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Do you live in a council home or block?

We want to involve you more in decisions that affect you

We're making it easier for more people who live in council homes to have a say about their home and estate and to hold the council to account. We call this resident involvement.



Have your say on our proposals, by **10 October 2019**, at www.southwark.gov.uk/residentinvolvement



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welcome...

Although many of us are sorry to say goodbye to the warm summer months, autumn gives us so much to look forward to. Whether your children have gone back to school, the start of Strictly has got you dancing around your living room, or you're excited about Halloween, there's lots to enjoy.

In Southwark, that's especially true, as we prepare for another spectacular fireworks display in Southwark Park on 5th November, free to all residents. Free fireworks are becoming a rare treat, but in Southwark we really believe there's a value in bringing our communities together to have fun, and so despite massive funding cuts, we want to continue to build on our reputation as a borough where arts, culture and events flourish.

October is Black History Month, and in Southwark we always have a really exciting programme of events to learn about and celebrate the rich and diverse history of our African, Caribbean and diaspora communities. Find out about some of the highlights in the centre pullout.

Supporting cultural events is just one of the commitments we have made to you, our residents. To show you how we're measuring up against our promises, we've included a summary of our progress in the first year of our 2018-2022 council plan. We are really proud of our achievements as a council and a borough, but we know there is always much more to do to make Southwark an even greater place to live, work and play.

I hope you all have a great autumn, and make sure you snap up your fireworks tickets before they all go!

Peter John
Leader of Southwark Council



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Do you have something to say about Southwark Life? Write to: Your letters, Southwark Life, Fourth Floor North, Southwark Council, 160 Tooley Street London, SE1 2QH or email southwark.life@southwark.gov.uk

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Need to know...

The leaves are falling, nights are drawing in and autumn is in the air – so get the kettle on, settle in and read all about what is going on around the borough this season.

For news and events follow us on social media or find out more at southwark.gov.uk/news

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CGS applications open

The Cleaner Greener Safer programme has launched its 18th round of funding with a closing date of Monday 7 October, 2019 for applications.

If you have a great idea to improve your neighbourhood why not apply for funding to see if your idea can become reality. Previous funding has been used to upgrade play and sports facilities, improve waste and recycling areas, create community green spaces and provide secure cycle parking.

Applications can be made online or you can find paper application forms at local libraries and other council offices.

Visit www.southwark.gov.uk/egs for more information or email egs@southwark.gov.uk and we can talk through your idea and the application process.



CGS funding paid for this green screen at Dulwich School

Neighbourhoods Fund opens to the community

Southwark Council is inviting individuals and community groups to suggest how they would use money from this year's newly opened Neighbourhoods Fund, to help their local community.

Since the introduction of the new Empowering Communities Programme, each ward in Southwark now has greater control over their community meetings.

They also manage their own portion of the £630,000 Neighbourhoods Fund. This funding is allocated to help meet local community priorities.

The Neighbourhoods Fund is open for applications until 7 October and successful projects will be announced at the borough's five area meetings in January 2020.

For more information: www.southwark.gov.uk/neighbourhoodsfund

New council homes get planning permission

Two planning applications to build new council homes - including the first three homes to be built in Dulwich under the council's sector-leading 11,000 new homes programme – were approved in September.

Three new four-bedroomed council homes on Underhill Road in Dulwich were given the go ahead by planning.

On the Salisbury Estate in Elephant and Castle a new five-storey block will provide 26 new council homes. The flats are a mix of 3-bed, 2-bed and 1-bed, and 50 percent will be local lettings, giving tenants on the surrounding estate the first chance to move into the new homes.



CGI of Salisbury Estate new homes

Southwark wins two apprenticeship awards

The council’s Local Economy team and one of our apprentices, Danny Dowling, both picked up trophies at this year’s London Borough Apprenticeships Awards.

London Councils held the awards to recognise the outstanding contribution and impact apprentices make across London local government.

Danny won the Apprentice of the Year award for his work in the Revenues and Benefits team as a Revenues Officer. Southwark Council also won Best Work with Supply Chains and Local Businesses. Between 2014 and 2018 Southwark achieved unrivalled success in delivering 2,000 apprenticeships by working with local businesses and contractors. During 2018-19, an impressive 85 percent of all apprenticeships created through the supply chain across London were delivered in Southwark.



Resident Involvement consultation

Over the last year we have been talking to residents who live in our council homes or blocks about the decisions that affect them and their neighbourhoods.

