
TURNING EARTH X LONDON DESIGN FESTIVAL & OPEN HOUSE LONDON

Shop sustainable at their ceramics market and watch the firing of a Roman Kiln Replica



To celebrate the London Design Festival (**William Morris Design Line**) and Open House London, Turning Earth has organised a few activities to keep you busy this September.

First of all, the **Turning Earth Autumn Ceramics Market** returns to the Leyton studio on the weekend of the 20th and 21st of September. With 60 different makers offering their handmade pieces over the two days, you can expect to find some crafted and unique treasures.

All the ingredients for the best weekend out are there: handmade pieces, live music, street food and drinks, wheel-throwing demonstrations, and some Sunday workshops.

On Sunday only, the talented **Hanna Salomonsson** will be back to teach how to hand-build intricate, delicate yet strong flowers. While our senior teacher **Ben Sutton** will run two raku-style firings: we will have pre-made vases for you to glaze, fire and take home at the end of the session. The spaces for all the workshops are limited, so book promptly at [this link](#).

But that's not all. The whole neighbourhood will be buzzing with events and open studios over the weekend. For example, on Saturday 20th, the charity **Furnishing Futures** will open the doors of its warehouse and show you how they turn what might have been destined for landfill into beautiful, professionally designed spaces that support the recovery of women and children rehoused after domestic abuse. On Sunday 21st, Sharon Hennessy, founder of **Suite Comfort 2024**, will open her workshop doors and demonstrate the intricate processes that bring old seating pieces back to life, from stripping away old materials to carefully rebuilding each layer with precision and care.

Secondly, but not for importance, is the **Roman Kiln Replica Firing** scheduled for the **13th and 15th September**, in collaboration with the charity Friends of Highgate Roman Kiln and **London Open House**.

The collaboration between Turning Earth and FoHRK **started last year**, when the Turning Earth Highgate team undertook the very exciting project to forage wild clay from the woods, create Roman-style pottery based on archaeological findings from the area, and build a replica Roman-style kiln in the woods themselves.

After having hosted several workshops over the last spring and summer months, there are many pieces finally ready to be

fired. If you have missed those workshops, there is still one last chance on the **7th of September**, in celebration of the local pottery heritage day. Some volunteers will run free drop-in hand-building workshops at the Information Hut, just next to Pavilion Cafe (Muswell Hill Rd, Onslow Gardens, London N10 3JN) and the kiln itself, from 11 am to 4 pm.

The firing will be open to the public on both the 13th and 15th, and it's a very unique experience to watch. The kiln will be lighted on Saturday around 7 am, and it will continue to burn until around 9 pm. After a day of cooling down, the kiln will then be opened and unpacked on Monday around 12 pm.



ABOUT TURNING EARTH

Turning Earth is London's largest co-work ceramics studio complex, now spanning three hobbyist studios across London (Hoxton, Leyton, and Highgate) and one professional studio in Leyton, In Production. We greet hundreds of members and students each week and everyone is welcome, from complete beginners to professional potters.

Turning Earth is inspired by the values of the Arts and Crafts movement, and exists to renew these in the 21st Century. The organisation encourages people to get their hands dirty and to participate in the making of objects, rather than mindlessly buying things. We think that unsustainable consumption stems from a disconnect with the world around us, and that making things can fulfill people far more deeply. We help people attune their sensitivity to beauty and to rebuild better lives. In buying items at one of our markets, consumers can support people to build meaningful, happy lives as makers.

WHERE & WHEN:

Ceramics Market

Date: 20-21st September 2025

Time: 11-5 pm each day

Location: Turning Earth Leyton, 11 Argall Avenue, E107QE, London

Free entry, dogs welcome (on the leash)

Ticketed Sunday workshops (hand building flowers and Raku-style firings) - [Link](#)

Roman Kiln Replica Firing

Date & time: Free drop-in workshops - 7th Sept, 11 - 4 pm

Kiln firing - 13th September, 7am - 9pm

Kiln unloading - 15th September, from 12 pm

Location: Information Hut in the Highgate Woods (the kiln is visible from the Pavilion Cafe)

Free entry

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