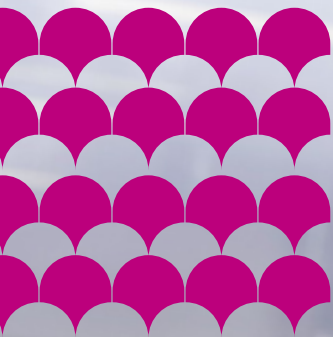


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Welcome

Message from the Mayor



Damien Egan,
Mayor of
Lewisham

Welcome to your autumn issue of Lewisham Life. As we continue our year as the London Borough of Culture, we're taking a look back at some of the brilliant events that have brought our communities together. From People's Day – which saw 30,000 people head to Mountsfield Park for a day of music, art, performances and fun that showcased the best of Lewisham's talent – to the opening of our brilliant new seven-day-a-week Catford Library.

We've had a summer packed with events, including the Liberty Festival which showcased work by D/deaf and disabled artists. There was also incredible music, food

and dance at the Horniman Museum and Gardens (which was recently awarded Museum of The Year by Art Fund!)

There are still plenty of ways for you to get involved, whether that's by enjoying a show, learning a new skill or hobby, or taking advantage of the opportunities to gain experience, employment and skills in the creative sectors. This issue includes highlights of what's still to come, so I hope you find something you'll enjoy.

A real focus of our year as London Borough of Culture has been on providing free events and meaningful opportunities for local people, because we know that many of our residents will be struggling with the cost of living crisis, or are worried about the impact of rising energy prices this winter.

As a Council, we're doing everything we can to support people during this difficult time and we're working closely with partners across the borough to target support and advice and respond, as the crisis evolves. This includes helping people to claim all of the benefits and emergency payments they are entitled to and making sure they know where they can access food and other essentials.

If you're struggling or worried about money, please have a look at our website, where you can find information about help available locally – lewisham.gov.uk/support



Damien Egan, Mayor of Lewisham

In this issue

Join us in celebrating fantastic exam results and supporting the Mayor's new charity.

Meet the Lewisham Legends who are shaking things up for the good of the community. Read about the latest news and events happening as part of our year as London Borough of Culture. Plus our plans for improving air quality in the borough and what we're doing to support residents into work.

Visit the new Catford Library – it's open seven days a week and has lots going on!

Lastly, don't forget to cast your votes in this year's Mayor of Lewisham Business Awards.



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Tackling health inequalities in Black communities

As a first step towards making healthcare equal for all residents, we are pleased to launch the BLACHIR report – the Birmingham and Lewisham African and Caribbean Health Inequalities Review.

This joint research project between Lewisham and Birmingham City Councils is a landmark piece of work. We spoke to local Black African and Black Caribbean communities to understand their experiences of the healthcare system.

We will use the recommendations from the research to come up with a realistic plan to improve health outcomes for these communities. The findings will also be used to help the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board and influence both Councils, the NHS and other partners.



Mayor Damien Egan, Deputy Mayor Cllr Brenda Dacres, Cllr Juliet Campbell, Cllr Chris Best and the Lewisham Mayoresses with staff from Lewisham and Birmingham City Councils

We are extremely proud of this work. Two years on and we are only getting started, now it's time to deliver.

You can read more about the partnership and see the full report at lewisham.gov.uk/BLACHIR

Local rivers cleaned up



An enthusiastic team of officers from right across Lewisham Council recently took part in the 3RiversCleanUp project, a volunteer campaign that ran over June and July to improve the Ravensbourne, Pool and Quaggy rivers in south east London.

Council staff helped to remove harmful rubbish and invasive plant species from the rivers to help improve habitats for animals and plants.

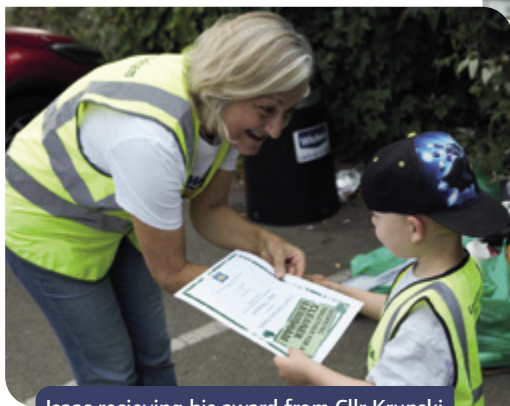
For more information about this campaign, please visit 3riverscleanup.co.uk

Special award for star litter picker

A four-year-old boy from Catford who litter picks with his mum three times a week has been recognised for his volunteer work with a Green Champion award.

