Help Shuffle festival renovate The Lodge in Mile End

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Shuffle Festival came to life back in the summer of 2013 as a pop-up film festival in Mile End, masterminded by Danny Boyle. And after proving a hit with locals, it returned with a bigger and better format last year, setting up its base at Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park (THCP) with a bar/café and plenty of music, film, art and science events. Now the festival’s team are crowdfunding to make their residency at THCP permanent by renovating the historic lodge. It’ll serve as a community club house of sorts and permanent venue that will allow Shuffle’s cultural knees-up to run all year round.

If they raise the £58,943 they’re aiming for, Shuffle and the lovely people at Friends of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park will transform THCP with a café and new extension. They’re hoping to build a workshop for science and conservation workshops for kids, and adults too, if they fancy. Plus, there’s plans for an exhibition space and a music venue. What more could you want, east Londoners?

Shuffle hopes to make its community dream a reality by 2015’s summer festival, but they need your help. With just over a month to go until pledging closes, they’re more than £20,000 short of their fundraising goal. So come on – dig deep. A pledge of £10 will get you a mention on social media so you can look charitable to your friends, and if you’re feeling super flush, a top donation of £500 will get you a full nine-day festival pass for you and a guest, plus a thank you on social media and their website – to make you look really charitable to your friends.

Find out more about Shuffle festival and visit Space Hive to pledge money to The Lodge.

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