

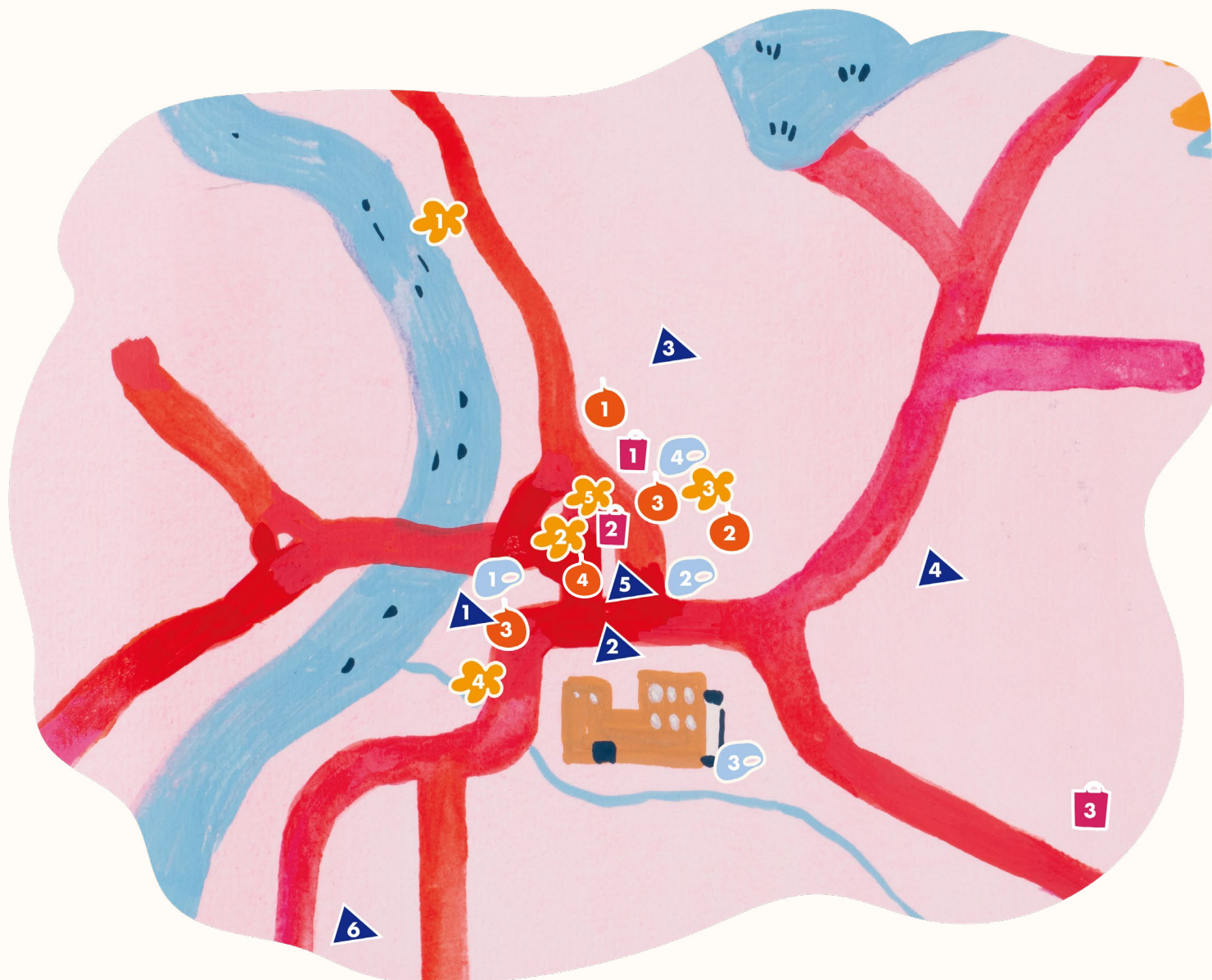


FEEL AT HOME

CULTURAL DIVERSITY
CATALOGUE



Welcome to Kingston University and the vibrant Kingston upon Thames! This catalogue is designed to help you feel at home by connecting you with cultural, religious, and everyday resources that celebrate diversity and cater to your cultural identity.



