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Things To Do In London Today: 28 February 2013

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A splash of colour from the Zabłudowicz Collection. See below.

ART: The Zabłudowicz Collection, what some might describe as a 'hidden gem' between Chalk Farm and Kentish Town, opens a new exhibition of works by [Albert Oehlen](#) today. Free, just turn up, till 11 August 2013.

GIVE BLOOD: The [blood donor clinic](#) comes to Surrey Quays today. Free, just turn up, **10.30am-1pm** and **2.30-5pm**

POLITICS: [Ken Livingstone](#) (former Mayor) is in conversation with [Tony Travers](#) (future Mayor? Maybe?) at London School of Economics, talking about his tenure in City Hall and before. Free, prebook, **1.15pm**

LANGUAGE: Ten years ago, British Sign Language was formally recognised as a language in its own right, and is now used by 125,000 people in the UK. An event at the Royal Society tonight looks at the [history, development and culture surrounding BSL](#). Free, just turn up, **6pm**

ART IN A CHURCH: Shoreditch Church has an exhibition of [oddball art](#) from [London College of Communication](#) students, opening tonight and running till 3 March. Free, just turn up, **6pm**

BOOKS: The Guardian's film critic Peter Bradshaw has written a comic thriller set on VE night, and he's talking about at [Foyles](#). Loads more bookish events today — see our [dedicated listings here](#). Free, prebook, **6.30pm**

LONDON BRIDGE: Tonight's City of Westminster Arts Library Salon features two pontificators of [London's bridges](#): [Travis Elborough](#), author of the recent [London Bridge in America](#); and [Chris Roberts](#), tour guide and author of [Cross River Traffic](#). £6, prebook, **6.30pm**

CLUB NIGHT: Catch [Kool Thing](#) and [The Slow Revolt](#) at Notting Hill Arts Club, organised by [Black Cab Sessions](#). Free before 8pm then £5, just turn up, **7pm-2am**



Art in America, May 16, 2014

COUNTERCULTURE: Barry Miles is at the Bishopsgate Institute to talk about the capital's recent countercultural movements. £8, prebook, 7.30pm

COMEDY: If you're enjoying the return of The Last Leg on Channel 4, Josh Widdicombe gets top billing at Laughing Boy at Cable, near London Bridge. Phil Nichol is also fantastic to watch in small rooms (if exhausting), plus Rory O'Hanlan and Tony Marrese. £10, prebook, 7.30pm

WHITECHAPEL MURDERER: London Fortean Society explores the making of the Jack the Ripper legend at The Bell, Middlesex Street E1. £3, just turn up, 8pm

Random London Fact of the Day

Lost words by William Shakespeare could be buried somewhere in Westminster Abbey. The funeral of poet Edmund Spenser was supposedly attended by many of his contemporaries, including The Bard. Historian William Camden, who was also around at the time, claims that his mourners threw elegies into the grave before it was sealed. The exact burial site was not recorded, and the grave has never been uncovered, despite a search in 1938. Perhaps another mystery for the team behind the Richard III dig to get their shovels into?

Good Cause of the Day

Health Prom is a small charity in Kentish Town that helps vulnerable children and women in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. It's holding a charity pub quiz on Wednesday 6 March, to mark International Women's Day, and to which you're all invited. The theme is 'England and Russia', and all proceeds go towards the charity's causes. It's £8 on the door for a team of six, and it takes place from 8pm at the Assembly House, Kentish Town Road. [More info here.](#) @HealthProm

London Weather

A fiery ball of flaring plasma will illuminate London this afternoon. Older readers might recall previous visitations by this 'sun', once — so the legends say — a common sight in our skies. Clearly, it does not belong. Join us on the Thames foreshore later today, when we'll be hurling stones and diverse brickbats at this maleficent witch-thing, until it slinks back whence it came. [BBC Weather](#) has a less medieval forecast.