

PRESS RELEASE
National Saturday Club London Visit
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**NATIONAL
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CLUB**

We are delighted to announce that the Greater London Authority will host the 2019 National Saturday Club London Visit at City Hall.



Greater London Authority – Caroline Teo

The London Visit in November is a key moment in the National Saturday Club calendar where all Club members come together for the first time. It is an opportunity to introduce them to the national network and for them to go on specially arranged tours of some of the country's leading cultural destinations.

City Hall is the perfect location to welcome the young people to London, their capital city. For some Club members, this is their first trip to London or their first visit to a gallery or museum. Last year, a Club member commented: *"I had never been to London before or to a proper art gallery. The fact that my work was included in the pop-up exhibition too was amazing and boosted my confidence with my artwork."*

This year's London Visit will be a wonderful opportunity for the young people to immerse themselves in London's world-renowned cultural offering. There will also be an exhibition of all of the young people's self-portraits at City Hall for the Club members to see their work on display.

Deputy Mayor for Culture and the Creative Industries, Justine Simons said: *"London is a global capital for culture and every young person in the capital and across the UK deserves the opportunity to take part in our growing creative industries. The National Saturday Club helps young people discover and develop their creative interests beyond the classroom, inspiring the talent for the future. I am delighted that these passionate young people will be visiting London and their artwork will be displayed at City Hall."*

The London Visit is a key aspect of the National Saturday Club's year-long programme and has a transformative impact on Club members. A tutor from the Blackburn College Art&Design Club commented: "The trip has a profound impact simply in terms of the opportunity to leave Blackburn and visit the capital. This cannot be underestimated as a positive factor in the motivation and aspirations of the club members."

Following their experience at City Hall, the young people will go on cultural visits including exhibitions at Barbican, Design Museum, National Portrait Gallery, Royal Academy of Arts, Somerset House, Science Gallery, Shakespeare's Globe, Tate Modern, Victoria and Albert Museum and Westminster Menswear Archive.

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Notes to editor

Across the UK, the National Saturday Club gives 13–16 year olds the opportunity to study subjects they love at their local university, college or cultural institution, for free. Offering dynamic creative learning programmes in four subject areas – Art&Design, Science&Engineering, Fashion&Business and Writing&Talking – the model works to develop young people's skills, nurture their talents and encourage their creativity. Over the past 10 years, this powerful national movement has engaged more than 8,000 13–16 year olds nationwide.

Weekly classes are held locally at host universities, colleges and cultural institutions, led by professional tutors on Saturday mornings for up to 30 weeks during the academic year. The Saturday Club Trust brings everyone in the network together for shared national events including the London Visit and the Summer Show, and organises Masterclasses for each Club, giving young people a vital link to the professional world.

The Saturday Club Trust is an independent charity set up in 2016 to take over the development of the National Saturday Club from The Sorrell Foundation, which launched the National Art&Design Saturday Club in 2009. The Sorrell Foundation was co-founded as an educational charity in 1999 by Sir John Sorrell CBE and Lady Sorrell OBE, with the aim of inspiring creativity in young people and improving quality of life through good design. The Trustees of the Saturday Club Trust are the Rt Hon Lord Adonis, Katie Greenyer, Caroline Hargrove, Russell Lloyd, Patrick Reid, Sir John Sorrell CBE, Lady, Frances Sorrell OBE, Edmund de Waal OBE, Philip Watkins, Cecilia Weckström, David Weil and Professor Julius Weinberg.

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