We are proposing some significant changes, so we can give more support for Tenant and Resident Associations to put on local activities, discuss housing issues at Ward Forums and get more residents involved in making their estates great places to live, and in the decisions that most matter to them. The deadline is Thursday 10 October. You can have your say at www.southwark.gov.uk/residentinvolvement



Southwark Council urges PM - Keep your promise on Bakerloo extension

The Leader of Southwark Council has written to Prime Minister Boris Johnson urging him to remember the commitment he made as London’s Mayor to make the extension of the Bakerloo line a top priority.

The extension of the line, from Elephant and Castle, down the Old Kent Road in Southwark and out into Lewisham from New Cross Gate, will dramatically improve transport links. It is estimated the extension would also support the delivery of 100,000 new homes for London – with 20,000 in Southwark in the Old Kent Road Opportunity Area, with 35 per cent affordable housing including 5,000 social rented homes – helping to tackle London’s housing crisis. It would also help deliver jobs and support the local economy. You can Back the Bakerloo now at www.backthebakerloo.org.uk

TfL will be carrying out a consultation in the autumn so look out for updates at tfl.gov.uk/Bakerloo-extension

To keep up to date on everything that’s happening on the Old Kent Road go to oldkentroad.org.uk

Biodiversity consultation

Southwark Council is currently consulting on its third Biodiversity Plan, which sets out a vision for the continued protection, conservation and enhancement of nature in the borough. Nature conservation in cities is very important in the context of the global trend of biodiversity decline. Southwark Council also declared a climate emergency in March this Year. Creation of green infrastructure can help mitigate the impacts of climate change. We believe that the conservation and enhancement of the natural environment and biodiversity is vitally important and can make a valuable contribution to meeting these challenges. The deadline is Sunday 20 October. Find out more and have your say at www.southwark.gov.uk/nature



EVERYONE LOVES A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- **FREE** 12-week family healthy lifestyle programme - **ENROLLING NOW**
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- Welcoming and friendly environment
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**Groups running across Southwark
all through the year.**

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NEW COUNCIL HOMES named in memory of former Southwark Mayor

New residents of Danny McCarthy Court in Rotherhithe came together in September to celebrate the formal opening of new council homes.

The 19 council homes at Danny McCarthy Court are the latest to open as part of the council's promise to deliver 11,000 new council homes by 2043. Over the past seven years, the council has delivered 654 brand new, much-needed council homes.

To mark the opening of the new homes, residents met with their local councillors, former Southwark mayors, and representatives from the council and development partner Hollybrook, at a breakfast launch event on 10 September that included the unveiling of a plaque commemorating former Southwark Mayor Danny McCarthy.

Danny McCarthy served as a councillor for the former Liddle ward in Peckham between 1982 and 1998, and the Cathedrals ward in SE1 from 2002 to 2010. He worked tirelessly for the local community throughout this time and his widow, Christine McCarthy, was the guest of honour at the event to unveil the new plaque.

New resident Shaun Slattery said: "I moved here six weeks ago from Denmark Hill, where I'd lived since 1971 in a four-bed house with a massive garden. It was originally my parents and five children, but the rest of them – apart from one brother – have passed away, and I succeeded the tenancy. It became too much to maintain on my own. This was the first flat I saw that I thought was worth moving for. I gave up 48 years of history and security - it had to be something special to give up what I had. I now have a one-bed flat and it's fantastic – I'm really happy. It's very spacious and absolutely immaculate. It means everything to me. I feel safe here, it's nice to know I'm safe and sound. There's nothing I don't like about being here."

Neighbour Linda Beattie added: "I moved here from the Osprey Estate in Surrey Quays, where I lived in a studio flat for three years. Prior to this I always lived in private flats, and when the last one I rented privately was put up for sale I had to live with my mum while I was



bidding – I was desperate to move. The bidding process was easy - it took me around two months and I now live in a two-bed flat and I love it – I have the best view! I like privacy and keeping to myself, and my home now helps me do that. I've been really unwell, but I feel a lot better now. My new home means the world to me. I'm settled now – finally – and it's my dream home."

The 19 council homes are part of a wider development on Odessa Street that comprises 74 homes in total, designed by Panter Hudspith architects, with shared gardens for all residents. The development has also brought about improvements to the riverside area, with improved public access.

Healthy Habits

Projects all around Southwark are encouraging young children to get into healthier habits



As well as being a time to relax after the academic year, the summer holidays can be a time when children fall out of their normal routine, are less active and unhealthy habits start to creep in. For many parents the summer break can also be a struggle both financially and in terms of keeping the kids occupied.

Across the borough there have been a number of free holiday clubs set up by various organisations that combine sports, arts and other activities alongside a cooked meal and the opportunity to make new friends.

