

Focus on young people

Their education, their future and their voice at the assembly and elsewhere

Lewisham Young Mayor

Adam Abdullah (right) is the current Young Mayor of Lewisham. Working together with a team of advisors, Adam represents the views of young people around the borough focussing on their needs, highlighting their views and concerns and providing a voice to be heard by those who can help. He informs and advises the Mayor of Lewisham, Damien Egan, on these issues or concerns working with young advisers and *The Young Citizens'* panel. Our Young Mayor also has at his disposal a budget of £25,000 which he oversees: he talks to young people across the borough about how to spend the money then puts the agreed proposals to the Mayor and Cabinet for approval.



Careers Fair at June 8 Sydenham Assembly

Adam will be opening our Assembly (see info right) which has a special focus on young people. There will also be stalls from local employers, training and further education providers. If you are between 13 and 25 years old come along and meet local employers, training and education providers and see what's on offer for you:

Confirmed contributors

Capital Hoist
Croydon College
Lewisham Construction Hub
Lewisham College
Lewisham Homes
Southwark College

WE Matter
Goldsmiths University
Greenwich University
BRIT School
Supersets Horizon Housing
Metro Charity
L&Q Housing
Fusion Lifestyle
1Life

Invited

Baseline

All information correct at time of going to print

Over the last year, there has been an increase internationally of young people taking action. From school strikes for climate change, to Lewisham children getting involved in "No-Idling" actions outside their primary schools. It is inspiring to see them stand up for what they believe in.

We encourage all young people to get involved in the Sydenham Assembly and let us know what matters to you. To stand for the next Young Mayor in October, register by 13th September at lewisham.gov.uk/mayorand-council/youngmayor. Contact the Young Mayor at 020 8314 6354 or email youngcitizens@lewisham.gov.uk



ASSEMBLY MEETING INFORMATION

The Assembly is an open community meeting that takes place four times a year. Anyone who lives, works or learns in Sydenham is invited to attend. Help shape our future!

ON THE AGENDA

- Opening by Lewisham Young Mayor
- Sydenham Priorities
- Air Quality Campaign
- Safer Neighbourhood Team
- Shout out for Fun Palaces
- Community Updates
- Safer Neighbourhood Teams
- Careers Fair (see red box)

Next meeting

Saturday 8th June

11am - 1pm

TNG Centre

111 Wells Park Rd SE26 6AD

Buses 202, 356



Sydenham Assembly will no longer have disposable cups but will give out reusable ones free until the end of the year.

YOUR COUNCILLORS INFORMATION

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If you have any questions about Sydenham assembly email laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk

Clean Air Campaign

Toxic air is a threat to all our children and the health of vulnerable adults, like those with heart and lung conditions. Lewisham continues to work hard to reduce pollution, by taking actions such as: introducing a 20mph speed limit to help reduce congestion and its effect on air quality; improving cycling and walking lanes in the borough; installing electric charging points to encourage greater use of electric cars, and reducing emissions from our current vehicles.

If you would like to hear more about our approach and how you can help to make our air clean and healthy for everyone, come along to the Assembly where Cllr Louise Krupski will be presenting and answering your questions. Visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/airquality, and sign the Clean Air pledge.

Sydenham #together

St Bartholomew's primary school is hosting a celebration of all things Sydenham, and the fantastic work that goes on in our community. There will be stalls, a vintage police car, horses, dogs and even a DJ to keep everyone entertained and dancing! Plus your local Safer Neighbourhood Team (SNT) to chat to. Come along and join the fun!

St Barts Saturday June 15th 11am-3pm

Compassionate Neighbours training courses

A programme organised and run by St Christopher's Hospice to help connect people living with life-limiting illness, older age and frailty and their carers with neighbours to offer friendship and emotional support. Training is over both days and free of charge:

June 11 – 10.00 – 16.00 – Location TBC

June 18 – 10.00 – 17.00 – St Christopher's Hospice

For more info and details on how to book a space, go to www.stchristophers.org.uk/volunteer_role/compassionate-neighbour/ or contact Stephanie Turner on 07867 556472 Ext 4619

Sydenham Arts

Sydenham Arts has made a transition to year round programming, moving away from our festival model. A greater opportunity for consistency and quality programming and we are very excited. We have 44 events this year ranging from monthly Films, Chamber Concerts, Dance, Poetry, Spoken Word, Physical Theatre, 11 outreach workshops in primary and secondary schools and the Artists Trail.