Isaac joined local councillors at a community litter pick in Catford and was presented with his award by Cllr Louise Krupski, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Action. His mum, Jade, said: "Isaac doesn't like it when people throw rubbish on the floor – he says it makes the Earth sad. I hope people think twice now about throwing rubbish on the floor knowing that it might be a four-year-old picking it up."

Community litter picks have



Isaac receiving his award from Cllr Krupski

been taking place throughout the borough as part of the Council's Cleaner Lewisham campaign, helping to keep the borough clean and tidy. Presenting Isaac

with his award, Cllr Krupski said: "Isaac is an example to us all – it's fantastic to see that children in Lewisham are so passionate about looking after our environment."



Top citizenship award for Addey & Stanhope

Deptford secondary school Addey & Stanhope has won 'School of the Year' in an award ceremony at the Association of Citizenship Teaching (ACT), who promote excellence in citizenship education.

Former Minister of State at the Department for Education, Robin Walker MP, presented Addey & Stanhope with the Secondary

School of the Year award.

Judges said that the school had demonstrated the principles of effective citizenship at every level of school life. It was noted that citizenship is 'high profile, deeply embedded across the school, and the impact of the subject and the value students place on it can be seen by all who visit'.



Announcing the Mayor's new charity partnership – Young Lewisham Project

We're pleased to announce the Mayor's new charity partnership for the coming year is with the Young Lewisham Project. The small Perry Vale based charity has done a fantastic job of supporting young residents for the last 45 years, through a wide

range of vocational programmes including carpentry, catering and mechanics. We know that with an extra boost to fundraising, we can help them to reach even more young people.

Read more about their work at younglewisham.org.uk



Help raise funds for the Ella Roberta memorial



Many of you will know the story of young Ella Roberta, who tragically died nearly ten years ago as a result of air pollution. She was just nine-years-old. The charity set up in Ella's memory, the Ella Roberta Foundation, has launched a fundraising appeal to raise money to create a permanent memorial to Ella in Mountsfield Park.

It won't be just any memorial – the statue is good for the environment, it will absorb nitrogen dioxide and has sensors to measure air pollution in the park.

The Council is contributing £2,000 to the fundraiser. The Mayor of Lewisham, Damien Egan, said, "We think this is a great idea – a really special way



to remember Ella, as well as an important talking point and as a way to improve air quality in Mountsfield Park. I know how generous the people of Lewisham

are from previous campaigns."

If you would like to donate you can at [gofundme.com/f/first-breathe-for-our-future-ancestor](https://www.gofundme.com/f/first-breathe-for-our-future-ancestor) or scan the QR code.

Supporting private renters

With 1 in 4 residents in Lewisham renting in the private sector, we're committed to supporting private renters and ensuring that everybody has a safe, secure place to call home. As part of this work, we recently rolled out a new licensing scheme for Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) – these are properties where multiple people from different households share facilities like a kitchen or a bathroom. The new scheme will require all HMOs to meet set standards for room sizes and health and safety, helping improve conditions for private renters.

We are also taking action against rogue landlords in Lewisham to help support private renters. We recently



took a landlord to court and secured a £4,000 fine after they failed to repair a serious water leak, resulting in their tenants' bathroom ceiling collapsing.

More information

If you are having issues with a private landlord, go to [lewisham.gov.uk/ KnowYourRights](https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/KnowYourRights) to find out how we can help.

Funding secured to tackle youth unemployment

Lewisham is one of seven places in the UK chosen to receive a share of a £16 million grant to support young people in Downham into work. The Council joined forces with Circle Collective and Phoenix Community Housing to secure £117,500 in funding.

It will be used to better understand how we can help young people overcome complex barriers to employment and build successful careers.

To find out more, email jobsandskills@lewisham.gov.uk



Dalmain School pupils join the Mayor Damien Egan for the installation of the ground source heat pump at Brockley Adult Education Centre



Adult learning centres are now net zero ready

Three adult learning centres have been transformed into net zero ready buildings through a series of environmentally friendly improvements, as part of our work to tackle the climate emergency.

As part of this work, the Brockley Rise Adult Learning Centre has become the first Council building to have a ground-source heat pump installed, which uses heat stored in the ground to power the centre's heating and hot water. Other improvements include the installation of solar panels and LED lighting to save electricity,

and insulated heating pipes to reduce heat loss.

Granville Park and Grove Park Adult Learning Centres have also benefitted from eco-friendly improvements, including LED lighting, solar panels and air source heat pumps, which use heat from the air to generate heating and hot water.

