



# London Vision

'Let's Go Out'

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'Let's Go Out' is a regular newsletter to inform people with sight loss about accessible activities and events happening around London.

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Welcome to the December and January issue of our newsletter which highlights cultural events and activities available over the next two months which includes the Christmas period – some are designed particularly to enable access for people with sight loss – while all of them will be accessible with a volunteer guide.

This is just a selection of what is available in and around London.

Please note that Let's Go Out is for information only and the activities listed below are not led by London Vision (unless specified). We recommend contacting the venue directly for further information including accessibility, health and safety and ticket sales.

## Exhibitions & Tours

'Klimt / Schiele': Audio described tour and handling session

The Royal Academy

Date: Monday 3 December 2018

Time: 9.00am

Ticket price: Free

[Klimt / Schiele](#) brings together rare and fragile drawings, offering an intimate insight into the intimate insight into the artistic friendship and differing creative processes of two Austrian artists, Gustav Klimt and Egon Schiele. Both revelled in the immediacy of drawing, an ideal medium for exploring new ideas of modernity, subjectivity and the erotic. This audio described tour will encounter the portraits, landscapes, nudes and erotic drawings of these two icons of Modernism.

After the tour, a handling session will focus on exploring objects detailing their use of different creative methods and materials. This event includes refreshments and volunteer support is provided.

Contact Box Office by phone 020 7300 8090 or email [tickets@royalacademy.org.uk](mailto:tickets@royalacademy.org.uk)

Venue: Royal Academy, Burlington House, Piccadilly, W1J 0BD

Closest tube: Green Park

I am Ashurbanipal King of the World, King of Assyria,  
British Museum

Date: Saturday 15 December 2018

Time: 3.45pm

Ticket price: £14

A live audio-described tour and handling session for this new exhibition about King Ashurbanipal of Assyria. He described himself in inscriptions as 'king of the world', and his reign from the city of Nineveh (now in northern Iraq) marked the high point of the Assyrian empire, which stretched from the shores of the eastern Mediterranean to the mountains of western Iran.

Call the Box Office on [020 7323 8299](tel:02073238299) or email [access@britishmuseum.org](mailto:access@britishmuseum.org)

Venue: British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3DG

Closest tube: Holborn or Russell Square

Edward Burne-Jones, Tate Britain

Date: Monday 17 December 2018

Time: 10.30am – 12.15pm

Join Marcus Dickey Horley and Isabella Nimmo for a tour round highlights of this beautiful exhibition of paintings, stained glass, tapestries and even a grand piano decorated by Edward Burne-Jones, a Victorian Pre-Raphaelite artist obsessed with the stories and beauty of medieval history, Arthurian legends, fairy tales and the Annunciation and Nativity.

Please meet at the Manton Studio from 10.30am for tea coffee and cake before making the way to the exhibition at 11.00am. Tours last until about 12.15pm.

The recommended drop off point for taxis is Tate Britain, Atterbury Street, postcode SW1P 4RQ

No booking required for the audio description tours

Venue: TATE BRITAIN, Millbank, London SW1P 4RG

Closest tube: Pimlico/St James's Park/Westminster

### Viscovery Day, Science Museum

Viscovery days enable families with members who are visually impaired, partially sighted or blind to enjoy events around the Museum that are specially designed for them.

These days take place a few times a year and usually include an audio-described show, object handling and immersive storytelling. The events are free but booking is required.

The next Viscovery event for visitors who are blind or partially sighted will take place on Saturday 26 January 2019—bookings are not open yet.

Call 020 7942 4086 to receive more information about this event or go online at

<https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/viscovery-days>

Events are free but spaces are limited. Please book each event and time slot you would like to attend separately.

Venue: Science Museum, Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London, SW7 2DD

Closest tube: High Street Kensington

## Theatre

Philip Pullman's Grimm Tales, The Unicorn Theatre

Date: Sunday 2 December 2018

Time: 2.15pm

Touch tour: 12:45pm

Cost: £8

Enter a world of powerful witches, enchanted forest creatures, careless parents and fearless children as they embark on adventures full of magic, gore, friendship and bravery. Re-told and re-worked for the Unicorn, we present a most delicious selection of Philip Pullman's favourite fairy tales by the Brothers Grimm. But beware, these gleefully dark and much-loved tales won't be quite what you expect...

