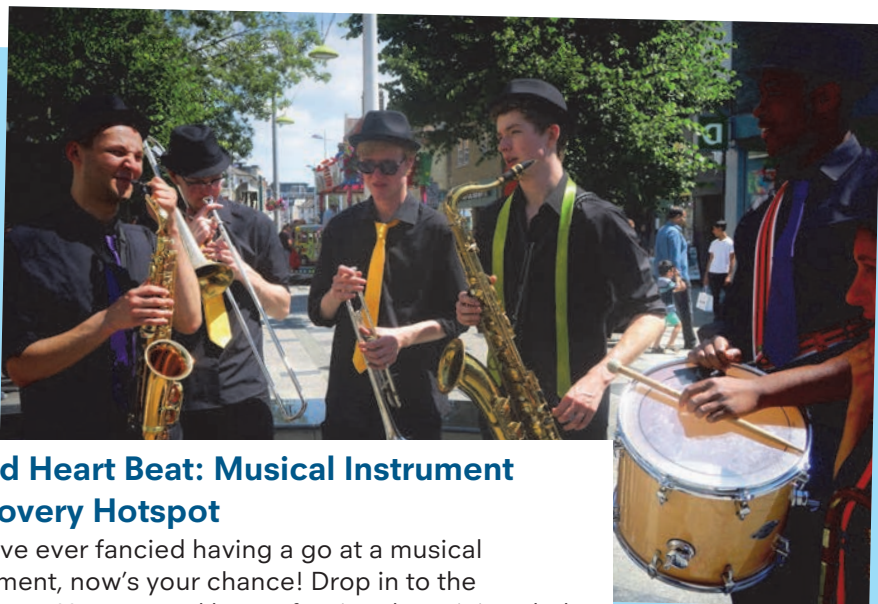
**ROSE Community Clubroom (garden)**



## WildCity

Join WildCity as they create a giant, interactive world of cardboard boxes. Help build a playful, collaborative construction of towers and tunnels, then scramble your way through it!

**Ascalon Street Ball Court**



## World Heart Beat: Musical Instrument Discovery Hotspot

If you've ever fancied having a go at a musical instrument, now's your chance! Drop in to the *Discovery Hotspot* and let professional musicians help you try your hand at the trombone, sax, flute, violin, trumpet or tabla. **St. George's School (long play area)**



# Creating Happy Street

*Happy Street* is the first exciting stage in a whole programme of improvements to the environment around Thessaly Road.



As part of London Festival of Architecture 2018, Wandsworth Council asked artists and designers to come up with a design to improve the railway bridge and underpass on Thessaly Road, SW8.

Following a public consultation and the decision of an expert panel, London-based designer Yinka Ilori was chosen to develop his colourful design called *Happy Street*.

The design covers the entrances, walls and underside of the bridge, using a rainbow of colours selected by Ilori to reference the bright colours seen during sunsets over the Thames nearby.

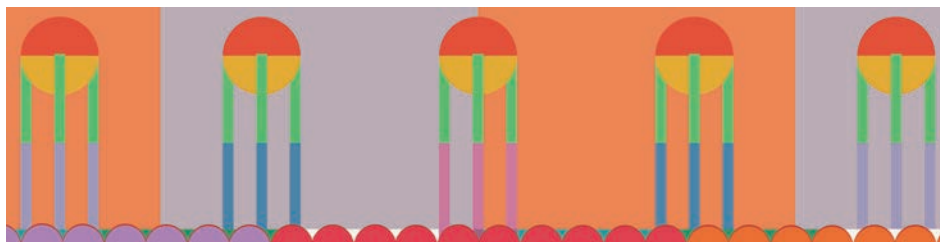
To create the artwork, the bridge walls and surface areas were painted and enamel powder-coated panels installed on top of the brick walls.

*Happy Street* is the first improvement to the Thessaly Road area as part of a package of works being carried out by Wandsworth Council.

Other plans include enhancing the appearance of Thessaly Road, making it safer for pedestrians and cyclists, and making sure the area is ready for the new Northern Line Tube stations opening nearby in 2021.

The Council has recently consulted with residents and businesses on the introduction of a Controlled Parking Zone and is consulting with local residents over better sports and wellbeing facilities as well as the proposed road improvements.

Find out more about all these improvement works during the Happy Streets festival – you'll find the Wandsworth Council stands in the canopied area next to the Tuck Shop in St George's School playground (long play area). Or visit [www.wandsworth.gov.uk](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk) to take part in the latest consultations.



## Refreshments

You are very welcome to bring your own food and drink to enjoy during the afternoon.

Please feel free to use the picnic areas provided at the ROSE Community Clubroom Garden and St. George's School Main Playground.

Please avoid bringing alcoholic drinks or glass onto any of the festival sites.

Affordable snacks and soft drinks will be available to purchase from the Tuck Shops in St. George's School Playground and the ROSE Community Clubroom.

You can also take part in pizza-making workshops in the ROSE Community Clubroom garden, and of course you can eat what you make!

The Yvonne Carr Centre will have a selection of delicious food and non-alcoholic beverages for sale.

## Access

**All festival venues are wheelchair accessible.**

The outdoor sites are all level,

tarmac terrain; the indoor venues are step-free, with linoleum flooring.

Toilets are available in the ROSE Community Clubroom, St. George's School, and at the Yvonne Carr Centre.

Accessible toilets are available at the ROSE and St. George's School.

Please discuss any access requirements with a member of Upswing before registering to take part in the *Circus Flavours* workshops.

A BSL interpreter will be available all day, free of charge. If you would like to register your interest in using this service in advance, you can let us know by emailing

**[info@nineelmsonthesouthbank.com](mailto:info@nineelmsonthesouthbank.com)**

or ask at the Info Point in St. George's School Main Playground on the day.

Breast-feeding is welcome at any of the festival venues.

A Quiet Room will be available in St. George's School if you need to escape the hustle and bustle; please ask one of our *Happy Streets* team if you need to access this space.

## Weather

The festival will go ahead come rain or come shine!

Please wear comfortable clothing and come dressed for the weather on the day. We will be able to move some of the activities inside in the event of heavy rain; any alterations to the programme will be available at the Info Point in St. George's School Main Playground and announced by the event compères.

If it is very hot, please carry water and wear sun screen; sun screen will be available at the Info Point and you can ask *Happy Streets* team members to fill up your water bottle at the Water Points in the ROSE Community Clubroom and St. George's School Main Playground.

## Find out more

For more information on the performers appearing at *Happy Streets*, or for news about other Nine Elms arts events, visit

[www.nineelmslondon.com/arts-and-culture](http://www.nineelmslondon.com/arts-and-culture)

## Venue facilities

### ROSE Community Clubroom & Garden

Ascalon Street, SW8 4DL

- Picnic area
- Toilets
- Accessible toilet
- Tuck shop
- Water point

### St George's School

Thessaly Road, SW8 5EJ

- Info point
- BSL interpreter
- Picnic area
- Toilets
- Accessible toilet
- Tuck shop
- Wandsworth Council & community stands
- Water point
- Quiet room
- Early years play equipment

### Yvonne Carr Centre

2 Thessaly Road, SW8 4HT

- Refreshments
- Toilets



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