With the reduction in energy use and the switch away from gas, the centres will become zero carbon buildings once the UK's electricity system is decarbonised, which is currently expected to happen in 2035.

A new service for local entrepreneurs

Join us at Catford Library on Tuesday 27 September as we launch a new service to support local entrepreneurs. The Business and Intellectual Property Centre (BIPC) Local is run in partnership with the British Library. The programme will help local people and charities develop the insight, skills and confidence they need to start and grow successful businesses. The launch event is free to attend and features workshops, guest speakers and networking opportunities.

For more information visit [lewisham.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.lewisham.gov.uk/libraries)

Financial boost for Lewisham's creative sector

Lewisham is to receive a share of £800,000 from the Mayor of London in a boost to the borough's growing creative sector. This new round of funding will mean the New Cross and Deptford Creative Enterprise Zone (CEZ) can continue to support local artists and creative businesses, while also providing pathways into the sector for young residents and creating new, affordable studio space.

Catford's new library is now open!

There was a party atmosphere in Catford shopping centre in July as hundreds turned out to celebrate the opening of the new library. Mayor of Lewisham, Damien Egan, cut the ribbon as residents and councillors enjoyed live music, African dance, face-painting and giant bubbles.

The new Catford library is open seven days a week. Alongside books, it also offers a fantastic range of services including:

- Free wifi and PC access
- A children's section with study space
- Resources to help job seekers find work
- Pods for hybrid working
- A community space with kitchenette which is available to hire.

For more information, visit lewisham.gov.uk/catfordlibrary
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The Mayor of Lewisham, Damien Egan opening the library



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The future's bright!

After two years of hard work, there were plenty of proud smiles and stories of excellent achievements across Lewisham as students collected their A-level and vocational qualification results.

Students sat exams for the first time this summer after two years of papers being cancelled due to the pandemic.

Despite another challenging year for our young people, the optimism and positivity shone through on the day as they excitedly discussed plans for the next stage in their journey, with lots choosing to continue their studies at university. While others were delighted to learn that they had the results they needed to take up an apprenticeship, training or a vocational pathway.

It's impossible to feature all of our students but here's a small selection of our Lewisham stars of 2022!



“ I've seen first-hand how hard our young people have worked during the challenging times of the past few years. We are extremely proud of all our young people and pleased for their achievements. We're grateful too, for the dedication and support offered by teachers, parents and support staff. **”**

Chris Barnham
Lewisham Cabinet Member for
Children and Young People and
Community Safety



Safaa Ahmed

“ This is amazing! When I spoke to the teachers at SFH6 they suggested BTECs would be a good option for me as I knew already I wanted to become a midwife. Lots of people think BTECs are not as good as A levels but I have got into my first choice university, and will be a qualified midwife in a few years and ready to start my career! **”**



Qaalid Omar

“ I am so happy about the maths, I thought I'd messed it up, but I got an A! I am so proud of myself. After this I am going to sleep, but then I'm going to celebrate! I'm going to Exeter University to study medicine and am looking forward to student life. **”**



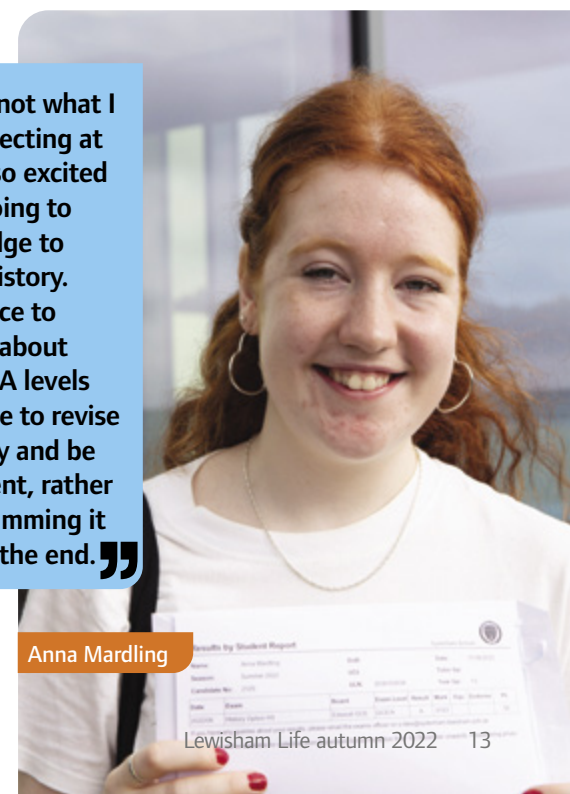
Jessica
Stephenson

“ I am happy about my 3 A* grades and the A. I am going to study maths at Queen Mary University. Use as much time as you can, work as hard as you can, use the teachers because they are there to help you, but just believe in yourself you'll do it, you'll get through. **”**



Harsha
Vardhanbatchala

“ It's not what I was expecting at all! I'm so excited to be going to Cambridge to study History. My advice to anyone about to start A levels would be to revise regularly and be consistent, rather than cramming it all in at the end. **”**



Anna Mardling



Students celebrating at
Prendergast Sixth Form



Who's your winner?

