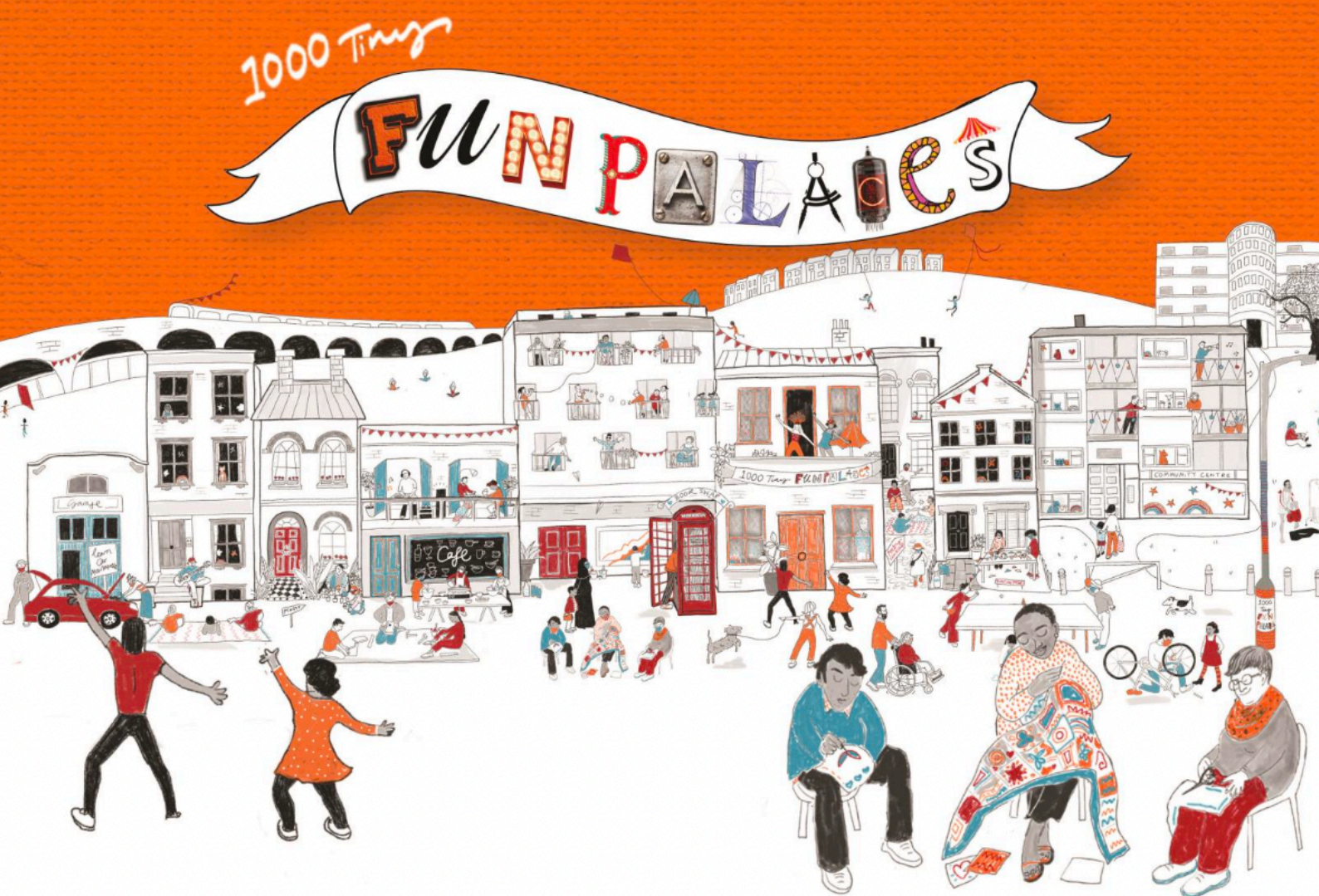


HOW TO MAKE A TINY FUN PALACE



WHAT DO YOU MEAN, TINY FUN PALACE?

We mean really tiny!

Fun Palaces are about sharing skills and making local connections. That could be a handful of people learning something from each other in small groups, or remotely.

Why not create a chalk timeline with neighbours along your street? Share a poem in your front garden and invite others to read, or write your own poems by adding in one line each. Ring someone to swap stories and ask them to ring someone else. Host a seed swap in the park. Teach drumming from your front garden. We also welcome online Fun Palaces: broadcast your knitting tutorial on Facebook live, collect your shared poem on Twitter, share some chemistry colour experiments on Instagram for people to have a go at and share back (read lots of ideas for a [virtual Fun Palace here](#))

The key is to share skills, knowledge, something beautiful; that it is public (passers-by taking part is great) and makes a connection (encouraging others to do as well as enjoy what you've done). If you have a venue which normally hosts bigger events, turn the windows into a community gallery or act as a [dead drop](#) (a drop-off point) for a swapping chain.

If you are a museum, loan objects for people to host in their front windows or invite people to exhibit their own objects or loan some to you for your windows.

Who

You! And, if you like, your household, friends, colleagues, other dog-walkers and/or neighbours. A tiny Fun Palace can be solo or with a tiny team. If making your Fun Palace outside your home, plan it by chatting on the estate balcony or from your windows, by phone, letter or message.

What

Your tiny Fun Palace can be whatever you want it to be. Since early lockdown, the Fun Palaces community have been sharing [Tiny Revolutions of Connection](#), which you can browse for ideas or scroll to the end of this document for some suggestions. In light of the

Cost of living crisis, Tiny Revolutions of Connection became Creative Riots. A chance for friends, neighbours and communities to come together and creatively protest for the things they need. Perhaps your Tiny Fun Palace will be a Creative Riot?