Since 2018, Mercato Metropolitan (MM) has been running a holiday club twice a week across the summer holidays. MM offers free places to families most in need and provides a programme of stimulating physical and educational activities, together with a nutritious two course meal.

Last year, over 350 meals were served across the 12-week session. This year, 10 sessions were held throughout the summer holidays for five weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and over 600 meals were served. On some days, over 60 children and their parents attended the holiday club.

Activities ranged from martial arts to yoga, circus skills to planting workshops and the focus was on giving children a fun summer and making new friends.

Andrea Rasca, Founder and CED (Chief Executive Dreamer) of MM, said: "Our holiday club is intended to provide those children who need it most with activities so that when they go back to school they can share what they have been up to over the summer just like their peers.

"Food is central to the scheme, parents and their children are provided with a nutritious two-course meal, and we often prepare extra food for the families to take home. The summer holidays can put a real strain on parents when it comes to providing additional meals and clubs like ours really help them out."

For Emmanuela aged 13, the best thing about holiday camp was making new friends. She said: "Mercato Metropolitan's holiday club is truly amazing! Instead of sitting around doing nothing Mercato is the place to make new friends and discover your hidden talents! The lunch is also amazing! It's free, tasty and it means parents don't have to stress about lunch [...] If Mercato continues in 2020 and the forthcoming years, I'll be happy and it'll benefit a lot of children and parents!"

If you'd like more information or to apply for a place on future holiday clubs such as Mercato Metropolitan's you can sign up at www.southwark.gov.uk/schoolholidays

Of course, physical activity and healthy eating aren't just for summer, there's lots of support available to help children and young people lead healthy, happy lives all year round:



Vouchers at East Street Market

Healthy Start vouchers can now be redeemed at Adam's Fruit Stall in East Street market. This comes after the market started accepting Alexandra Rose vouchers last year.

With Healthy Start vouchers eligible pregnant women and families in Southwark with a child under four get free vouchers every week to spend on milk, plain fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables, and infant formula milk.

Alexandra Rose vouchers are funded by Guy's and St Thomas' Charity (GSTC) for families in Faraday ward. With Alexandra Rose vouchers eligible families can exchange their vouchers for fruit and veg.

Both Alexandra Rose vouchers and Healthy Start vouchers are worth £3.10 and pregnant women and children aged between 1 and 4 years old receive one voucher per week for use at participating sites in the borough. Families with infants under one receive two vouchers per week.

To find out if you are eligible visit the Healthy Start website: www.healthystart.nhs.uk/healthy-start-vouchers/do-i-qualify/ Healthy start vouchers can also be redeemed in most of the supermarkets and some newsagents/convenience stores too. Go online to find your nearest store: www.healthystart.nhs.uk/healthy-start-vouchers/where-to-use-the-vouchers

Alive 'n' Kicking

Alive 'n' Kicking is a successful lifestyle programme that helps children and young people aged anywhere between five and 19 years of age reach and maintain a healthier weight. The service comprises three age-specific programmes for infants and juniors (age 5-11), seniors (age 12-15) and young people (age 16+), each of which delivers age-appropriate activities, messages and behaviour change strategies that will help benefit the whole family. The sessions focus on portion sizes, healthy eating habits and how to shop on a budget. For more information visit www.everyonehealth.co.uk/southwark-council/child-weight-management-alive-n-kicking/ or call 0333 005 0095 and speak to a member of the team or speak to your school nurse.



Starting young

Good habits need to be started early and that's why Southwark Council, in partnership with Youth Sport Trust, have been working to make physical activity a fun part of the nursery day. The Healthy Movers programme encourages greater physical activity opportunities for children under five in children's centres and nurseries across the borough. Staff members have been trained to deliver a wide range of active games and physical activities on a weekly basis to children, their parents and families.



Putting their best foot forward

Whether they're lining up on the playground, park or pitch, school children up and down the borough are incorporating the Daily Mile into their school day. The Daily Mile has been adopted by 31 schools around Southwark as an easy way to get children to be more active every day by making exercise social, fun and inclusive. Latest figures show that approximately one in four children in Southwark in Year 6 is obese and initiatives like the Daily Mile are simple ways to increase activity levels in young people around the borough. If your school isn't signed up encourage your teachers to visit: <https://thedailymile.co.uk/school-signup/>



Need a bit of extra support?