Get ready to vote in this year's Mayor of Lewisham Business Awards

We're lucky in Lewisham to have one of the highest proportions of independent businesses in London. We like to take every opportunity to celebrate and promote their success. So we were beyond delighted with the huge number of nominations we received for the Mayor of Lewisham Business Awards 2022. It just goes to show what an outstanding contribution businesses make to the borough and to our daily lives.

While nominations have now closed, we will reveal which businesses have made our shortlist in September. We need you to help us decide the winners via a public vote so please get involved. There are 14 exciting new categories this year, across a variety of sectors reflecting the range of businesses we have in the borough, so there's plenty of opportunity to get behind your favourites.

We caught up with two of last year's winners to find out what their awards mean to them.

Who do you think deserves to win?



Categories for 2022

- Best visitor attraction
- Best green business
- Best online business
- Best community contribution
- Best new business
- Best in creative sector
- Best independent high street business
- Best café
- Best restaurant
- Best bar or pub
- Best hair and beauty
- Best independent food retailer
- Best tradesperson
- Best market

To cast your vote, visit lewisham.gov.uk/businessawards.
Voting ends on Friday 21 October.

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East Mall, Lewisham
Shopping Centre, SE13 7EP

Matthew Lewendon – Director of Operations, Circle Collective

Tell us a bit about your organisation

We are a charity and social enterprise to help young people find sustainable employment. We offer a holistic programme for 16–24 year olds which includes employability support – things like building CVs and skills training – and wellbeing sessions to ensure they are fully prepared to enter the workplace. We also have a streetwear shop in Lewisham Shopping Centre where they can gain customer service experience.

How did it feel to win your category?

To be nominated in the first place and then to win was mind-blowing. It felt like we had the backing of our peers but also that we were being valued for what we contribute. We are proud to be part of the community in Lewisham and to have all that support is incredible.

Has winning an award been good for business?

It's been fantastic for brand awareness. While



we are a charity, the shop itself is a social enterprise and needs to be profitable. We used to describe ourselves as a successful secret but the award has propelled us out there. Our current performance is nearing pre-Covid times which is brilliant.

Why is it important that residents get behind businesses and support them in this year's awards?

The awards are a great way for you to show your support to local businesses. They are a fantastic platform for independents who are far more invested in the local community than chains or multinationals. So get voting!



Karen Burke – Finance and Operations, Therapy 4 Healing

Tell us a bit about your organisation

Therapy 4 Healing is a social enterprise rooted in the community and the belief that everybody is entitled to good health and wellbeing. We offer an inclusive service to help make treatments accessible and affordable for those dealing with long term issues and conditions, no matter their financial situation.

How did it feel to win your category?

We were in a strong category so to say we were delighted is an understatement. We

are incredibly proud of our amazing team and the services we offer. But we think the testimonials of the clients we helped during lockdown are what clinched it for us. Reading them was incredibly humbling.

Has winning an award been good for business?

Winning has helped raised our profile and prove to our beneficiaries that not only do we mean business but also that we are a safe and welcoming space in the community.

Why is it important that residents get behind businesses and support them in this year's awards?

There are lots of great, independent businesses in this borough. The pandemic has been tough on them and many are still in recovery. We know people here like to 'shop local' and this is a great way to support local businesses. Please vote, everyone!

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CELEBRATING SUMMER

Our year as the Mayor's London Borough of Culture is in full swing!

WE ARE LEWISHAM

London Borough of Culture 2022

Summer has been jam-packed for the residents of Lewisham. At Pride, we marched our flags to Trafalgar Square. The likes of Drag Syndrome, Mind the Gap and Kat Hawkins showcased the diversity, creativity and important conversations of D/deaf, disabled and neuro-diverse artists at Liberty Festival. A brand new pop-up space, Climate Home, opened putting young voices at the forefront of the climate justice movement. People's Day made a triumphant return and many people enjoyed the opening of Catford's brand new library. Follow our social media for more highlights @WeAreLewisham.



