



## Family events at the Museum of London Docklands for May half term 2017

All events are FREE

To find out more visit

[www.museumoflondon.org.uk/docklands](http://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/docklands)

### May events

#### **The Mermaid of London**

Sat 13 May, 1-1.30pm, 2-2.30pm & 3-3.30pm

Hear the story of Captain Eades and the mermaid he brought back to London. Is the creature real or is this tale too good to be true?

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

#### Toddler takeover

Sat 20 & Sun 21 May, 12-4pm

Bring your little ones for a weekend full of exciting activities designed especially for under 5s. Enjoy a range of interactive workshops and performances created in collaboration with local families. Takeover Day is a celebration of children and young people's contributions to museums and is coordinated by the charity Kids in Museums.

**Suggested ages: Under 5s and families**

**FREE**

#### EXHIBITION

#### Tunnel: The Archaeology of Crossrail

10 Feb – 3 Sep

10am – 6pm

The most complete range of archaeological objects unearthed by the Crossrail project, Europe's largest infrastructure project, will go on display alongside the story of this great feat of engineering in a major new exhibition at the Museum of London Docklands next year.

**Suggested ages: all ages**

### May half term

#### **Build like Brunel**

Tue 30 May & Fri 2 Jun, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm

Be inspired by Brunel, one of the most famous engineers, and construct your own bridges, tunnels and ships from a variety of materials in this art workshop.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

#### **Building boats**

Fri 2 Jun, 11.30am – 1pm & 2-3.30pm

What makes the best boat? Create model boats and experiment with different materials to discover more about these vessels. Will your ship sink or be the star of the sea?

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

#### **Create a train**

Mon 29 May & Thu 1 Jun, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm

Be inspired by the Elizabeth line trains in our exhibition Tunnel: The Archaeology of Crossrail and draw your own. Experiment with different designs to discover what makes the best train.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **Illustrating the docks**

Sat 27 May, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm.

Get creative in this illustration workshop! Help create an A-Z of the local area and learn about some of the goods that came to the docks and how they got here.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **Modern marvel**

Sun 28 May & Sat 3 Jun, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm

Join us to discover more about Tower Bridge, one of London's most famous landmarks. Discover how the bridge was designed then see if you can recreate this modern marvel out of paper.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **Sweet success**

Sun 4 Jun, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm

Do you think you could be an engineer? Design your own arches and test their strength by balancing sweets on your creation. What better way to reward your hard work?

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **Tunnelling underground**

Wed 31 May & Fri 2 Jun, 1-1.30pm, 2-2.30pm & 3-3.30pm

What did it take to create the underground? Meet a Victorian miner working on the city's first electric line, The City and South London Railway, and hear how the tunnels were originally made for this early version of the Northern line.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **The Troll**

Mon 29 & Tue 30 May, 1-1.30pm, 2-2.30pm & 3-3.30pm

A troll is hunting for a delicious meal while pirates are looking for a cook for their ship. What happens when these two stories collide? Find out in this interactive storytelling session based on Julia Donaldson's 'The Troll'.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **Underwater inventions**

Wed 31 May, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm

Be inspired by the inventions and tools used in London's Docklands and create your own gadgets. Will your design help make work easier on the docks?

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **View from underground**

Thu 1 Jun, 12.30-2pm & 3-4.30pm

Do you think everything looks the same underground? Enjoy a different view and create a pop up scene of the Thames Tunnel based on the example in our collection.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **Sorted?**

Tue 30 May, 10:30-11:15am, 12-12:45pm & 2-2:45pm

Create your own world using our mysterious cardboard boxes and explore shape, size and space. Get experimenting with intriguing materials in this interactive session with music and movement. In partnership with Octopus Inc.

**Suggested ages: 2-5**

**FREE**

### **Archaeology detectives**

Every Weds in May, Jun, Jul except Wed 19 Jul

Put your detective skills to the test and see if you can help uncover London's past using real archaeological artefacts. Meet our archaeology team and find out what survives from the everyday lives of Londoners throughout time.

**Suggested ages: all ages**

**FREE**

## June events

### **Medieval medals**

Sat 24 Jun, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm

Create your own medieval masterpieces. Join us and make pilgrims badges like those that can be found on the banks of the Thames today.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

### **Wonders of the warehouse**

Sat 10 Jun, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm

Learn the history of our warehouse and discover some of the goods that were stored in this building. Construct your own miniature sampling cabinet like the one in the museum and fill it with exotic items from around the world.

**Suggested ages: 5+**

**FREE**

## July events

### **Folding fish**

Sat 8 Jul, 12-1.30pm & 2.30-4pm

The Thames is teeming with wildlife. Use the ancient art of origami to make fantastical fish like those found in this river.

**Suggested age: 5+**

**FREE**

## Regular Under 5s events

### **Little mudlarks toddler group**

Mon 17 Apr – Mon 17 Jul, 10am & 11am

No session Mon 29 May

Join us every Monday morning during term-time for an hour of fun, stimulating activities designed for you and your toddler to play and learn together in our unique museum environment

**Suggested ages: walking-5 years**

**FREE** Ticketed, advance booking required

### **Mini mudlarks babies group**

Mon 17 Apr – Mon 17 Jul, 12.45pm

No session Mon 29 May

Join us at the museum for this weekly session for babies and carers every Monday during term time. These special one-hour sessions are designed to support you and baby learning together in our unique museum environment, and include

exclusive time in the Mudlarks gallery at the end of the session prior to public opening.

**Suggested ages: 6 months - walking**

**FREE** Ticketed, advance booking required

### **Under 5s storytime**

Thu 20 Apr– Thu 20 Jul, 3pm

No session Thu 1 Jun

Join us in our galleries every Thursday for our weekly storytelling sessions for toddlers and carers. Help us tell a fun and interactive tale, complete with puppets, museum objects and music. Then go and play in our Mudlarks children's gallery. Younger siblings are welcome too!

**Suggested ages: 1-5**

**FREE**

### **Music and movement**

Tue 16 May, Tue 20 Jun & Tue 18 Jul,

10am & 11am

Join us for our monthly music and movement session on the third Tuesday of the month, then come and play in our Mudlarks interactive gallery afterwards, in this session for toddlers and carers.

Younger siblings are welcome too! These sessions run in term-time only.

**Suggested ages: 1-5**

**FREE**