

fun palaces

**OPPORTUNITIES &
COLLABORATORS**



Opportunities and Collaborators

Here's a list of other community events throughout the year that you and your Fun Palaces Maker team can get involved in.

January

The January Challenge

Each year, thousands of people take part in 64 Million Artists' 31 days of free creative challenges. [The January Challenge](#) takes place across social media and promotes creativity, peer support and wellbeing. This is a great way to start your year.

February

LGBT+ History Month

Celebrates equality and diversity for the benefit of the public. It increases the visibility of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other gender identities and sexual orientations (LGBT+). It celebrates their history, lives and experiences in the curriculum and culture of educational and other institutions, and the wider community. [Find out more about LGBT+ History Month.](#)

March

British Science Week

The British Science Association (BSA) runs [British Science Week](#) every March, and welcomes involvement from anyone interested in science and local events. The BSA promotes local volunteering opportunities in [science-focused groups](#). Maybe you could connect with your local group?

June

30 Days Wild

This is The Wildlife Trusts' annual challenge event, encouraging people to take on wild activities throughout June. The challenge aims to connect with wildlife, boost well-being and make a positive impact on the planet. To connect with your local Wildlife Trust, [search by your location on their website.](#)



The Big Lunch

[The Big Lunch](#) calls on communities to take part in the UK's annual get-together for neighbours by hosting their own Big Lunch. Organising a Big Lunch with your community is a great way to start some conversations about your Fun Palace even. Who knows what you can come up with over lunch?

Great Big Green Week

Great Big Green Week is the UK's biggest celebration of community action to tackle climate change and protect nature. Communities, schools, businesses, churches, mosques and more join together in a wave of support for action to protect the planet. A [Great Big Green Week](#) event can also be a Fun Palace (and vice versa) if it has elements of sustainability and community skill sharing.

September

Heritage Open Days

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture. Every year places across the country open their doors to celebrate their heritage, community and history. See hidden places and try out new experiences. Different organisations host a calendar of events depending where you are in the UK:

- [English Heritage Open Days](#) in England
- [Doors Open Days](#) in Scotland
- [Open Doors](#) in Wales
- [European Open Days](#) in Northern Ireland

October

Fun Palaces Weekend!

You knew that, right? [Sign up your Fun Palace event here!](#)

Silver Sunday

Silver Sunday provides an opportunity for local authorities, charities, community groups and private, voluntary and public organisations to promote what they already do to relieve social isolation and loneliness among older people. If you are an older person or making a Fun Palace with older people, sign your Fun Palace up to Silver Sunday too. [Find out more about Silver Sunday here.](#)



Black History Month

Black History Month takes place throughout October and is an opportunity to remember the past and look to the future, joining together to renew our commitment to racial equity. As it happens annually in the UK during October, it's a great opportunity to make a fuss about local history and learning in your Fun Palace. [Black History Month](#).

Year-round

Re-Engage

Re-Engage brings older people together in social groups at a time in their lives when their social circles are diminishing. Have a look at their website to [see if there is a group near you](#) – perhaps they can be part of your Fun Palace event this year.

What Next?

What Next? (WN?) is a UK-wide movement bringing people together to articulate, champion and strengthen the role of culture in our society. There are local chapters across the UK, bringing together those working in or passionate about culture, to address issues of relevance to them. WN? Chapters are a great way to meet people that may be keen to get involved with your Fun Palace, to spread the word, and importantly, to place your Fun Palace in the context of political discussions about arts and culture in your area. You can find out more [here](#).