Pride



Liberty Festival



Teatro Vivo



Climate Programme



Beyond Borders



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People's Day



- D** Dance
- FF** Family Friendly
- F** Festival
- M** Music
- O** Outdoor
- SW** Spoken word
- T** Theatre
- VA** Visual art
- WS** Workshop
- YP** Young People

1-9 September

T Moving Day
Popping up in public spaces, this performance asks how we can be supported to grow older as valued members of a community. Devised and performed by Glorious Age – an Entelechy Arts performance company made up of local residents 65+.
Lewisham Shopping Centre, SE13 7HB and Deptford Library, SE8 4RJ, FREE

10 September

F FF M O
Naked City Festival
Mark the end of summer with a day out in an idyllic setting. Five stages with a diverse line-up of music from jazz and house to afro, dub and disco. Plus food, cocktails and a kids' area with storytelling, face-painting and more.
Beckenham Place Park, BR3 1SY, £

The We Are Lewisham programme is in partnership with the Albany

WHAT'S ON

There are hundreds of events happening across the year. Here are some highlights to look forward to, from theatre and dance to family fun.

Visit WeAreLewisham.com for full details of these events and more – and to book tickets if needed, before you attend.



Moving Day

Image: Roswitha Chesher and Donkey Studio

8-18 September

VA WS **Where To, Now That the Sequins Have Gone?**

Bijou Stories create a pop-up space celebrating Lewisham's LGBTQ+ community. Showcasing stories of the borough's lost gay pubs and those who used them. This exhibition is part of In Living Memory, a project with Goldsmiths University of London, creating a people's history of Lewisham.
.Unit 17, Lewisham Shopping Centre, SE13 7HB, FREE

17-18 September

FF **Story Trails**
Hear untold stories from the past brought to life using virtual

reality and the voices of the local community. This immersive tour of Lewisham, at the new Catford Library, guides you through time and space to experience your borough in new and magical ways.
Catford Library, SE6 4JU, FREE

22 September-2 October

T O **The Gretchen Question**

In a unique outdoor setting, the fates of London and the Arctic intertwine in three stories, asking what the future holds for us. This performance features live music and draws on the history of climate change. Co-commissioned by Fuel and the Albany.
The Master Shipwright's House, SE8 3JF, £

UPSKILL WITH CREATIVE FUTURES

Interested in working in the creative industries? Look out for monthly talks happening throughout 2022 as part of the Creative Futures programme.



15 September

WS **Kick-start your Career in the Dance Industry**
YP Presented with IRIE! Dance theatre, this talk will focus on steps to become a professional dance artist. Join us to hear about a dancer's journey, from training and auditioning to choreographing, performing and networking.
Moonshot Centre, SE14 6LU, FREE

20 October

WS **Kick-start your Career in the Live Events Industry**
YP Want to work in live events? Hear about the kinds of jobs available and how to get them. From stage management, to artist liaison, to production management and more. Join us to kick start your career.
Lewisham Shopping Centre, SE13 7HB, FREE



Until October

FF O **Discover Lewisham for Families**

Discover Lewisham through pop-up events across the borough, from Deptford to Downham. Fun for all the family is coming to venues and outdoor spaces near you at weekends this autumn.

4 September: Grove Park Carnival, 10 September: Downham Hill, 9 October: Blackheath Kite Day. For full dates and times, visit wearelewisham.com/families. Across the borough, FREE

DISCOVER LEWISHAM FOR FAMILIES

22-23 October

FF D **Close to Home: The Mass Dance Event**

A joyful mass dance event that will see a cast of hundreds of local people, of all ages, tell stories of migration and change in Lewisham. Directed by Alleyne Dance in partnership with IRIE!
Sedgemoor Academy, SE6 3QN, FREE

29 October

M **Test Dept.**
Legendary South London industrial techno band Test Dept.

return to their New Cross roots for a special show at the Albany.
The Albany, Douglas Way, SE8 4AG £

13-16 October

F M **Underground Lewisham**

I AM NEXT curates a series of gigs showcasing the borough's contribution to the UK Grime scene. Novelist headlines with a line-up of special guests.
The Albany, Douglas Way SE8 4AG and Rivoli Ballroom, Brockley Road SE4 2BY, £



Until 31 December

FF VA **Taking Care of Business**

From the food we eat to the clothes we wear, our lives wouldn't be the same without migrant entrepreneurs. Bring the whole family to this immersive exhibition and hear hundreds of personal stories brought to life in creative ways.
Migration Museum, Lewisham Shopping Centre, SE13 7HB, FREE

PARTNER & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Explore...

