

V&A South Kensington

Dementia Action Week 2026
Monday 11 May 2026



Programme for the Day

- 11:00 – 16:00 Drop-In Printmaking Workshop
- 14:00 – 15:00 Closer Look Tour
- Slots throughout the day - Schiaparelli Exhibition Tickets
- Available throughout the day - Gilbert Gallery Dementia-Friendly Resources

Drop-in Screen Printing Workshop

- Day-long drop-in session, running 11:00am – 4:00pm
- Inspired by Schiaparelli shapes and objects from the V&A collection
- Screen printing on cards and posters
- Facilitated by 2 Learning Engagement Assistant (LEAs)
- Along with tea, coffee and biscuits
- Hosted in V&A Learning Centre



Closer Look Tour

- Join our specially trained Guides for a dementia-friendly tour and learn the stories behind some of the V&A's most fascinating objects.
- These tours are designed for those living with early stage dementia and their family and friends. The tour begins with refreshments in the Art Studio and the tour on gallery will last 45 minutes to 1 hour.
- Free & bookable via V&A Event Listing and calling our Contact Centre
- Monday 11 May, running from 14:00 – 15:30



Schiaparelli Exhibition Tickets

- The UK's first major exhibition dedicated to Elsa Schiaparelli spans from the 1920s to the present day, celebrating the designer's radical creativity and lasting influence on fashion. The exhibition traces the house's groundbreaking origins through to its evolution under current creative director Daniel Roseberry.
- Free tickets available for groups of up to 8, with time slots throughout the day
- Available between 11:00 and 16:00



Gilbert Galleries Dementia Friendly Resources

- The newly reopened Gilbert Galleries feature multisensory experiences, including touchable samples of rare stones and custom-blended scents, designed with input from people living with dementia and their carers
- A specially created dementia-friendly printed resource, inspired by the creative practice of ceramicist and Adobe Foundation resident Ciara Neufeldt, will be available throughout the day for use in the galleries
- The resource was developed as part of the V&A's Making a Memory Box project, which invited people living with dementia to engage with the Gilbert Collection's gold boxes through handling sessions and clay workshops



WELCOME TO THE ROSALINDE AND ARTHUR GILBERT GALLERIES

Welcome to The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Galleries. This is a resource for people living with dementia and their carers to support a visit to the gallery and provide suggestions of activities to do at home.

Start your visit by exploring a reproduction of Rosalinde Gilbert's scrapbook which can be found in Gallery 70B, a record from Rosalinde's career as a fashion designer.

Here is a scrapbook for you to record stories and ideas from your own life.

This resource was designed by artist Katie Spragg, inspired by Adobe Creative Resident Ciara Neufeldt.



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Thank you!

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