

PRESS RELEASE — LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL 2022

Organised by *Have you eaten yet? Collective*
-&- *Vietnamese Family Partnership (Gia Đình Việt)*

Saturday, 29 January — Sunday, 30 January

Artist collective *Have you eaten yet?* & community charity *Vietnamese Family Partnership (Gia Đình Việt)* are proud to present LUNAR NEW YEAR FESTIVAL 2022: a weekend of festivities, art workshops & performances taking place across Deptford.

With a hybrid programme of community-organised activities and contemporary visual & performing arts, the weekend-long celebrations bringing in the Year of the Tiger welcomes everyone!

Saturday, 29 January — Venue: Deptford X - 9 Brookmill Rd, SE8 4HL

- 1:30-5 p.m. | LNY art workshops for children & young people to prepare for Sunday's community festivities
- 6-10 p.m. | An evening of performance art, live music & DJs with *Have you eaten yet? Collective*, Ting-ning Wen & Jessie Jing, Jianbo, ONY & Chooc Ly Tan

The Saturday programme will be held at **Deptford X**, and is split into two parts: a daytime, and an evening section.

— The daytime section from 1.30pm to 5pm caters to children and young people, with arts & craft workshops led by social practice artist Youngsook Choi from *Have you eaten? Collective*, and local artist & illustrator Chery Nguyen. Activities will include calligraphy practice for the Lai See messages (red envelopes for lucky coins), conical hat making & community shrine decorations.

— Later, the festival transforms into an evening of contemporary music and performance art from 6pm to 10pm, bringing together a fantastic lineup of East & Southeast Asian artists. Interwoven in the evening, is each artist's response to the Nian mythology — a legendary beast in Ancient Chinese folklore that established Lunar New Year traditions of using the colour red, loud firecrackers, bright lights & fire. With performances by *Have you eaten yet? Collective*, Ting-ning Wen & Jessie Jing, followed by music and dancing with South London rapper Jianbo's new album 'Yellow Peril', a set from NTS-radio DJ ONY's new album 'Children of the Apocalypse', and closing DJ set from artist Chooc Ly Tan.

Workshops booking link (free): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/243297388037>

Performances booking link (free): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/243306364887>

Sunday, 30 January — Venue: Deptford Lounge & Giffin Square - 9 Giffin St, SE8 4RJ

- 12-4 p.m. | Traditional Festival celebrations with food stalls, lion dancing, competitions, singing, performances & craft workshops

Sunday's family-friendly, community programme will be hosted by Vietnamese Family Partnership (Gia Đình Việt), with contributions from Have you eaten yet?, 12-4pm at **Deptford Lounge & Giffin Square**, just off of Deptford High Street. The day's event will see the various arts & craft works produced by the children in the previous day's workshops transferred into the venue amongst a multitude of food vendor stalls and community activities arranged by VFP. Expect lively celebrations with a traditional lion dance in Giffin Square, competitions, singing with the children from Vietschool, performances & further craft workshops.

FREE, booking required: <https://www.thealbany.org.uk/book-online/301779/>

To help us maintain COVID guidelines & keep our audiences safe, the festival is FREE but pre-booking required. Event attendees will be required to wear a mask in indoor spaces unless exempt, and show proof of NHS COVID Pass or negative lateral flow test taken on the day of attending the event.

EXHIBITION

Throughout the month of February, an exhibition consisting of traces and objects from the weekend's youth art workshops & activities will be installed in the windows of Deptford X Gallery, honouring the entire month of Lunar New Year.

Address: 9 Brookmill Road, London SE8 4HL

FESTIVAL ARTISTS IG

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Jessie Jing [@jingely](https://www.instagram.com/jingely)

Jianbo [@jianboforever](https://www.instagram.com/jianboforever)

Monica Tolia [@mon_tolia](https://www.instagram.com/mon_tolia)

ONY [@thierryphung](https://www.instagram.com/thierryphung)

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ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

Have you eaten yet? Collective

Have you eaten yet? is a London-based artist collective founded by East and South-East Asian (ESEA) artists, Monica Tolia, Youngsook Choi and Jessie Jing. The collective's ethos is anchored to the phrase "have you eaten yet?", a greeting in many Asian cultures akin to "how are you?" This question carries a tangible, direct sense of care towards one's livelihood & health, which often leads to impromptu food sharing. With this in mind, the collective produces research, public talks, performances and events on the intersections of food, migration, art & activism, underscoring ESEA care ethics, creating affectionate space and healing for marginalised communities.

Instagram: [@hyeycollective](https://www.instagram.com/hyeycollective)

Vietnamese Family Partnership

Vietnamese Family Partnership (VFP, or 'Gia Đình Việt' in Vietnamese) is a London-based charity, and parent organization of VietSchool London. VFP's charity mission is to connect the Vietnamese community and help them to thrive in the UK and beyond. As a grassroots organisation, core services include a Vietnamese language school (currently online due to COVID-19), and an Advice & Support Centre (based in the Evelyn Community Centre, Deptford). VFP also host events to bring the community together and fundraise for the charity, particularly Lunar New Year and the Mid-Autumn/Moon Festival.

Website: www.vietfp.org

Instagram: [@vietfp](https://www.instagram.com/vietfp)

Facebook: [@VietnameseFamilyPartnership](https://www.facebook.com/VietnameseFamilyPartnership)

LinkedIn: [@vietnamese-family-partnership](https://www.linkedin.com/company/vietnamese-family-partnership)

SUPPORT

This year's Lunar New Year Festival is supported by Lewisham's Creative Enterprise Zone and SHAPESLewisham. The SHAPESLewisham Creative Happenings programme is a series of commissions aiming to reanimate and foster creativity within Lewisham Borough's high streets: New Cross, Deptford, Brockley, Catford, Lewisham Central and Forest Hill.

The Creative Enterprise Zones (CEZ) are a flagship Mayoral priority, led by London boroughs in partnership with the Greater London Authority and local consortiums of creative businesses, artists, community groups, developers, workspace providers, further and higher education institutions and other stakeholders. The Zones are supporting the important role played by artists, freelancers and creative SMEs, helping to grow local creative economies and ensuring London remains a creative and forward-looking capital.

Further information about the Lewisham CEZ can be found here at <https://www.shapeslewisham.co.uk/>