FF F **The Horniman Museum and Gardens**
Lewisham's very own Horniman Museum has been named Art Museum of the Year 2022! Stroll around the gardens of this free family-friendly museum. Visit the aquarium and enjoy a whole host of events and interactive exhibitions on global cultures and the natural world.
horniman.ac.uk, 100 London Road, SE23 3PQ, FREE

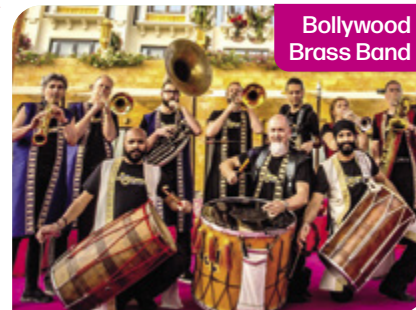
1-2 October

F FF **The Catford Literary Festival**

A new literary festival for inquisitive minds, set up by Abbotshall HLC with local newspaper, The Lewisham Ledger. See 15 authors across the weekend.
Abbotshall HLC, SE6 1SQ, FREE

22 October

FF WS M **Family Drum Workshop with Bollywood Brass Band**
Have a go on the dhol drum and learn to play some funky grooves with drummers from the Bollywood Brass Band. For ages 8 years and up.
Blackheath Halls, SE3 9RQ, £



Bollywood Brass Band

29 October

FF T **Pied Piper**
Norwich Puppet Theatre's humorous re-telling of the traditional tale from the Brothers Grimm and Robert Browning poem. Told with puppetry, foot-tapping music and storytelling. Recommended for ages 3-7.
Blackheath Halls, SE3 9RQ, £

12-13 and 19-20 November

VA **Lee Green Open Studios**
Lee Green's annual event returns this November, giving local residents and visitors free access to a broad range of arts.
Multiple Venues, SE12, FREE



Image: Manuel Vason

GET INVOLVED!

There are plenty of ways to get involved in London Borough of Culture this autumn. Here are some highlights

Be Part of a Mass Dance Moment

This October, an inter-generational cast of hundreds will come together to tell the story of our borough at Close To Home: The Mass Dance Event (see page 19). Directed by Alleyne Dance in partnership with IRIE! Dance Theatre, this joyous spectacle will celebrate the diversity of the place we call home.

Get Involved! There are still a few limited places available for those who would like to learn the choreography and be part of the performance at the event. Visit wearelewisham.com/get-involved to sign up or call the Albany on 020 8692 4446.

Alternatively, look out for 'Learn At Home' videos, which will be released soon across wearelewisham.com and our social media channels [@wearelewisham](https://www.instagram.com/wearelewisham). Follow the steps and be part of a digital mass dance moment alongside the show that will really see the whole borough dancing!



Check the website wearelewisham.com/get-involved for more opportunities to get involved in London Borough of Culture.

Get Stuck into a Creative Challenge

Throughout 2022, we've been enjoying getting involved in monthly Creative Challenges - from transforming old clothes into new sustainable fashion pieces in April, to participating in a borough-wide street-art piece in July.

With a different theme every month, look out for upcoming Creative Challenges and get involved! Look out for school newsletters, posters and leaflets for details, or visit wearelewisham.com/creative-challenges and follow [@WeAreLewisham](https://www.instagram.com/wearelewisham) on social media.



WHAT CHALLENGE WILL YOU DO?

• September - Architecture • October - Poetry • November - Film • December - Craft

GET INVOLVED

Register your event

Planning to put on a creative event in 2022? Submit the details on wearelewisham.com.

Remember to check the website regularly for more community events, as they are announced. There is loads happening across the borough, for all ages!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This October, we are celebrating Black History Month. For a full round up of events, please visit wearelewisham.com

11-29 October

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Black History Month: A Caribbean Couturier

An immersive exhibition to celebrate Black History Month. Expect workshops, lively discussions and a fashion show in celebration of the legacy

of the Caribbean couturiers of the Windrush Generation. This exhibition is part of In Living Memory, a project with Goldsmiths University of London, creating a people's history of Lewisham.
Unit 17, Lewisham Shopping Centre, SE13 7HB, FREE



Image courtesy of Joy Prime

MEET YOUR LEWISHAM LEGENDS

We are excited to unveil the six artworks featuring the local legends chosen by you!

In January, we asked you to nominate your Lewisham Legends. Namely, the people in our community now whose incredible contributions to the borough you wanted to see celebrated through public artworks.

What a response! From the hundreds of nominations we received, there were six clear frontrunners. They've been depicted in an incredible set of murals by local artists which are now brightening the walls of Lewisham Shopping Centre supported by Landsec.

