

Explore Underground spaces and secrets

Looking for something different to do with the children this holiday?

TRY the dance and movement workshops at London Transport Museum in Covent Garden for lots of interactive fun.

Created for children up to 12 and their parents/guardians, people are taken on a make-believe journey through the lost tunnels of the Tube.

Inspired by stories of the Underground's past, everyone taking part will be issued with a high-vis jacket before joining the underground mission, which involves creeping through imaginary dark and forgotten tunnels, tiptoeing through closed doors, whizzing up in lifts and digging into enclosed secret spaces.

Explorers will also have to unlock secret wartime codes, problem-solve, and be on the



lookout for lost property at all times. They may even stumble across some forgotten treasures!

The workshops run until April 10, with sessions for three to six-year-olds and seven to 12-year-olds each day.

Other activities

There are lots of other things to do at the museum, too.

The All Aboard play zone is perfect for younger visitors. Here they can pretend to be a conductor on a real bus, repair a mini Tube train with toy spanners, and work in the 'lost property' office.

Older children will enjoy driving Tube train simulators and meeting costumed actors who bring exhibits to life.

Youngsters with a passion for art may also love the new London by Design gallery, where an innovative audio-visual display projects images on the floor and leads visitors to different showcases within the exhibition.

■ Entry is free for children under 18 (under-12s must be accompanied by an adult). Tickets are £17 (£14.50 for concessions) on the door. Advance tickets are cheaper at www.ltmuseum.co.uk.

The museum is opening early this weekend so children and their parents/guardians can make the most of the holiday activities. Entry is from 9.30am on both Saturday and Sunday.

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Posters from the archives

LONDON Transport Museum's Depot houses some of the most iconic artefacts and artworks relating to transport in the capital.

Among its collection are rare road and rail vehicles spanning over 100 years, signs, ceramic tiles, ephemera and even ticket machines.

Notably it has some of the finest examples of the wonderful poster artwork which has adorned the Tube over the past century.

As part of a special MetroTravel series we take a look at some of these stunning designs, starting with The Lure of the Underground (1927).

Full of colour and movement, this piece of art was the work of Alfred Leete, best known for his Lord Kitchener recruitment poster.

People are shown dashing into a Tube station. Londoners, this poster was saying, wouldn't be able to resist giving up their old modes of transport, like buses and taxis, when there was now a modern alternative - travelling on the Underground.

There are lots of different tours taking place at the Depot throughout the year, including the Art & Poster tour. This gives visitors the chance to see some of the 7,000 posters that London Transport has commissioned and get close to original artworks that are rarely seen by the public. The next tour will take place on May 27.

■ Tickets cost £10 for adults and £8.50 for concessions. To book a space on a Depot Art & Poster Tour and find out about other tours on offer visit www.ltmuseum.co.uk/depottours or via the ticket office on 020 7565 7298. Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult



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