To book tickets and a free touch tour place, or for further information, contact the Box Office on 020 7645 0560, email [boxoffice@unicorntheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@unicorntheatre.com) or visit [unicorntheatre.com](http://unicorntheatre.com)

To book at a reduced rate of £8 for the audio described performance, quote or enter promo code GRIMM8 when booking. Maximum 4 per customers at this rate. If booking online, enter promotional code to unlock the starred designated seating for access bookers, then select the appropriate tickets, including access user ticket type. Your discount will be applied at checkout. Subject to availability.

The Box Office is open Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 6pm.

Venue: 147 Tooley Street, Southwark, London SE1 2HZ  
Closest tube: London Bridge

White Teeth, Kiln Theatre

Date: Tuesday 11 December 2018

Time: 7.30pm

Ticket price:

You're in Kilburn. Melting pot where nothing's actually melted. It's all just kinda stuck together at the bottom in a gooey mess.

Rosie Jones, the Iqbal twins, their parents, their grandparents, Mad Mary and an avalanche of other characters who make up the everyday chaos of Kilburn High Road come together in an extraordinary revelry of NW6. An epic comedy with music and dance, this theatrical rollercoaster takes us on a fast-paced journey through history, different cultures and chance encounters.

This performance includes strobe lights, smoke and haze, loud noises or gunshots.

Box Office [020 7328 1000](tel:02073281000) or email [access@KilnTheatre.com](mailto:access@KilnTheatre.com)

Venue: Kiln Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Road, London NW6 7JR

Closest tube: Kilburn

Orpheus, Battersea Arts Centre

Date: Saturday 15 December 2018

Time: 2.30 pm

Ticket price: £15-£40 (free companion ticket)

Touch tour: TBC

A magnifique night out in jazz-age Paris.

Prepare to be transported to 1930s Paris where legendary musician, Django Reinhardt, has been cast as the lead in a new production of Orpheus.

Your host for the evening is the charismatic songstress Yvette Pépin. With her troupe of operatic players she will perform the thrilling tale of Orpheus's ill-fated descent into the underworld to reclaim his lost love, Eurydice.

Set to a fabulous live score of hot club jazz, opera and French chanson, Orpheus is a musical re-imagining of the epic Greek myth.



Our Grand Hall will be transformed into an opulent music hall for a joyous night out in a bygone era, with plenty of song, food and wine: Saturday 15 December 2018

Box Office: 020 7223 2223 or email [boxoffice@bac.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@bac.org.uk)

Venue: Battersea Arts Centre, Lavender Hill, London SW11 5TN

Closest station: Clapham Junction

Dick Whittington, Lyric Hammersmith

Date: Saturday 15 December 2018

Time: 6:00 pm

Ticket price: From £10

Touch tour: 4pm

This year Dick Whittington will be getting the full Lyric treatment. You can expect the usual mix of live music, crazy characters, awesome adventure, singing, dancing, villainous baddies and heroic goodies with a little bit of feline flavour chucked in for good measure.

Call Box Office on [0208 741 6850](tel:02087416850)

Venue: Lyric Hammersmith, Lyric Square, King Street, London W6 0QL

Closest tube: Hammersmith

Peter Pan! Park Theatre

Date: Saturday 5 January 2019

Time: 3:00 pm

Ticket price: £18.50 - £32.50, Concessions £16.50 - £23.50

Touch tour: 1:30 pm

“Come with me Wendy; I’ll teach you to fly, we’ll jump on the wind’s back and then away to Neverland.”

In 1904 J.M. Barrie premiered one of the greatest adventures to ever play on a theatrical stage. Filled with mermaids, pirates and fairies, lost boys and crocodiles, this is the stunning original story of the boy who could fly.

With the help of a little sprinkle of fairy dust, Peter Pan will be a thrilling theatrical treat this Christmas.