PLACES AROUND YOU:

COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LOCAL CHARITY

- 1.YMCA Hawker
- 2.Kingston Hive
- 3.Kingston WelCare
- 4.Mind in Kingston
- 5.Voices of Hope



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- 2.The Fighting Cocks Bar
- 3.Banquet records
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GOODS AND SERVICES

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- 2.Ayan Hair and Beauty
- 3.Imone& Zazza& Seoul Plaza



ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE

- 1.Kingston Carnival& Diwali on the Thames& Korean Culture Day
- 2.Kingston Library& Kingston Museum
- 3.Stanley Picker Gallery
- 4.Art Space Kingston



LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

- 1.All Saints Church
- 2.Kingston Methodist Church
- 3.Kingston Mosque
- 4.Shri Krishna Temple
- 5.Buddhist Meditation Centre
- 6.Kingston Liberal Synagogue

KINGSTON FOOD CENTRE

Kingston Food Centre, located near Kingston train station, is a top-rated international supermarket in the area offering a multitude of cuisines and is open 7:00-21:00 six days a week.

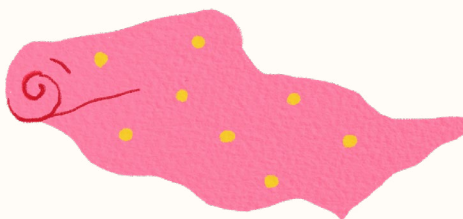
SAVEWAYS SUPERMARKET

Further afield a new black-owned international supermarket, Saveways supermarket, has opened in Croydon and is located inside a warehouse so offers a huge variety of products. The store was launched by artists Krept and Konan and offers products from food to hair and hygiene products, their mission is to serve local black and minority ethnicity communities. All the meat at Saveways is halal from the prepackaged products on the shelf to the butcher kiosk instore.



OGB6 BEAUTY PALACE

In Crystal Palace you can find OGB6 Beauty Palace, a salon at the back of a hair supply store. Allowing customers to buy hair without a deposit or get one of their many services – from box braids to French curls and Senegalese twists. The salon is black owned and offers reasonable prices.



GOODS AND SERVICES

AYAN HAIR AND BEAUTY

Ayan Hair and Beauty, located in Kingston town centre is an Afro and European cosmetic shop, offering products for every hair type. Most major hair care brands can be found in store and are well priced according to their customer reviews.



AFRICAN QUEEN FABRICS

For traditional clothing and fabric, [African Queen Fabrics](#) is a one-stop-shop located in Brixton Village offering jewellery, fabrics, clothing and accessories.

IMONE, ZAZZA AND SEOUL PLAZA

For authentic Asian food not far from Kingston is New Malden, which has a reputation across London for being a hub of excellent Korean and Japanese cuisine. [Imone](#) is a family run restaurant offering authentic Korean food. Another great option in New Malden is Zazza, in a hidden location behind a mini mart. If you enter Seoul Plaza and walk to the back, you will find a sliding door that takes you into a small family run business that offers the best of Korean Chinese cuisine and makes handmade noodles fresh every day.



HARAR RESTAURANT

London is a great city to try authentic cuisines from all over the world, whatever you may be looking for can be found here. One of the best Ethiopian restaurants the city has to offer can be found a short train ride away to Vauxhall. [Harar restaurant](#) offers a taste of East Africa, offering sharing platters and an eat-with-your-hands style dining and lots of vegan options.



ENTERTAINMENT



TWENTIES FINE

For cinema loving women of colour there is a London based film club called Twenties Fine, that offers monthly meet ups where attendees watch a film and have group games and discussions to follow. To learn about their upcoming events, you can join their mailing list.

SOUTHBANK'S HAYWARD GALLERY

Southbank's Hayward is located at the Southbank Centre. ([Gallery Hayward Gallery | Southbank Centre](#)). It's a world renowned contemporary art gallery which has exhibitions celebrating ethnic minorities that run all year-round. It embraces underrepresented voices, fosters global dialogue, and invites audiences from all backgrounds to engage with innovative exhibitions.

KINGSTON'S LIVE MUSIC



Kingston is a hub for live music, with many nightlife venues offering performances on a regular basis. [Ram Jam Records](#) and [The Fighting Cocks Bar](#) in London's Kingston Upon Thames are both intimate venues that host gigs for local artists. For more mainstream artists check out [Banquet Records](#). [Circuit](#) is Kingston's newest and biggest club, expect unique concepts and wicked experiences in 2 rooms of essential music.

