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Explore, play games, and be inspired at Old Parliament House this holiday!

Be inspired and entertained without breaking the bank at the Museum of Australian Democracy at the Museum of Australian Democracy these school holidays.

Visitors of all ages can enjoy an array of fun and free activities. Try some old-style party games, dress up and be motivated to change the world, or let us guide you through online activities using household objects.

Way before online activities like *Wordle*, video games or role-playing favourites like *Dungeons and Dragons*, board games have been teaching us new skills, about society and how to work together in communities. Some form of board games have existed since the earliest civilisations and can be traced back more than 5000 years.

In MoAD's latest exhibition, *Party Games*, learn how democracy has inspired game designers – and see games from our collection, such as *Election!*, *The Party Game* and *Question Time!* For a limited time, head to the Courtyard Café to play some of the games.

People of all ages are welcome to join us in the Senate Courtyard for [Open Air PlayUP](#). It's free for everyone from 15-19 April, between 9.30am and 4.30pm each day. Back these school holidays year with a party game twist, take part in musical chairs, challenge your family to a game of Giant Connect 4 or a round of badminton. There are plenty of spaces for quiet time too. Curl up with a book on a comfy cushion, build with blocks or just relax in nature.

If the autumn weather is a little temperate, MoAD's popular [PlayUP](#) exhibition, a fun and engaging space where children and adults can take part in craft activities, read stories and explore interesting spaces, is open from 9am to 4.30pm every day.

Want to make the world a better place? Young visitors can take some inspiration from artist Frida Kahlo, footballer Adam Goodes or musician Beyoncé. They can try on the iconic outfits of eight modern heroes in [DressUP](#) and discover how they overcame struggles to make a difference in the world. Or they may like to visit the [Zine Lounge](#) or type a letter in [Yours Faithfully](#).

Kids can still have fun if they can't make it to the Museum. They can [head online](#) for a diverse range of activities that requires imagination and some things around the house; it might just inspire them to be young civic leaders and engage with their communities.

For more ideas of how to make the most of the school holidays, head to our [What's On page](#) for full details.

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Image caption: Having fun during Open Air PlayUP at the Museum of Australian Democracy.