The multi-award nominated Damien Tracey Productions is delighted to be joining forces with Park Theatre to bring the stunning original J.M. Barrie text to the London stage once more. Directed by Jonathan O’Boyle whose production of Hair (The Vaults) won the WhatsOnStage Award for Best Off West End Production and Pippin (Southwark Playhouse) which was nominated for 11 Off West End Awards.

So grab young and old and take your seats on the shores of Neverland for what’s sure to be the greatest family adventure on a London stage this year.

Call [Box Office 020 7870 6876](tel:02078706876) or email [box.office@parktheatre.co.uk](mailto:box.office@parktheatre.co.uk)

Venue: Park Theatre, Clifton Terrace, Finsbury Park, London N4 3JP

Closest tube: Finsbury Park

A Christmas Carol, Old Vic Theatre

Date: Tuesday 8 January 2019

Time: 7:30 pm

Ticket price: £21

Touch tour: 6pm

Matthew Warchus' big-hearted, smash hit production of Charles Dickens' immortal classic A Christmas Carol returns to The Old Vic, joyously adapted for the stage by Jack Thorne (Harry Potter and the Cursed Child).

Filling the auditorium to the brim with mince pies, music and merriment, a unique staging immerses the audience in this uplifting story for everyone aged 8+.

Contact [Box Office on 0844 871 7628](tel:08448717628) or email [box.office@oldvictheatre.com](mailto:box.office@oldvictheatre.com)

Venue: Old Vic Theatre, The Cut, London SE1 8NB

Closest tube: Waterloo/Southwark

Nine Night, Trafalgar Studios

Date: Saturday 12 January 2019

Time: 2.30pm

Ticket price: £25

Touch tour: 12.30pm

Following a smash hit sold-out run at the National Theatre, Nine Night, Natasha Gordon's 'remarkable debut play' (Evening Standard) transfers to the West End this December. Roy Alexander Weise directs this touching and exuberantly funny exploration of the rituals of family, food, music and mourning.

Gloria is gravely sick. When her time comes, the celebration begins; the traditional Jamaican Nine Night Wake. But for Gloria's children and grandchildren, marking her death with a party that lasts over a week is a test. Nine rum-fuelled nights of music, food, storytelling and laughter – and an endless parade of mourners.

Contact the box office on 0800 912 6971 or email [trafalgarbox@trafalgarentertainment.com](mailto:trafalgarbox@trafalgarentertainment.com)

Venue: Trafalgar Studios, 14 Whitehall, London, SW1A 2DY

Closest tube: Charing Cross

The Cane, Royal Court Theatre

Date: Saturday 19 January 2019

Time: 2.30pm

Ticket price: £15 (plus a companion ticket at the same rate)

Touch tour: 1pm

After 45 years as a dedicated teacher, Edward is looking forward to the imminent celebration to mark his retirement.

But his home is under siege. A mob of angry students have gathered. A brick has been thrown through the window, he and his wife haven't left the house for six days, and now his estranged daughter has arrived with her own questions.

Call box office on [020 7565 5000](tel:02075655000) or email [boxoffice@royalcourttheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@royalcourttheatre.com)

Venue: Royal Court Theatre, Sloane Square, Chelsea, London SW1W 8AS

Closest tube: Sloane Square

## Social Events

Visit Hyde Park Winter Wonderland: A Christmas Extravaganza

Date: Friday 23rd November 2018 – Sunday 6 January 2019

Time: 10am – 10pm

Many of the attractions are pre-bookable; when booking tickets for these attractions it would help for the organisers to know of any access requirements in advance. This will allow them to provide the correct facilities for your needs. They may not be able to best deal with any requests which are not arranged in advance.

Wheelchairs can be accommodated on all the bookable attractions. However, some of the attractions are limited

to the amount of wheelchairs that can be accommodated at any one time.

Winter Wonderland offer Personal Assistance tickets for guests that require assistance; these are for pre-bookable attractions such as Ice Rink, Magical Ice Kingdom, Bar Hutte, Bar Ice, The Giant Wheel, Zippos Christmas Circus, Cirque Berserk, Teletubbies Christmas Show, Peter Pan on Ice, the Snowman Experience, Stand-up comedy Ice Sculpting workshops (drinks are not included as part of a PA ticket at Bar Ice).