Without further ado: meet our legends.



Sybil Phoenix by Boudicca Collins
Lewisham Shopping Centre, West Mall
(next to Sainsbury's, opposite Wilko)

Sybil Phoenix MBE, OBE began her long history of social activism after moving with her husband, Joe, to Lewisham in 1963. She has helped transform thousands of lives and was the first Black woman in the UK to be awarded an MBE for her incredible efforts.

Celebrating Lewisham Educators by Shauna Blanchfield

Lewisham Shopping Centre, North Mall
(column next to Costa)

This interactive piece is dedicated to all the incredible educators and school staff who inspire our children and young people. So, who inspired you? A teacher, or mentor? Pick a piece of chalk and write or draw on the blackboard paint.



Buckthorne Cutting Nature Reserve by Roshn

Lewisham Shopping Centre, Borough Mall (next to Shoe Zone)

Anna Maria Cahalane and her partner Nick were nominated for their phenomenal efforts in driving forward the Buckthorne Cutting Nature Reserve to protect this rail-side wildlife habitat and to help people connect with nature.

CELEBRATING A TRUE LEWISHAM LEGEND

Making Things Happen: Sybil Phoenix in Lewisham, 1985

This year, we celebrated Windrush Day with the opening of the exhibition of Making Things Happen: Sybil Phoenix in Lewisham, 1985.

The show – in honour of the life, work and 95th birthday of Lewisham legend Sybil Phoenix MBE, OBE – was held at the We Are Lewisham Hub in Lewisham Shopping Centre from 22 June–15 July 2022. It provided a snapshot of Sybil's inspirational life with a stunning collection of photos taken by artist Geraldine Walsh in 1985. It was also an opportunity to see a one-off screening of the film 'Loving Hands – the story of Sybil Phoenix'.

As well as a unique portrayal of a local change-maker, the exhibition offered a unique



Lewisham has a proud history of social activism. But it's not always about the big gestures. Sometimes change starts with small everyday actions. Whether that's litter picking, helping an elderly neighbour with their shopping or donating items you no longer need.

view of the borough at a very different time. It proved a resounding success with residents of all ages and backgrounds. So we are delighted to announce that it will tour Lewisham Libraries from Thursday 22 September 2022. For more information, visit WeAreLewisham.com

Who is Sybil Phoenix?

Sybil Phoenix was born in British Guyana. After settling in Lewisham in the '60s, she dedicated her life to making things happen in and for her local community.

As a positive force for change, some of her many achievements include:

- Becoming a foster parent for the borough, along with her husband Joe, to provide much-needed support for Black children in the care system.
- Setting up the Marsha Phoenix Memorial Trust in 1979, a housing project named after her late daughter, which supports young homeless women to this day.
- Starting the first purpose-built Black youth club – now known as the Moonshot Community Centre – in the UK.

S-Factor Athletics Academy by Damian Simon

Lewisham Shopping Centre,
North East Walk (opposite NatWest)

Coach Adam and his team received countless nominations for creating an inclusive environment where young people of varying abilities can come together to train or compete.



Ono Dafedjaiye by Molly Hankinson

Lewisham Shopping Centre, South Mall
(Next to H&M, opposite We are Lewisham unit)

Ono was nominated for her trailblazing work in making the creative arts more inclusive for other people with learning disabilities. She is currently part of the team at Heart N Soul and has her own show on Soho Radio.



Volunteers Across The Borough by Emma Barnie

Lewisham Shopping Centre,
South Mall exit (opposite NatWest)

This artwork is dedicated to all the incredible volunteers and organisations who give up their time to make a positive difference in the community. From food banks, to online support services, to befrienders – thank you for the work you do.



Lewisham Legends is funded by London Borough of Culture 2022 in partnership with Landsec. Visit [WeAreLewisham.com/LewishamLegends](https://www.WeAreLewisham.com/LewishamLegends) for more information on the legends, artworks and artists.

Introduction to Buddhist Meditation

Four Mondays
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DISCOVER A HIDDEN TALENT

With a new academic year just around the corner, it's the perfect time to explore what's on offer at our adult learning centres



Perhaps you need to brush up on your English and maths for further study or work, or you'd like to develop or turn a hobby into a career as a maker or artist. Our Adult Learning Service has an exciting range of courses to help you explore and develop your talents and ideas, with support from industry professionals and independent creative makers.

We spoke to Wonda who recently started her own business – Wonda's Wonderful Cakes – after completing our cake decorating course.

"I chose the course because I felt confident it would help me develop my skills.

