

# The Mill

*\*People making things happen*

## Keep in Touch

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### To everyone who makes The Mill possible - a big thank you!

The Mill has been open for more than two years, and the community has taken us to its heart.

Earlier this year, local people declared The Mill 'a hidden gem' and we featured on the Council's map of the best places in Waltham Forest. The Blackhorse Road Baptist Church awarded all the volunteers at The Mill a certificate - *"For achieving the impossible!"*

The Mill is unique in that it is run almost entirely by volunteers, some people giving several hours a week, some an occasional hour each month. Everyone is vitally important, and without you The Mill would grind to a halt.

Get in touch if you want to volunteer your time or skills!



*Harriet in her Apple Day garland*

### Great events at The Mill

The Mill hosts events for the whole community all year round, organised and run by local people.

This included an amazing Star Wars Day in the summer, our Halloween celebrations, and poetry readings. We also hosted an annual Apple Day with BAG, and the fruity games, apple pressing and crafts made this year's celebration another very popular event.

### Get involved!

Have you got a great idea for a new activity or event to hold at The Mill? Come and tell us about it, and we can help you get that idea up and running!

### Help us grow by becoming a community mentor!

All the groups and activities that take place at The Mill are led by members of the community with great ideas or skills they want to share. Thanks to a grant from money raised by HealthLives

through the Health Lottery, we are recruiting local people to become mentors to these group leaders, and help them grow new ideas!

#### Interested?

You'll take part in training to help you learn about community mentoring and have the opportunity to help us run a Community

Grants competition. You will then be matched with a competition winner and help them make their ideas happen!

If you are interested in becoming a Mill Mentor please get in touch or find out more at our introductory evening on Thursday 21st November 2013 from 6pm.

### Dates for your diary

#### Christmas Fair

Saturday 7th December  
1.30pm to 4.30 pm

Gifts to buy, crafts to make, cakes, spicy fruit punch and music!

#### Grow The Mill

#### Community Mentoring

Thursday Nov 21st  
6pm-8pm

An evening to introduce The Mill's new programme of community mentoring.

#### LSC Photography

28th Nov – 22nd Dec

A variety of photographs from students of Leyton Sixth-Form College.

#### Urban decay, Urban Ascent

9th Jan – 1st Feb 2014

Street photography from LSC students

#### Telling Stories

6th Feb – 29th March 2014

A project by the Royal College of Arts - your stories collected by the newly invented, incredible story machine.

## A beautifully painted children's room

Our wonderful children's room has had a new splash of paint - and is now even more welcoming!



As part of Ascham Homes' 'Connects Week', Ascham Homes teamed up with Osborne and Aston Heating staff to repaint the room (*below left*). They did a great job!

The children's room is open throughout the day - and kids with their families can call in any time.

## There is space for everyone at The Mill!

Please make use of our Living Room, a friendly welcoming space to sit with a cup of tea and read a paper or work on a puzzle. And don't forget to pick up a book from our ever expanding Honesty Library.

## Join our Friends' Scheme

Become a Friend of The Mill and help us grow from strength to strength! If you want to be part of The Mill and all our future plans please join us. For more information visit [themill-coppermill.org/friends](http://themill-coppermill.org/friends) or pop in and ask one of our volunteers.

## ArtWorks at The Mill - and beyond!

In the past few months many of you enjoyed the exhibitions on Walthamstow Marshes and Fabric Art and if you haven't already seen it do check out *Book Marks* on till November the 23rd.

We have had two exhibitions of amazing sculptures: *WildLife REworked* - 15 urban animals made by local families with artist Michelle Reader, and *Waiting* - six plaster people created by Esther Neslen.

Both these exhibitions went on to other venues - the animals looked great in the garden at Vestry House and three of Esther's figures are currently sitting patiently in reception at the Town Hall. Quite an honour!

The sculptures inspired junior and adult poets and the result is an anthology *joined up writing* which was launched on Nov 2nd as part of *O My Word*.

Thanks to Apex Arts for their generous sponsorship! Copies are available at £5 each.



*Husna and her plaster double*

## The Mill Consultancy - even more people making things happen

The Mill's work with local people in Lea Bridge Library has continued all year, and more and more people are now using this community space.

There are lots of activities at Lea Bridge now, and a group of local people are poised to take over this project for the long term.

This is a trial project for Waltham Forest Council, who have commissioned The Mill to kick start community activities and groups in Lea Bridge. This lets us support local ideas and brings in money for The Mill's future.

Get in touch if you would like to join the project email list or if you have any questions. And keep an eye on the Lea Bridge Library noticeboard!

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## Do you want to be a trustee of The Mill?

The trustees have been busy writing a strategy for the future of The Mill, setting out what we need to do over the next 2-3 years to keep it thriving.

We are currently looking for a treasurer with accountancy experience, so if you know anyone who'd like to join the trustee team, please get in touch.