

Hey Artful Community,

Thursday 4 June, 2026

It's been a very long minute, hasn't it?

If you've been following along on socials, you already know I've been going pedal to the metal gardening and greening up grey London. I've been volunteering at [Great Dixter](#) in East Sussex—my absolute favourite garden outside of [Holland Park's](#) Kyoto Garden.



Social life has been pretty incredible, too. Who'd have thunk the fam would get the opportunity to go to [The Roundhouse](#), meet [Femi Koleoso](#) and play the [Ezra Collective's](#) actual drum kits, meet [Paapa Essiedu](#), nyam free pizza, and devour a plethora of delicious free snacks? (Honestly, I can still taste that Sea Salt & Chocolate by [Love Corn](#).)

Overload & Art Fixes

We walked slap-bang into a parade of people in show-stopping hats along the South Bank for National Hat Day, right before entering the last day of Nigerian Modernism at [The Tate Modern](#) with the sis, the teen, and a couple of cuzzies in tow. I was wowed by the breadth of work accomplished by Ben Enwonwu, awed by a metal relief by Asiru Olatunde and would have taken off with Uzo Egonu's oil of *an artist with beret 1981*.



It was... overwhelming. The kids shut down on sight; their little shoulders visibly sagged, completely overloaded by both the content and the crowds. They bolted straight through to the airiest room with a central seat and refused to budge. My shoulders sagged too—I *really* should have done three solo visits first instead of dragging hangry kids along. Argh!



On a brighter note, I've continued to mount and frame Carl Gabriel's original silkscreen prints at [Gallery 19 Kensington](#), and I've even sold a few via WhatsApp updates to some very dear and supportive friends. The stellar frames by Susan at [Nielsen Design Limited](#), combined with the black custom mounts, really do wow!

Oh yeah, and I joined an intimate group of cool Londoners and got outpaced by [Nile Rodgers](#)—what can I actually say? My mouth was a perfect 'O'. What a fantastic man. He was charming, generous, and selfied for England. He was also incredibly knowledgeable about [Grenfell Tower](#), having actually volunteered himself, and he was genuinely touched by the print and photo card I gifted him. His team were a total delight, and you know me—I exchanged a few Instas with some lovely peeps.



It's been a busy blur, but one last word on socialising: **ARSENAL**.
(Shout out to the [Arsenal Community](#)).



"Get on with it, Chatty Patty..."

What's next for *artfulgrrly*, I hear you ask?

My very clever Godmother (Church Street NW8 ends!) sent me a flyer from her local group about a one-day pop-up in Queen's Park. The fabulous organiser at the [Kilburn State of Mind](#) charity has generously allotted me a huge pitch for their one-day INTO THE PARK festival!

FREE ENTRY

KILBURN **STATE OF MIND**

presents....

INTO THE PARK

QUEEN'S PARK BANDSTAND

Sat 13th June 2026 11am - 5pm

LIVE MUSIC **CRAFT STALLS**

STREET FOOD

CAFE **PICNIC** **KIDS' ACTIVITIES** **WELL-BEING ZONE**

BAR AREA **RAFFLE** **FACE-PAINTING**

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Because you are my day ones, you're the very first to know that I will be showcasing a group of artists all over the age of 60: Artfulgrrly's WISDOM PASS COLLECTIVE:

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Saturday 13th JUNE
11AM - 5PM Queens Park

wisdom pass
graphics illustration vector
art murals sculpture digital
Artfulgrly's wisdom pass member
60+ London
Junior Tomlin

wisdom pass
wire frame sculpture artist
Artfulgrly's wisdom pass member
60+ London
Carl Gabriel

wisdom pass
paint mixed media acrylics
drawing
Artfulgrly's wisdom pass member
60+ London
Debra Tomlin

wisdom pass
Multidisciplinary acrylics oil
pastels chalk fabric
Artfulgrly's wisdom pass member
60+ London
Jennifer Huie

wisdom pass
mixed media charcoal ink
pastels paint mosaics
Artfulgrly's wisdom pass member
60+ London
Barbara Tomlin

wisdom pass
Charcoal ink
Artfulgrly's wisdom pass member
60+ London
Lisa Gray

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They are all incredibly talented home artists from the Notting Hill community. They're fascinating to talk to, and every single one of them has dropped into my previous pop-ups to offer positivity, encouragement, and support. I always promised myself that once I built a solid base and reputation, I would alternate and show local artists. So, here we go again!



Calling All My Artful Family: I Need Your Help!

Queen's Park is an absolute favourite of mine. It brings back memories of an event where my cousin and I wore matching shell suits (hehehe, definitely the late 80s).

To make this mini art fair a massive success, I need to activate the network. Help an artful sista / auntie / mama out! Can anyone recommend a sponsor (or several) who can assist us with:

- Loaning an 8–10m awning (or a few pop-up gazebos).
- Sourcing 8–9m of exterior display trellis.
- Cash sponsorships or free samples to keep the vibes high.

If we can secure these, we are going to have a beautiful day out. Hit reply if you have any leads, connections, or ideas!

Hope to see you out there,

Juliette/Artfulgrly