About The Pirate Castle

The Pirate Castle is a boating and outdoor activities charity based in a unique, fully-accessible community centre on the Regent's Canal in the heart of Camden Town, London.

Our mission is to promote life chances, learning and healthy living through canal-based and community activities that are stimulating, inclusive and accessible.

Canoeing, kayaking and canal boating are core to our work and we strive to tackle disadvantage, challenge exclusion and support the more vulnerable members of our community through all that we do. Our raft of adventurous recreation, outdoor education and training initiatives improve health and wellbeing, nurture life and social skills and bring people together through active participation - regardless of their ability or personal circumstances.

Our work focuses on children, young people and SEND (special educational needs and disability) groups of all ages, both from our local borough of Camden and more widely across London.

We also partner with mainstream and specialist schools, Pupil Referral Units, frontline and voluntary support services to deliver projects that link with the curriculum, help address challenging behaviours or improve people’s longer-term life chances.

Our characterful, fully-accessible home provides a mixture of affordable community space for projects and events, dedicated changing and 'wet' areas for paddlesport sessions and a wheelchair-friendly bankside for easy access to the canal and boat fleet, which includes a purpose-built, wheelchair accessible canal boat - opening up the waterway for all to enjoy.

Click here to take a Virtual Tour [1] of our characterful Castle home!

Our free and heavily subsidised projects allow everyone to benefit from our unique approach to training and adventure on the Regent’s Canal!

To find out more, check out our latest film, 'Unlocking The Pirate Castle' (created in partnership with John Lyon’s Charity and Media Trust).

Our dedicated team of staff, professional coaches and volunteers provide an impressive array of inclusive community activities and training, both water and land-based, including:
Water Activities: skippering [2], canoes and kayaks [3], canal boating [4]
A range of paddlesport training, endorsed by British Canoeing, including 'Paddle Power' Beginners' and Intermediate kayak/canoe 'Star' tests
Children's Parties [8]
School & Youth Services [9]
Subsidised school holiday schemes [10]
Youth Club [11]
Adult Canoe & Kayak Club [12]
Trips [13]
Community Canal Cruises - subsidised trips for voluntary support groups, local families and state schools [14]
Affordable, fully-accessible venue for projects and events - private hire and discounted rates for community groups [15]