

# Badge Cafe



I Love  
vaccines,  
autism,  
abortions,  
homosexuals,  
sex exchanges  
AND CRIME

what would  
they say?

Christmas  
MERMOT

THE ARCHIVE  
IS ALSO  
MAGINARY

Body damage  
I love my  
SEX Change  
A NOTHER LUCKY SHOOTER

BECOME  
UNGOVERNABLE

PRIDE  
UNBOUND  
ALL BODIES

فلسطين

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Our partners include



IMPERIAL



National Theatre



DUCKIE



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Relax, create, connect

'Overt existential joy'

Participant at Duckie, where our hangouts began

'A harbour in the storm ... a safe haven'

Participant at our weekly Sunday Rich Mix hangout

'A fantastic concept. A brilliant experience, a creative outlet with very few barriers to entry which brings people together across groups and hierarchies, with positive guidance and support, creating something you're proud of and happy with to take away at the end'  
Louis Vine, Guy's & St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust

'Joyful and liberating – highly recommended!

A wonderful workshop for our NHS staff, fostering a fun, engaging and supportive environment to unwind giving a creative outlet to share their authentic selves. Everyone strongly agreed that it improved their emotional wellbeing'

Lauren Humphries, Imperial Health Charity community arts engagement team

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**Crafty utopian hangouts**

# Badge Cafe: relax, create and connect

Our crafty utopian hangouts offer welcoming, easy, low-stakes fun, helping people create unique collage-based badges by reusing old books and magazines.



Photo: Holly Revell

Our hangouts support people of all ages, backgrounds and experiences to relax, create and connect on their own terms. They build wellbeing by enabling rewardingly focused attention, self-expression, relational connections and tangible agency.



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The Badge Cafe format is devised by Dr Ben Walters and emerges from his research into 'homemade mutant hope machines', or how participatory creative forms can act as vehicles for personal transformation and collective worldmaking. Peer-reviewed publications include articles in the journals *Research in Drama Education and Performance Research*, and chapters in volumes by Routledge and Bloomsbury.

See more at [duckie.co.uk/drduckie](http://duckie.co.uk/drduckie).

Since 2022, Badge Cafe has delivered hundreds of events across London and the UK, and in Berlin, Madrid, New York and Chicago.

Regular visitors include people who are autistic, neurodivergent, socially anxious, in recovery, physically disabled and/or socially isolated.

Ben also holds an NCPS-accredited foundation certificate in LGBTQ+ affirmative counselling from East London Outreach Project, and is supported by Arts Council England.

