

# City life

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## Thank pod it's Earth Day

**HOW DOES OUR** black-bogey-inducing air compare with other cities? Find out this week at Somerset House, as the grand eighteenth-century courtyard hosts five 'Pollution Pods' to mark Earth Day: the world's largest environmental event. Inside the igloo-esque structures by British artist Michael Pinsky, you'll be surrounded by simulations of the air in Beijing, São Paulo, London, New Delhi and Tautra, an island in Norway. (The air in this last pod will easily be the cleanest in the whole city.) Alongside the pods, visitors will be able to see 'Choropleth': a Union Flag that will change from red, white and blue to grey and black as it's exposed to ultraviolet radiation. There'll also be a chance to explore Somerset House's secret coalholes, where mushrooms are being grown by educational project Edible Utopia, plus hands-on workshops and talks. It'll take more than art to clean up London's air, but it's a start. ■ *Alexandra Sims*

→ [www.somersetthouse.org.uk](http://www.somersetthouse.org.uk)



## THE ESSENTIALS

Three things you have to do this week



**See this**

William Wearing's tribute to **Millicent Fawcett** – the first statue of a woman in Parliament Square and the first by a female artist – is nearly here. See it first at the public unveiling next Tuesday (April 24).



**Eat this**

Stuff yourself for a good cause on Thursday at **Social Supper**, a five-course feast in Hoxton served by ex-offenders and chefs from Breddos Tacos, Smokestack and Som Saa.



**Drink this**

Testing how sustainable a coffee shop can be, **Percol Coffee** pops up in Old Street station this week to serve ethical joe in a planet-friendly way. Bring your own cup for a free caffeine fix.

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