Where

Anywhere you can connect. A front or back garden, a balcony, a community garden, a cafe table, a courtyard, adventure playground or on a table in your driveway. Use an area in a park, a noticeboard, a shop window. Phone and online Fun Palaces are good too.

When

The first weekend in October (6th-8th). 20 minutes is fine – a street singalong. All weekend is fine – a town-wide exhibition of everyone's oldest possession, with residents standing at windows or doors to share their objects with passers-by.

Why

Because creativity in community can change the world for the better, to celebrate each other and to connect with our neighbours

How

See below!

WHAT DO I DO NOW?

Ready to make a Tiny Fun Palace on the 6th, 7th or 8th of October? Even if you don't know exactly what you might do on the day, just the intention to make something happen in your local area is all you need to get started.

To make a Tiny Fun Palace this October visit www.funpalaces.co.uk and sign up with us, following these steps:

1. Click on the "[Make a Fun Palace](#)" button.
2. Create an account by entering your name and email:

- You'll be sent an email confirmation to confirm your account - check your spam folder if you don't see this in your inbox.
 - Be sure to tick the 'Maker Newsletter' box to receive a regular email with useful tips and announcements for Fun Palace Makers.
3. Once you've created your account, you can register your Fun Palace on the official 2023 map, by entering the following info:
- Give your Fun Palace a name
 - Enter brief details of what might happen on the day
 - Enter the address of your Fun Palace (if you don't have a confirmed address you can enter your own and change it later. If your Fun Palace is happening across a whole street, enter the postcode for that street).
 - Upload a photo that describes your Fun Palace idea or your local area (optional).
 - Save your details, then go to www.funpalaces.co.uk/find-a-fun-palace to check that your Fun Palace has appeared on the map
4. You can edit or update your Fun Palace as your idea progresses by logging back into your account at www.funpalaces.co.uk/login/
5. Need any help? Email hello@funpalaces.co.uk or leave a message on 0208 692 4446, ext 203 and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

GETTING WORD OUT ABOUT YOUR TINY (OR NOT-SO-TINY FUN) PALACE

You may have made a bigger Fun Palace in the past or this may be your first one, it can be a very tiny Fun Palace or a not-so-tiny one.

Whether you're sharing knitting skills with neighbours, arranging a local 'museum' or 'gallery' with your street, or going online to share a cookery demonstration, we want to get people involved with your Fun Palace and to share the great news that your event is one of many happening across the UK and internationally.

PUBLICITY TOOLKIT

To spread the word about your Fun Palace, look at the Fun Palaces Publicity Toolkit. The pack is full of ideas to help with everything from advertising to dealing with the press. This year, we are also making three extra suggestions – we hope you find them useful.

1. If you need to keep it small

- Fun Palaces are for everybody, but your Fun Palace might not have room for everyone at once. You might want to keep your advertising very local indeed, but do try to invite people who you wouldn't normally meet.
- Download our Fun Palaces invitations, fill them in and post them through your friends' and neighbours' doors (even the ones you've never spoken to). Or you can ask us to post you some posters and invitations - free!

2. A lot of tiny voices can make big noises

By making a Fun Palace you join an international community of people who believe culture made by, for and with everyone is at the heart of local life. We create Fun Palaces together on the first weekend of October to show governments and key decision-makers how important this is in our lives.

- Help spread awareness of Fun Palaces by putting up a *Fun Palaces Happening Here* poster in your front window or garden. You can download it here to print (if you can't print we can put some in the post to you, ring us on 0208 692 4446 ext 203 or e-mail hello@funpalaces.co.uk)

- Social media #FunPalaces: Let us know what's happening at your Fun Palace on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram by tagging us and using the #FunPalaces hashtag. Encourage others to do the same by displaying the hashtag prominently at your Fun Palaces. Each year we've built enough momentum for #FunPalaces to 'trend' on Twitter – let's do it again!

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3) Local press

Contact local newspapers, radio stations and blogs about your Fun Palace. Even if your Fun Palace is really tiny, journalists may still be interested in the positive impact on your community and that you're part of an event happening nationally and internationally. Check out the 'working with media and press' section in the [Publicity Toolkit](#) on Fun Palaces website for more information.

TINY REVOLUTIONS and CREATIVE RIOTS TO INSPIRE

During lockdown, Fun Palaces makers shared practical suggestions, tiny steps which anyone could take to connect a little more in their local community or simply pass time creatively in self-isolation. Since then Makers have also shared Creative Riots. These ideas work online and OFFline and are gathered on the [Creative Riots page](#) on the Fun Palaces Website.

If you are looking for ideas for your Fun Palace, they are a great starting point (and if you have an idea you would like to share on the page, do get in touch). Fun Palaces are about sharing skills, so think about how you can bring these ideas out into your Fun Palace with a collaborative spin. Here are a few to start you off, but do browse through the web page too:

Make seed papers as gifts (maybe collect seeds on a distanced walk and share the instructions).

Quaranzine (create a local magazine)

Record the sounds of your home (could you invite people to join your sound orchestra online?)

Community bunting (your street can decorate itself)

Low spoon meals (could you and your friends take turn to share a feast online over the weekend?)

Build your own fairy doors

Adopt a plant on 'waste' ground (October is a good time to plant shrubs, perennials and bulbs)

Pom-poms to share

Dance postcards (could you have a dance session in the park?)

[Create a nature rainbow](#)

To share this guide with someone offline if you do not have access to a printer, get in contact with us hello@funpalaces.co.uk or leave a message on 0208 692 4446 ext 203 and we can post a copy or copies to you.

For the latest digital version of this information and more resources to help you plan a Fun Palace, visit the [Toolkits](#) page at Fun Palaces website.