Artist Misa Gott

Sydenham Artists Trail 6 - 7 & 13 - 14 July

Astonishingly 2019 is the 11th year of the Artists Trail! This year we'll be showing 90 artists in over 22 venues with many artists new to the Sydenham scene. Paintings, prints, ceramics, glass, jewellery, textiles and sculpture at locations in and around Sydenham, Honor Oak and Penge.

You will be able to discover some great new venues, including the fantastic atrium at Forest Hill School. This superb space will host a galaxy of talented practitioners: the Brockley Potters, Quaggy Printmakers, MA students from Camberwell College of Art as well as the school's GCSE artwork. A huge thanks to our all of our community who open their homes and the many businesses and studios who allow us to showcase art in the area. The Artists Trail team is run by a dedicated team of volunteer artists.

Support the Arts on your doorstep

As a charity we rely on grants, sponsorship, income from ticket sales and donations.

One way to support us is to buy a ticket and come to our events, another way is to donate to keep us alive and kicking at sydenhamarts.co.uk/donate Either way we would love to see you at one of our events.

#supportlocal #sydenham #SE26 #supportthearts



Artist Sally Ward

Calling all residents for Sydenham



After the resounding success of the first-ever Sydenham Fun Palace that took place last October, the Sydenham community are planning the next Fun Palace which will be **Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th October this year**. We need you to make it a success. Fun Palaces are an opportunity for the whole community to come together and share their favourite hobbies and interests with others, meet new people and have fun! Last year, people shared their skills in bee-keeping, banana fritter-making, life-drawing, dancing, photography, cardboard castle building, and much more! We were also treated to visits from police horses. Whatever your age, background or skill we invite you to get involved.

The 2019 Sydenham Fun Palace will be held at 3 locations around Sydenham: TNG Youth Centre, The Sydenham Centre and at the Sydenham library. If you have an idea for an activity you could provide or a skill you can teach at the next Sydenham Fun Palace, get in touch at funpalaces.co.uk/discover/sydenham-fun-palace/ Email laura.luckhurst@lewisham.gov.uk or call 020 8314 3830.

Building a Better Future

£2billion of development money is being invested in Lewisham borough. The Lewisham Construction Hub brings together experts from the construction industry to offer advice, training and employment services. Visit our stand at Sydenham Assembly on June 8th, to find out how we can help you with information on job vacancies, careers advice, training, apprenticeships and work experience.

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Meet your local police at one of these friendly informal events:

Wednesday 5 June 5 – 6pm – Street Briefing Beaulieu Ave (at Longton Grove)

Saturday 15 June 11 – 3pm – #together at St Bartholomew's Primary School

Tuesday 18 June 12 – 1pm – Cuppa with a Copper, Sydenham Library

Thursday 27 June 7 – 9pm – Sydenham Ward Panel, Allwood Close SE26

Thursday 4 July 8 – 9am – Street briefing, Wells Park (children's play area)

Tuesday 9 July 12 – 1pm – Cuppa with a Copper Sydenham Library

Sunday 21 July 1 – 2pm – Street Briefing, Wells Park

Tuesday 23 July 9 – 10am – Street Briefing, Carlton Terrace

St Philip Neri School

Residents are still rightly concerned about the ongoing situation regarding the design of Our Lady & St Philip Neri School. The Archdiocese have made an application to vary the existing design to reflect what has been built and to include changes discussed with the Council. The Council is currently awaiting the receipt of further clarifications on a number of technical details from them. Once these have been received, local residents will be formally notified and given the opportunity to submit their comments on the proposals prior to a decision being made. The possibility of enforcement action remains on the table.