Getting older and entering adolescence can be a difficult time and there are lots of new experiences and challenges. Healthy Young People (HYP) Southwark is here to help young people be healthy and be supported to make healthy decisions. Young people can talk to HYP for advice and support on sexual health, contraception, drugs and alcohol, and general health and wellbeing. Drop into Cambridge House Mondays and Thursdays any time from 2.30pm to 5.30pm to speak with a HYP worker, or check online to see if there's a service near you: <https://hypsouthwark.org.uk/find-a-service/>

Be Inspired

In the last edition of Southwark Life we interviewed BBC presenter and former care leaver Ashley John-Baptiste about an event he was planning with the council for Southwark's children in care and care leavers. The spectacular event took place on Friday 30 August in South Bermondsey, with a packed agenda of speakers, performers and workshops.



Cllr Peter John, Leader of Southwark Council, who welcomed the young people to the event, said, "Ashley approached me about a day of aspiration for our young people in care and care leavers and I immediately said yes. Be Inspired 2019 was all about aspiration, we know that there can be a lot of additional hurdles our care leavers have to overcome that can make planning for the future difficult. Be Inspired was about putting aspirations for the future

at the forefront of our care leavers' minds. I hope that everyone who attended took something positive away from the event."

Local employers including the Old Vic, News UK, Everyone Active and IDVerde came along to share information about their apprenticeships and other opportunities, while Cambridge University and King's College London were represented to answer questions about further education. Speaking after the event, Ashley

said: "I had really high hopes for our Be Inspired event but the day itself was even more fantastic than I had imagined. We had so many inspiring and creative speakers and performers, all of whom gave up their time to help because, like us, they want to see our young people succeed. It was an incredible day, buzzing with energy, and all the young people seemed to really get something good from it. I'm really grateful to the council for helping to make this dream a reality, and I hope we can do this again even bigger and better next year."





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I want to become a fund manager or work in the finance world depending on what sort of career interests me more. I also do acting on the side. At the moment with acting I'm with a theatre company and I do shows with them. They also put me up for auditions for new TV series and films that are coming up. On the finance side of things I met a mentor and he's going to help me put together a plan to help me get where I want to be in my career. I've got a meeting in a couple of days so I'll see what comes of that.” **Tyler, 18**

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I got the internship through Catch22 to see how events such as this are managed, which is definitely new to me. It's definitely been quite enlightening, meeting different people, going to meetings to take notes and try and give feedback. Event management isn't something I want to go into specifically but it's an experience that I won't regret. What I'm doing next is a business admin apprenticeship with the council.”

Ade, 22, who worked as an intern to help organise the event.

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I'm not sure at all what I want to do in the future, that's one of the reasons why I'm here- I'm exploring my options. I did want to go down the law route but I don't really want to do that anymore. I'm learning more about business, starting your own business and entrepreneurship which I hadn't thought about before today.”

Brandy, 17

Southwark's Care Leaver Covenant

At a packed event in July at King's College in SE1, local businesses, charities, universities and public sector organisations came together to hear from young people about their experience of leaving care, and what they think the borough can do to support them. The Care Leaver Covenant is a national scheme that encourages key employers and businesses in local areas to come together to support children leaving care. It aims to create a level playing field so that care experienced young people don't miss out on the advantages and opportunities provided by an extended family. Organisations can offer a range of support and opportunity for care leavers including employment, education and training support, access to health, or financial and housing advice and support, depending on the nature of their business. For more information about how you can sign up your business or organisation to the Care Leaver Covenant, go to <https://mycovenant.org.uk/>





Preparing for Brexit

We want every EU resident who has made Southwark their home to know that they are welcome and valued, and have the information they need to stay here.

On 31st October 2019, the UK is due to leave the European Union. Southwark is rightly proud to be a welcoming, open and diverse borough where people from every corner of the globe have come to make their home. But we know that for the 41,000 EU citizens living in Southwark, the uncertainty about Brexit is making this a worrying time. That's why as a council we want to make sure that our EU residents have the information and the support that they need and why we are doing everything we can to make sure that whatever happens with Brexit, Southwark remains that diverse and vibrant place that we are all so proud to call home.

For the most up to date information and advice please visit the government website www.gov.uk/brexit. An additional check list has been launched for individuals and businesses to make sure they are ready for Brexit, which is at www.gov.uk/get-ready-brexit-check

Apply now for settled status
All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their family members who wish to remain in the UK should apply to the EU settlement scheme.

If the UK leaves Europe with a deal then the deadline for applications is 30 June, 2021. However, if we leave without a deal, EU residents must apply for settled status by 31 December 2020 if they wish to stay. Given the current

uncertainty, we would encourage EU citizens to apply now.

