

## Discover Day and Telling Stories exhibition

Discover Children's Story Centre, London's only children's museum, took over The Mill on Saturday 22nd February and created a totally magical day. Artists and poets were on hand and children made things to take home and also created a beautiful installation of 'maps', which are still up in our garden room. Biscuit baking and decorating proved very popular. The Green Monster Yurt was packed with families enjoying stories. A big thanks to Discover and their volunteers - come back soon!



what they do there and about the people they meet? This produced an ever-increasing 'washing line' of postcards for everyone to read and share, plus photographs and little videos captured by the rainbow Story Wheel. Young children are already using the machine very enthusiastically and creating stories with shadow puppets. The exhibition marked the culmination of a year's collaboration between the RCA Helen Hamlyn Centre of Design and The Mill, as part of the research project 'The Creative Citizens'. We are very grateful to them and also to artist Michelle Reader, who worked with the RCA to build the magical story booth from innovative ideas by young, creative citizens.



"Telling Stories" launched the unique Story Machine, which combines digital technology with simple, but effective, puppetry. Its aim is to capture stories and share them online so that visitors to The Mill website can also experience the spirit of creativity and collaboration that has become our hallmark. During the exhibition we asked the community to tell us why they like The Mill,

## Friends of The Mill

We launched our friends scheme in December 2013 and have had a great response so far! People in the community and several local businesses have been extremely generous in their support. We are very grateful to everybody who has signed up so far and would also like to thank Waltham Forest Council for their generosity in matching funding. The Mill Friend scheme is a great way for us to generate a reliable income, which empowers us to plan for the long-term future of The Mill and enables us to continue to grow as a space for everyone. Friends of The Mill are already

having a fantastic impact supporting the work of our staff and volunteers. As Friends of The Mill grows we are planning to explore a variety of ways to involve members, such as special events, celebrations and newsletters. We would love to hear from Friends if they have any suggestions. A special afternoon tea has been organised for friends registered by 31 March and we have also commissioned some window stickers. If you want to join, go to the Get Involved section on the website, or pop in and fill out a form at Reception.

