

PRESS RELEASE

## Peckham Street Training

Lottie Child & Furtherfield.org



### Peckham Street Training will be anything but pedestrian

Image: Lottie Child, Street Training



How street savvy are you? You've got your A to Z to get from A to B but how happy and safe do you feel on the streets? In today's cities, we are all too aware of the potential hazards on the street. Perhaps it is time that we learnt how to safely enjoy, rather than endure, the time we spend in public space. Peckham Street Training is here to help you do just that.

#### **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2pm & 4pm**

Join the Peckham Street Trainers on a tour that will introduce you to innovative and playful ways of reclaiming public space. Peckham Street Training is an artistic collaboration between Lottie Child and net-art organisation Furtherfield.org in association with Gloucester Primary School.

Peckham Street Training defines new territories both on the street and on the internet. Follow Peckham Street Training online or develop your own team of Street Trainers on [www.peckhamspace.com/project/street-training](http://www.peckhamspace.com/project/street-training)

"Since I started asking people about their techniques for being joyful and safe in the city streets my enjoyment and engagement with my local area has skyrocketed. I take people on Street Training sessions where we practice and exchange the little things we do to keep ourselves sane, make ourselves laugh and improve our experience and the quality of the public spaces we inhabit." Artist Lottie Child

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**For images, more information and to arrange interviews**, please contact Nikki Shaill, Peckham Space Assistant on 020 7514 6402 or Emily Druiff, Peckham Space Director on 020 7514 2299.

## Event listing details:



### **Public Event: Peckham Street Training**

20 September 2008

2pm & 4pm

Meeting point to start tour: Peckham Square,  
Peckham Road, London SE15 8RS

Join the Peckham Street Trainers on an experiential tour of Peckham. Develop new techniques that will challenge our uses of public space and social norms. Consider how behaviour can shape our built environment. Peckham Street Training will be anything but pedestrian. Participants are advised to wear comfortable clothing and footwear. Part of Open House London 2008.

### **Public Talk: Participation and Contemporary Art**

4 September 2008

7pm-9pm

South London Gallery

65 Peckham Road

London SE5 8UH

As part of Peckham Street Training, Clare Cumberland from The General Public Agency will be in conversation with Lottie Child and Furtherfield.org. The talk will include a presentation by the artists and a conversation on the notion of participation in the public realm and contemporary art.

**Free, to book:** [info@peckhamspace.com](mailto:info@peckhamspace.com) 020 7514 2299 [www.peckhamspace.com](http://www.peckhamspace.com)

## **Notes to editors:**

1. Peckham Space is a socially engaged contemporary art programme in south London. It marks a new partnership between Camberwell College of Arts, University of Arts London and Southwark Council that will lead to a new gallery in Peckham Square. The artistic programme is funded by Arts Council England and University of Arts London. [www.peckhamspace.com](http://www.peckhamspace.com)
2. Lottie Child's practice includes utilising strategies of collaboration and spontaneous interaction such as Street Training that can be conceived as 'urban survival skills for the twenty first century' exploring notions of play, the politics of the urban built environment, risk taking and the use of new technologies. [www.malinky.org](http://www.malinky.org)
3. Furtherfield.org is a groundbreaking not-for-profit, artist-led organisation providing an online and physical platform for creating, exhibiting, commissioning and discussing networked media arts. [www.furtherfield.org](http://www.furtherfield.org)
4. Peckham Street Training is part of Open House London 2008, exploring the urban built environment. [www.openhouse.org.uk](http://www.openhouse.org.uk)