It's FREE to apply to the scheme, either for settled or pre-settled status depending on how long you've been living in the UK. The information we have suggests that only around a third of Southwark's EU residents had applied for settled status at the start of the summer. Most people who have applied for settled status to date have been successful in their applications.

Most applications will be completed online. To find out more and apply please visit www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families You can get help with your application by calling **0300 123 7379**.

FREE SUPPORT

If you need help completing your EU settlement scheme application, the council's registrar service is offering free appointments to all Southwark residents who are EU citizens. If you would like support, please email european.settlement@southwark.gov.uk to book an appointment. Due to high demand we're also offering a walk in service, which is available Monday to Thursday 9am to 11am and 1pm to 3pm. This service is located at 34 Peckham Road, London, SE5 8QA.

SOUTHWARK BREXIT PANEL

The Southwark Brexit Panel has made a number of recommendations, which have been adopted by the council. The Panel met again in September to review council preparedness for Brexit. The council is continuing to lobby the government for additional funds to mitigate against the impact of Brexit on behalf of Southwark's residents and engage in discussions with businesses through the Business Forum.



ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE?

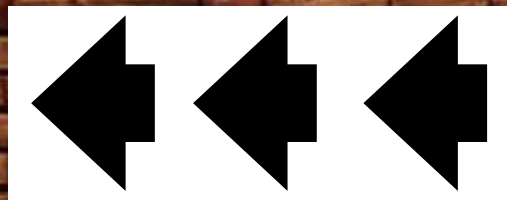
It's never been more important to be registered to vote.

You may not realise it, but politics has a massive impact on every aspect of your day-to-day life – from education to health and social care, bins to food safety.

The best way to influence decisions being made on your behalf is to make sure you are registered to vote. If you are on the Electoral Register you will be able to vote whenever an election is called. It is down to you to make sure you are registered to vote.

Southwark Council is currently carrying out the annual canvass to make sure you are registered and all your details are correct. Residents should have received their Household Enquiry Forms over the summer. Please follow the instructions to either confirm or update your details. Throughout October and November our canvassers will also be visiting homes to confirm details.

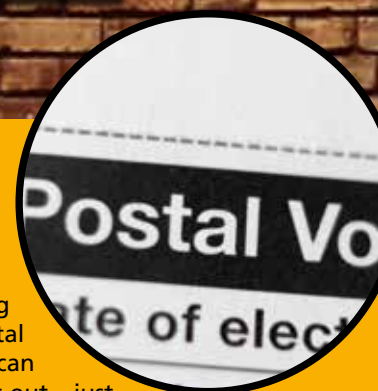
Registration is quick and easy. You can register, or update your details, at any time. You can also choose to have a postal vote, in case you are unable to attend your polling station on any election day, or a proxy vote. You can register to vote online, change details or apply for a postal or proxy vote at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote



WHY NOT CHOOSE A POSTAL VOTE?

We know what busy lives our residents lead, and finding time on election day to visit a polling station can be tough. Why not register for a postal vote instead. It's quick and easy, and means you can vote when it's convenient for you and never miss out – just make sure you pop it in the postbox! Southwark resident Harj said: "I voted in the general election using a postal vote – it's really easy and I wouldn't change back now. It eases your mind knowing that it's done, especially when you have a busy life."

Find out everything you need to know about registering to vote at: www.electoralcommission.org.uk



WHAT IS A PROXY VOTE?

A proxy vote means someone you trust can vote on your behalf at your registered polling station. This is particularly useful for voters who are worried that a postal vote may not reach them in time for them to have their say. Proxy voters must also be registered so it is a good idea to get them prepared in advance. It also helps if they live in or near to Southwark as they will need to visit your polling station in person on election day, or apply for a postal vote well in advance.

People who have recently moved, and those living in private rented accommodation are statistically the least likely to be registered, so if you fit into either of these categories and you want to vote, please do make sure you are registered and your details are up to date.

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

OCTOBER 2019

Exploring the heritage and history of Southwark's African, Caribbean and diaspora communities.

Here are some of the highlights for Black History Month 2019. Visit www.southwark.gov.uk/BHM2019 to download a copy of the complete events brochure, or pick one up at your local Southwark library.

Don't miss out on this October's amazing events! Most events are **FREE** unless stated otherwise.

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SELECTED EVENT LISTINGS

EVERY WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY IN OCTOBER

Cultural Exchange

Workshops on the Afro-Brazilian martial art Capoeira, and associated dances and rhythms, as well as public displays and artistic presentations to celebrate the fight for freedom of African slaves in Brazil.