Sunday 9 June 2 – 5pm

St Christopher's Open Gardens Festival

St Christopher's Hospice are delighted to feature 3 beautiful gardens in a Sydenham 'Safari'. Within easy walking distance, live music and plant sales, tea and homemade cakes. **£7 (under 12s go free)**. **Wood Cottage, SE26 6SP, 15a Sydenham Hill, SE26 6SH and 18 Sydenham Hill, SE26 6SR** For more information visit www.stchristophers.org.uk/opengardens

If you would like to open your garden for St Christopher's contact Tracy Blackmore on 020 8768 4573 or at t.blackmore@stchristophers.org.uk.

Saturday 22 June Lark in the Park 12 – 4 pm, Mayow Park SE26 FREE entry.

Lark in the Park is the community festival brought to you by Perry Vale Assembly, designed to bring local people and community groups together for a day of fun in the park. This year, the theme will be celebrating world cultures. Join us for loads of family-friendly free fun in the park!

Twitter @ParkLark2019

Saturday 22 June, 8pm Postcards

Spontaneous Productions in association with Kirkdale Bookshop present an evening of entertaining short plays by playwrights from London inspired by real holiday postcards.

Sydenham Centre. For tickets go to spontaneousproductions.co.uk/postcards/

Friday 26 July - Sunday 4 Aug 2-3:30pm Alice's Adventures in Wonderland in Mayow park 8 performances of a new version of Lewis Carroll's classic tale, open-air in Mayow Park. **Tickets available at spontaneousproductions.co.uk/alice/**

September – October

Pinocchio Look for details in our next newsletter and on Spontaneousproductions.co.uk

This summer, Poodle Club will be hosting comedy parties, presenting festival previews and cinema nights and special FREE shows! **Follow @The poodle club on Facebook for updates.**

Sydenham Station and Approach get a make-over

The Sydenham Society and the Sydenham Assembly are working together to improve Sydenham Station and the station entrances. Helped by a grant from Arriva (who run the Overground network on behalf of the London Mayor) a group of volunteers has already begun work on station enhancements. The idea is to brighten up the station for the 12,000 daily passengers who use it and to highlight events going on in the area.

Flower planters are to be placed on platforms and close to the entrances at Station Approach and

Peak Hill Gardens. Noticeboards at both entrances and along Station Approach will be installed to keep locals up to date with cultural events, assembly meetings and events on the high street. A display of travel posters will remind passengers about the exciting places – Brighton, the South Downs and central London, for example – that can be reached from the station.

It's not too late to help out with this exciting project. Contact chair@sydenhamsociety.com for further details.



Fly tipping update

Fly tipping is a significant blight on local environments, a source of pollution, a potential danger to public health and wildlife. The council takes regular action to not just clear it away but to investigate and prosecute instances of fly tipping and we are happy to report that it has significantly reduced. CCTV is extremely useful but we do not have the funding to introduce it as widely as we would like.

Reports from the public are extremely useful in helping prosecute offenders. (Please only gather evidence when safe to do so.)

Report any witnessing of fly tipping at www.lewisham.gov.uk/reportflytippers or at www.lewisham.gov.uk/reportflytipping for non-witnessed fly tips. You can call 0208 314 2170 or email: cleansingenforcement@lewisham.gov.uk or download the *Fix my Street* App to report incidents and have access to other Council services. If the report includes evidence, it will be passed to the Enforcement Team for investigation.



Christmas lights on Sydenham High Street

No one is thinking about Christmas lights in June except for Sydenham Community Project, a Community Interest Company (CIC) whose aim is to improve the Christmas lights on Sydenham Road which pale in comparison to our neighbours in Penge, Dulwich and Crystal Palace. Join our Facebook page @SydenhamChristmaslights to be kept posted on our latest news and developments.

Come to the June 8th assembly meeting at TNG 11am to 1pm to vote on the lights you'd like to see on the high street. Please feel free to email with any queries, suggestions or comments at sydenhamcommunityproject@gmail.com.