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**Eat, Drink, Stay, Explore - Westside's Bank  
Holiday Guide to Food Fun and Culture**



Whether you're in the mood for live music, great food, relaxing canal walks, or a luxury hotel stay, Westside is the perfect destination for your bank holiday weekend.

Here's your ultimate guide to what to do and where to stay...

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## Feel Better Through Art: Rachel Akers' Top Tips Ahead of Westside BID's Clay & Connect Networking Event



Westside BID invites you to Clay and Connect, a unique midday networking event where creativity meets connection.

Taking place at the stylish Distillery on Sheepcote Street, this session runs from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM and offers a refreshing hands-on clay activity alongside great conversation and community spirit.

The session will be led by artist and mental health advocate Rachel Akers, who will guide guests through a relaxing clay activity — no experience needed. Whether you're shaping, moulding, or simply giving it a go, Rachel's gentle guidance will help you unwind, get creative, and enjoy the therapeutic benefits of working with your hands.

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## Injured Seagull Dies Despite Prompt Aid from Westside Wardens





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The Westside Wardens recently responded to a concerned call from a local member, who had spotted what they believed was a dead bird on the pavement outside their premises.

When the wardens arrived, they discovered it was in fact a baby seagull — alive but clearly in need of help. Acting quickly, they contacted the RSPCA and several local vets to find assistance.

With no immediate support available, the wardens took matters into their own hands. They sourced a box from the Library of Birmingham, carefully placed the friendly young bird inside, and transported it safely to a veterinary clinic for treatment.

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Step into the charm of Italy at Piccolino, where fresh ingredients and authentic flavours take centre stage.

- Monday–Thursday: Treat yourself to their Lunch Set Menu from just £22.00 per person, available from 12pm–5pm. Perfect for a business lunch, a midweek catch-up, or simply spoiling yourself.
- Friday–Sunday: Their 'Weekend Estivo' Menu runs all day for only £25.00 per person, bringing you a taste of summer with every bite.

From velvety pasta to irresistible main courses, Piccolino serves up a dining experience you'll savour from start to finish.

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## Westside Wellbeing Wednesday - 15min Mobility session with Jamie



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with ease and stability. In just 10 minutes, you'll soon light a fire, fire up your centre, and feel stronger from the inside out. All levels welcome—simple, powerful movement made accessible.

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## Molding Relationships: Hands-On Networking Meets Clay Art in Westside.

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# Networking



## The Details

**A Westside BID event, in partnership with Birmingham Mind, Akers of Art, and The Distillery.**

Join us for Clay & Connect — a unique networking event that blends creativity, connection, and wellbeing. Step away from the usual routine and carve out time to unwind, get hands-on with clay, and support a fantastic cause: Birmingham Mind.

- Get Creative: Tap into your artistic side with a guided clay activity.
- Connect: Meet like-minded professionals in a relaxed, informal setting.

**Date:** Wednesday, 10th September

**Time:** 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

**Location:** The Distillery, Birmingham

**Price:** £22.38 per person (includes welcome drink and pizza slice)

25% of the proceeds go to Birmingham Mind, supporting mental health and wellbeing in our community.

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Westside BID, in collaboration with Birmingham Mind, Akers of Art, and The Distillery, is proud to present Clay and Connect — a unique networking event with a twist of creativity, calm, and connection. Taking place on Wednesday 10th September, this unique experience encourages people from across the city to pause their busy routines and engage in a hands-on session of artistic expression alongside meaningful conversations. It's a chance to relax, recharge, and build supportive connections in a welcoming environment.

Taking place at the stylish Distillery on Sheepcote Street, the event runs from 11:45 AM to 1:00 PM, offering guests an inspiring midday break filled with clay, conversation, and community.

## Events Beyond Westside



### **Amplify Town Hall: Memorabilia and Story Collection Drop In.**

From the 23rd to 30th August 2025, B:Music, in collaboration with Birmingham Music Archive, is hosting free drop-in sessions at Town Hall and Symphony Hall (10 am – 4 pm) to collect and digitise memorabilia — photos, ticket stubs, signed programmes and more — celebrating the rich musical heritage of Birmingham Town Hall. Items are scanned on-site and returned; if you don't have physical memorabilia but do have memories, you can contribute those via writing or voice recordings. If you can't attend in person, there's an option to participate remotely via email.

### **More information**



### **Colmore Square Garden: Volunteer Planting Day**



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retreat.

Led by Colmore BID's Outstanding Places Working Group and supported by the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust, this project brings vibrant planting, improved landscaping, and new habitats for urban wildlife right into Colmore Square.

What You'll Be Doing:

- Helping plant new shrubs, perennials, and bulbs to brighten the square.
- Installing bird, bee, and insect boxes to support local wildlife.
- Getting hands-on with soft landscaping improvements that will benefit the community and the environment.

No gardening experience needed, just come ready to dig in and make a difference! It's a great way to enjoy the outdoors, meet new people, and leave a positive mark on the district.

### Colmore BID Website

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