Time: Fridays 5pm - 6pm for kids workshops, Wednesdays and Fridays 6pm - 7pm for adults workshops

Venue: Husky Studios, 29A Amelia Street, SE17 3PY

Tickets: Please book your place by text, WhatsApp or email

E: community@culturalexchange.org.uk

T: 07502 242 102

W: www.culturalexchange.org.uk

W: www.capolondon.com

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

Strength and Hope

Weekly spoken word workshop for Black/African/mixed heritage people. Co-facilitated by a prominent Southwark based spoken word artist and our in-house published poet.

This culminates in an evening event featuring poetry performances, keynote speakers, Q&A, light refreshments, and fun.

Spoken Word afternoon workshops: Wednesdays 2, 9, 16, and 23 October

Evening event: Tuesday 29 October

Time: Weekly spoken word workshops: 2pm - 4pm

Evening event: 6pm - 9pm

Venue: Blackfriars Settlement, The Orb Space, 1 Rushworth Street London SE1 0RB

Tickets: Limited places for workshop.

E: orb@blackfriars-settlement.org.uk

T: 020 7960 4628
(The Orb: Leila/Liz/Renuka)

w: www.blackfriars-settlement.org.uk

2 OCTOBER

Legacy and Hope Concert

Come and join Pegasus Opera for the Legacy and Hope concert, featuring Britain's leading Black classical singers performing gospel, spirituals, opera, musical theatre, and music inspired by the Black diaspora.

Time: 1.30pm and 7.30pm

Venue: Canada Water Theatre, 21 Surrey Quays Road, Rotherhithe, London SE16 7AR

Tickets: £10 full price, £7 concessions, £5 group tickets for matinee

Book by phone or in person only. Contact the box office for more information.

T: 020 8692 4446

E: admin@pegopera.org

W: www.canadawatertheatre.org.uk/2428/Legacy-and-Hope

4 OCTOBER

Celebrating the Steel Pan

This event will include a presentation on the origins and history of the steel pan, then a lively selection of music, played by the Royal Steel Pan Group.

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: All Saints Church Hall, Blenheim Grove, Peckham, SE15 4QS

E: viola.etienne@pecan.org.uk

W: www.pecan.org.uk

5 OCTOBER

Black Panther the film - real African history and the books to prove it!

Interactive audio-visual presentation with photos, art and trailers from the movie alongside quotes and interviews from the director, actors and writers, to illustrate the actual Black history shown in the film Black Panther.

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Venue: Draper Hall, Hampton Street junction with Newington Butts SE17 3AN

Ticket Price Up to £7.

Book via Eventbrite

E: info@drapertogether.org

W: www.real-black-panther.eventbrite.com

THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

African Connections

Three evenings exploring African connections. London history with Blue Badge Guide Kelly Foster; poetry performance with Jacob Sam-La Rose and drums from Mohamed Gueye, and African cinema with a guest speaker.

Monday 7 October

London History Talk
7pm - 8.30pm

Monday 14 October

Poetry and Drumming
7pm - 8.30pm

Monday 21 October

African Cinema
6.30pm - 8.30pm

Venue: The Dragon Café, St George the Martyr Church, Borough High Street, London SE1 1JA

E: declan@mentalfightclub.com

W: www.dragoncafe.co.uk

8 OCTOBER

A Black and British History:

The Jamaican Slaves Who

Abolished Slavery

Author and trailblazing genealogist Paul Crooks tells of the forgotten history of the slaves who abolished slavery. Paul will implicate his ancestors in the uprising, which ultimately brought the system of slavery to its knees.

Time: 6pm - 7.45pm

Venue: Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Tickets: Book via Eventbrite

E: info@paulcrooksuk.com

W: www.jsas.eventbrite.co.uk

10 OCTOBER

Southwark LGBT Network presents...

Rafiki

The Southwark LGBT Network will be showing the film Rafiki. Banned in Kenya for promoting lesbian romance, the screening will be followed by a Q&A, with local community leaders.

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Venue: Peckham Plex, 95A Rye Lane, Peckham, London SE15 4ST

W: www.southwarklgbtnetwork.com

10 OCTOBER

The Conversation

This experimental short film, directed by Peter Lowe, tackles feelings of racial prejudice and alienation, through the real life PhD thesis of TC Smith. The film will be followed by a discussion with the cast and director.

Time: 6.30pm – 7.45pm

Venue: Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

E: nell.cooper@southwark.gov.uk

W: www.southwark.gov.uk/events



12 OCTOBER

Culture Tree Centre celebrates

Black History Month

A special African drumming and traditional storytelling event. Join us for a fun day of drumming, singing, dancing and storytelling.