FARRAGO

For unique events that showcase underground artists from all mediums check out [Farrago](#), a creative community that regularly host events across London. The location and event changes monthly but previously Farrago have held events showcasing only Asian women DJs and many of the artists platformed are people of colour at the start of their creative careers. Farrago events offer visual performances, fashion shows and live music.

LOCAL PLACES OF WORSHIP

CHURCHES

[All Saints Church](#)

Location: Market Place, Kingston, KT1 1JP

Denomination: Anglican

[Kingston Methodist Church](#)

Location: Fairfield South, Kingston, KT1 2UJ

Denomination: Methodist

MOSQUES

[Kingston Mosque](#)

Location: 55 East Road, Kingston, KT2 6EJ

Services: Friday prayers, Quranic classes

TEMPLES

[Shri Krishna Temple](#)

Location: 34 Coombe Road, Kingston, KT2 7AF

Religion: Hindu

[Buddhist Meditation Centre](#)

Location: 13 Orchard Road, Kingston, KT1 2QY

Religion: Buddhist

SYNAGOGUES

[Kingston Liberal Synagogue](#)

Location: Rushett Road, Long Ditton, KT7 0UX

Denomination: Liberal Judaism

GURDWARAS

[Sri Guru Singh Sabha](#)

Location: 1690 London Road, Norbury, SW16 4EP (Nearby)

Religion: Sikh



COMMUNITY CENTRE AND LOCAL CHARITY

YMCA HAWKER

Situated beside the Thames, [YMCA Hawker](#) offers facilities such as a gym, group exercise classes, a Reformer Pilates studio, and children's activities including soft play. They also provide tennis coaching and have a cafe for social gatherings.

KINGSTON HIVE

A volunteer-run climate emergency centre located next to Kingston Station. [Kingston Hive](#) hosts events like home energy advice sessions, upcycling workshops, and vegan cooking demonstrations, aiming to empower residents to adopt sustainable lifestyles.

MIND IN KINGSTON

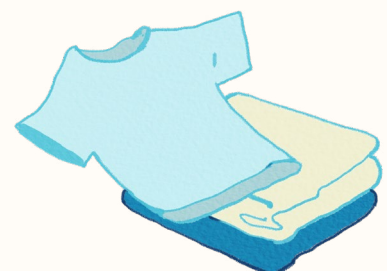
[Mind in Kingston](#) is an independent charity affiliated with National Mind, providing services to support individuals with mental health issues. Their offerings include crisis support, resources, and various projects aimed at improving mental well-being.

VOICES OF HOPE

[Voices of Hope](#) focuses on bringing hope to individuals and the community through projects related to food, creative arts, and women's support. Initiatives include community choirs, the BRITE Box project providing healthy meal kits, and the Pearl Project supporting survivors of gender-based abuse.

KINGSTON WELCARE

[Kingston WelCare](#) is a friendly space offering support to parents and families. Services include drop-in family sessions, a cafe with a play area, various events and activities, and assistance for parents facing mental health challenges.



ARTS, CULTURE, AND HERITAGE

ARTIST STUDIOS

Stanley Picker Gallery

Location: Kingston University, KT1 2QJ

Features: Contemporary art exhibitions.

Stanley Picker Gallery at Kingston University is a public venue dedicated to the research, development, production and presentation of interdisciplinary contemporary arts practice.

Art Space Kingston

Location: 6 Cowleaze Road, Kingston, KT2 6DZ

Focus: Local artists and workshops.



LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

Kingston Library

Location: Fairfield Road, Kingston, KT1 2PS

Services: Multilingual books and cultural programs.

Kingston Museum

Location: Wheatfield Way, Kingston, KT1 2PS

Focus: Local history and culture

FESTIVALS

Kingston Carnival (September)

A celebration of Caribbean culture with music, food, and dance.

Diwali on the Thames (October/November)

Festival of Lights celebration.

Korean Culture Day (Annually)

A showcase of Korean traditions, food, and performances.



We hope this catalogue helps you navigate and enjoy the cultural richness of Kingston upon Thames. Welcome to your new home, and don't hesitate to explore all the amazing resources available to you!

If you have any feedback or places you'd like to add, please contact us at equality@kingston.ac.uk.

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