

# What the hick? Dang hillbillies taking over Central London!

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Ya'll gunna be super spooked by the latest event from Humanitas Charity; it's a Hillbilly Halloween party! In partnership with The Flying Seagulls, Humanitas are co-ordinating an evening of giddiness and frivolity on Saturday 26th October at Bloomsbury Bowling. WC1.

Dead Dixie-chicks and cob-webbed cowboys are the costume theme, with the hosts lining up an assortment of activities to take part in. Bowling, karaoke, foosball, table tennis, raffles, live music, and a host of organised competitions are just the tip of the iceberg. Among the bands performing are Shot Crabs Got Jail and Harriet Starling & the Good Honeys, two great foot-stomping bands that are known to arrange spontaneous dance-offs when the mood takes them. There is also a raffle available with the potential to win an assortment of prizes, including paintballing tickets for 10, ice-skating at the National History Museum, or a stadium tour of Stamford Bridge.

The whole event is designed to raise money for a research and development trip to Ghana, as Humanitas Charity moves into the African continent. The charity has worked with orphaned, abandoned children in Europe for over 10 years and now wants to focus some of its expertise and resources on helping vulnerable children and families in Africa. In Ghana in particular, Humanitas has particular cause for concern, as the country has an endemic of tuberculosis, malaria, and HIV/AIDS, and suffers from extremely high child mortality rates as a result.

Yet before Humanitas can establish one of their projects, they need to embark on a vital research and planning expedition to Ghana. The charity initially aims to work closely with the President's Malaria Initiative, before formulating its own strategy for support – and whilst the charity is confident they can put their expertise, manpower, and resources to great effect in Ghana, they need to investigate the best possible route to helping the poverty-stricken families of Ghana.

And it is for this reason that haunted hillbillies will be stomping around central London, fully face-painted and costumed-up, on their way to possibly the greatest party of the year! Tickets are £15 on the night and £10 for early-bird purchases. And for the most adventurous of you, there is a pumpkin crafting contest so better polish your carving skills...

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