Time: 12 noon - 4pm

Venue: Culture Tree Centre, 163 Commercial Way, London SE15 1AU

Tickets: www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/culturetree-centre-celebrates-black-history-month-tickets-67528953919

E: culturetreeuk@gmail.com

W: www.culturetree.co.uk

12 OCTOBER

South by South: film screening and panel discussion

A screening of Douvan Jou Ka Leve (The Sun Will Rise) directed by Gessica Généus, followed by a panel discussion focusing on issues around mental health, maternal relationships and religious struggles explored within the film.

Time: 4pm - 6pm

Venue: South London Gallery, Clore Studio, 65-67 Peckham Road, London SE5 8UH

T: 020 7703 6120

W: www.southlondongallery.org

WEDNESDAY 16 OCTOBER

The Pocket History

The Pocket History: an illustrated musical talk on London's 18th century Black history. The evening will be a lively introduction to some of London's most popular characters of all classes, told through song. This event will be BSL interpreted.

Time: 7pm

Venue: The Prince of Peckham Pub, 1 Clayton Road, London SE15 5JA

E: melissajo@illuminated-arts.com

W: www.illuminated-arts.com

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-pocket-history-tickets-66965496603

16 OCTOBER

Meet the Author Alex Wheatle (MBE)

Author of thrilling teenage books, Alex Wheatle will talk about his life experience, and how it has influenced his writing. The winner of The Guardian Children's Fiction Prize with Crongton Knights, Alex has also written plays and toured with his one man autobiographical performance, Uprising.

Suitable for ages 15 plus and adults.

Time: 6pm to 7pm

Venue: Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

Tickets: Book at www.eventbrite.com/e/alex-wheatle-author-event-tickets-66310894671

E: Southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

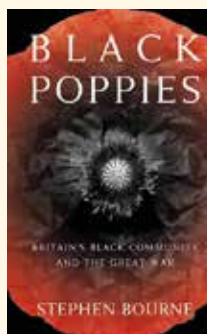
W: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries

17 OCTOBER

Black Poppies: author event with Stephen Bourne

Stephen Bourne presents an illustrated talk about the recently published second edition of Black Poppies, his award-winning book which explores the lives of Black servicemen and Britain's Black community, during the First World War.

Time: 6.30pm - 7.50pm



Venue: Camberwell Library, Camberwell Green SE5

E: Southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

FRIDAY 18 OCTOBER

Iroko Theatre Storytelling

Join Iroko Theatre Company for a story and workshop full of music, play and performance, involving drumming, dancing and singing. Iroko is a dynamic traditional African theatre company.

Suitable for ages 5 to 11.

Time: 5.45pm

Venue: Dulwich Wood Primary School, Bowen Drive, Dulwich, SE21 8NS

Tickets: No ticket required - first come first served.

E: ketracomunity@gmail.com

E: friendsofdwp@gmail.com

19 OCTOBER

The Linnean Society of London

Presents: Unsung Black Scientists

Come and join us for this exciting printmaking workshop! Participants will discover a range of natural historians, past and present, with emphasis on Black and minority scientists.



Finished work can be submitted to the Linnean Society Biomedica Meltdown competition, with a chance to win prizes for artistic and scientific merit.

Suitable for ages 7 to 14 years, parents and carers.

Time: 11am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 3.30pm

Venue: Peckham Library, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Tickets: Book by emailing name(s) and age(s) of those attending. Or inform a member of staff at Peckham Library.

E: learning@linnean.org

W: Southwark.libraries@southwark.gov.uk

W: www.southwark.gov.uk/libraries

19 OCTOBER

Piano recital of music by Black composers

Join us for a piano recital of music by Black composers, from classical to jazz, with pianist Lorraine Liyanage. Open to all ages.

Time: 7pm - 8pm

Venue: St Barnabas Parish Hall, 23 Dulwich Village, London SE21 7BT

Tickets:

www.bhmpiano.eventbrite.com

E: londonpianoevents@gmail.com

W: www.dulwichmusicfestival.co.uk

19 OCTOBER

Lyrical Youth

Do you have something to say and are searching for a new way to say it? This workshop will be led by award winning poet and founder of Poetic Unity Ragz-CV, to help young people have a voice and to develop their confidence and self esteem, using poetry as a tool.

Time: 1.30pm - 2.30pm and 3pm - 4pm

Venue: Kingswood House, Seeley Drive, SE21 8QR

Tickets: No ticket required - first come first served.