For more information or to book tickets please call Winter Wonderland team on 020 8233 5400 between Monday to Friday, 9:30am – 5pm.

Closest tube: Knightsbridge/Lancaster Gate/Marble Arch

## Sports

Accessible skate sessions – Ice Rink, Natural History Museum

Date: Monday 3 December 2018 and Wednesday 2 January 2019

Times: 15:00 – 16:00, 10:00 – 11:00

Ticket prices: Starting from £15.95

Set against the backdrop of the Waterhouse building, the Ice Rink at the Natural History Museum is one of the most magical places to be this winter.

There will be professional ice marshals on hand to give advice and assistance to all skaters within these sessions. A disability personal assistant may accompany you and skate for free, with up to three additional skaters, who will need to buy tickets.

To book tickets, call the Accessible Bookings Team on +44 (0)80 0988 4440

Further information can be found on the booking website: <http://www.nhm.ac.uk/events/accessible-skate-sessions-ice-rink.html>

To get to the Ice Rink from street level, you can use the ramp from the corner of Exhibition Road and Cromwell Road, or the ramp near the main Museum entrance on Cromwell Road.

Venue: The Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 5BD

Closest tube: South Kensington

## VI Tennis at the National Tennis Centre

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Time: 7 – 8pm

Cost: £5

Our tennis sessions are for blind and partially sighted people who want to learn a new skill, get active and have fun! Tennis is a great way to improve your physical and mental health and wellbeing – you don't need to be a talented sports person to experience the benefits of tennis. The Vision Impaired game is adapted

through the use of smaller courts, a lower net, tactile court lines and audible balls so you can hear it bounce.

For more information contact:

[Matthew.Grover@tennisfoundation.org.uk](mailto:Matthew.Grover@tennisfoundation.org.uk) or [disabilitytennis@tennisfoundation.org.uk](mailto:disabilitytennis@tennisfoundation.org.uk) or Tel. 020 8487 7043

Venue: National Tennis Centre, 100 Priory Lane,  
Roehampton, London SW15 5JQ

Closest tube: East Putney

Indoor VI Bowls – Brixton

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018

Time: 16:00 – 19:00

Cost: Free

If anyone is tempted to join or just wants to know more about the game. Give Eric a call. They often go out for a meal and a pint or two after play ends, all are welcome, we are always happy to have sighted people along to help.

Bowls is a game which is very suited to totally blind and partially sighted players, as only very minor adaptations need to be made. Vision impaired bowlers can play singles, pairs, triples or in teams of four. There is no reason why vision impaired bowlers can't play against fully sighted players and they often do. It is a sport for people of all ages.



Although this skilful and fascinating game has been around for centuries, it was not until 1959 that the bowls started rolling for the blind, in Scotland.

Contact: [ericgal@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:ericgal@blueyonder.co.uk) or Call 0208 985 6245

Venue: Brixton Leisure Centre, 27 Brixton Station Rd, Brixton, London SW9 8QQ

Closest tube: Brixton

Goalball in London, Elephant & Castle

Date: Tuesday 11 December 2018

Time: 6 – 8pm

Are you interested in playing Goalball? Or becoming a coach or an official in London?

Goalball UK in partnership with Metro Blind Sport has launched a new club in Central London. The London Elephants!

Anyone is welcome to attend – young or old, male or female, new or experienced. It is a great fun game and very sociable.

Venue: The Castle Leisure Centre, 22 Elephant and Castle, London SE1 6SQ

Date: Fortnightly on Tuesdays

Cost: First session free then £3 a session.

Closest Tube station is Elephant & Castle. Meet and greet can be arranged for 5.45pm at the University exit

by contacting Alex 07894832820 in advance. Assistance back to the station after the session is also available.

For more information, and to register your interest, please contact Alex by email: [alex\\_Bunney@hotmail.com](mailto:alex_Bunney@hotmail.com) or call 07894832820

Metro would advise to always phone or email the event contacts, to confirm that there have been no changes to the event time or date to avoid possible disappointment.