"It takes great patience and perseverance to learn the art of making edible lace, brush embroidery, sugar rose flowers, and fondant ruffle cakes, ombre style. The tutor was so supportive and patient and encouraged me to produce my work to a high standard.

“This course has given me a great sense of achievement and I feel so much more positive and empowered to follow my heart”

"The course helped me think about what I could do professionally. I discovered I have a beautiful gift that will bring joy to many lives. I am grateful to Adult Learning Lewisham for giving me the opportunity to display and sell my cakes at People's Day this year, but most of all for skills I've learnt.

"This course has given me a great sense of achievement and I feel so much more positive and empowered to follow my heart. I would like to take more courses as I believe I can progress my business even further."

If you'd like to develop a hobby and turn something you're passionate about into a career, why not give it a go?

Find out more about the wide range of courses on offer at: lewisham.gov.uk/Adultlearning

Supporting residents into education and employment

Get free careers advice

Our Adult Learning Service has launched a free adult careers, information advice and guidance service (IAG) to help Lewisham residents take their next steps towards education, employment or a new career.

Working closely with a trained advisor, residents can get a personalised action plan to help them achieve the career they want – whatever their life stage. If you are unsure about your next steps, this is a great opportunity to explore the wide range of options available in the borough.

To find out more and to book an appointment call 020 8314 9196, or email adultlearning@lewisham.gov.uk



New bursary scheme

We have introduced a new bursary scheme to help fund courses for Lewisham residents who want to further their skills and education at our education centres. The scheme will enable people on low incomes to access creative courses that improve health, wellbeing and employment opportunities at a discounted rate.

The bursary scheme also aims to support people from under represented groups in education settings including those who are in, or have recently left, care, individuals on probation, and anyone who has recently been made redundant.

Residents can apply for financial support for creative courses by making a self-referral, or be referred by an external organisation. For more information about the bursary scheme, please contact the Careers IAG Officer on 020 8314 9196 or email adultlearning@lewisham.gov.uk



Plan your career journey using Skills Highway

We have launched the Skills Highway website where you will find information about courses, up to degree level, within the creative and digital industries for people aged 18+.

Use Skills Highway to

discover the different ways you can study, further your knowledge and access the learning providers, courses, and the qualifications you need to get you where you want to be.

It also offers a useful tool

to help you work out how to get to your place of study via public transport and how much it costs.

Find more information at skillshighway.co.uk

Action on air quality

Our plan of action includes...

Cleaner Council vehicles

We will increase the number of electric vehicles in the Council's fleet to help reduce emissions.

Protecting schools

We will introduce more School Streets and greenery to help reduce air pollution around schools and protect our children's health.

Energy efficiency

We will continue to promote and deliver more retrofitting projects in workplaces and homes to improve energy efficiency.

Sustainable transport infrastructure

We will improve cycling and walking infrastructure and install more charging points for electric vehicles.



Air quality monitoring

We will install an additional 75 air quality monitors in key locations – prioritising schools, care homes, hospitals and low-income areas.

Public awareness

We will improve public awareness of the steps people can take to improve air quality, including walking and cycling more and switching off car engines when stationary.

Reducing emissions in new developments

We will use our planning system to enforce air quality measures, increase energy efficiency and encourage car-free developments.

Find out more about our work to improve air quality at lewisham.gov.uk/AirQuality



Our new Air Quality Action Plan will help reduce air pollution in the borough

Improving air quality is vital for looking after our environment, protecting the health of our residents and creating a Greener Lewisham. Developed in consultation with local residents, our new Air Quality Action Plan for 2022–2027 was approved by Mayor and Cabinet earlier this year and sets out the measures we

will put in place to reduce air pollution.

Key priorities within the Action Plan include increasing the number of electric vehicles in the Council's transport fleet, improving sustainable transport infrastructure to encourage walking and cycling, limiting emissions in new developments and reducing air pollution around schools.



Cllr Louise Krupski, Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Action, said:

"Air pollution has been decreasing in Lewisham and London over the past few years, but there's still much more that needs to be done to address this public health emergency.

"Our bold new action plan

sets out the tough measures that we will take to create a greener, healthier and safer borough for current and future generations. These include tackling wood burning, expanding our monitoring network, protecting vulnerable people and making active travel more accessible."



Lewisham's directly elected Mayor, Damien Egan, represents the whole borough. Contact him at damien.egan@lewisham.gov.uk

Please check beforehand whether your Cllr is holding in person surgeries. Visit lewisham.gov.uk/mayorandcouncil or call 020 8314 6000 and ask for 'operator'.

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