E: ketracommunity@gmail.com

21 - 27 OCTOBER

Young, Gifted and Black: a week long festival

Young, Gifted and Black is a week-long event delivering a varied programme of activities for different age groups, educating and celebrating with young people the history and importance of Black British talent.

Time: Various times

Venue: Theatre Peckham

Tickets: £5 or £10 depending on the activity

E: adminassist@theatrepeckham.co.uk

T: 020 7708 5401

W: www.theatrepeckham.co.uk

22 OCTOBER

Screening and talk with David Olusoga about his documentary The Unwanted: The Secret Windrush Files

The Windrush scandal saw legitimate British citizens cast as illegal immigrants. David Olusoga uses secret files to reveal how, for Caribbean migrants, this was 70 years in the making. Q&A follows.

Time: 7.30pm - 9.15pm

Venue: Draper Hall, Hampton Street junction with Newington Butts SE17 3AN

Tickets: £7 Eventbrite

www.the-unwanted.eventbrite.co.uk

E: info@drapertogether.org

W: www.drapertogether.org

22 OCTOBER

The Herero Genocide

Vasco Stevenson will be giving a talk on the Herero genocide after Germany gained control of what is now Namibia. This wholesale slaughter culminated in the first concentration camp of the 20th century. The German government has agreed to refer to this atrocity as genocide but has dismissed any call for reparations.

Time: 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Venue: Dulwich Library, 368 Lordship Lane, SE22 8NB

E: nell.cooper@southwark.gov.uk

W: www.southwark.gov.uk/events

LATE OCTOBER

Way Back When...

A playful storytelling performance and workshop for families, created by Blue Elephant Theatre. Weaving together African and Caribbean folklore and factual history, Way Back When... celebrates the efforts of previous generations, finding inspiration for today.

Tuesday 22 October - Peckham Library, 2pm

Venue: Peckham Library, 5th Floor, Children's Pod, 122 Peckham Hill Street, SE15 5JR

Saturday 26 October - Blue Elephant Theatre, 11.30am

Venue: Blue Elephant Theatre, 59a Bethwin Road, SE5 0XT

Saturday 26 October - Brandon Library, 2pm

Venue: Brandon Library, Maddock Way, Cooks Road, SE17 3NH

T: 020 7701 0100

E: info@blueelephanttheatre.co.uk

W: www.blueelephanttheatre.co.uk

23 OCTOBER

TAYOTOONS cartoon workshop

TAYOTOONS rollercoaster cartoon workshop for ages 6 to 13. Helping them to learn the importance of having role models for a brighter and hopeful future.

Time: 4pm - 5.30pm

Venue: D'Eynsford TMO Community Room, 38 Mary Datchelor Close, Camberwell, London SE5 7AX

Tickets: Booking essential

T: 020 7525 0745 or 07802 970 511

E: deynsford@gmail.com

E: tfatunla@hotmail.com

W: www.facebook.com/deynsford

25 OCTOBER

WE! Festival

A free festival of Black heritage and culture with games for children, storytelling, African drumming performances and workshops, African dance performances and workshops, and a new technology workshop for families.

Time: 12pm - 4pm

Venue: The Dockland Settlements Community Centre, 400 Salter Road, Rotherhithe, SE16 5AA

T: 020 7231 7108

E: docklandsettlements.org.uk

W: www.bizziebodies.co.uk

26 OCTOBER

Standing on the shoulders of giants: the Bristol Bus Boycott Musical

A short musical, inspired by the Bristol Bus Boycott of 1963, which arose when the Bristol Omnibus Company refused to employ Black or Asian people in their driving crews.

Time: 4pm - 5:30pm

Venue: Draper Hall, Hampton Street junction with Newington Butts, SE17 3AN

Tickets: Please reserve your seat

E: info@drapertogether.org

W: www.bristol-bus-musical.eventbrite.co.uk



Congratulations to all students who received exam results in August.

Southwark is celebrating another year of exam success, exceeding the national average in A-Levels and maintaining a strong performance in GCSEs.

Students in the borough once again excelled in their A-Levels. Whilst A* to A grades nationally fell by one percentage point compared to last year, Southwark's results rose to outperform the national average by 1.5 percentage points.

The greatest improvement, however, was for A* to C grades where Southwark students have consistently been above national average for past three years but this year widened the gap to 4.1 percentage points.

There was also consistent performance across GCSE results. Cllr Jasmine Ali, Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Adult Care

joined students, staff and parents at Bacon's College (pictured), where many students achieved multiple grade 9s, the top grade created to recognise the achievements of the very highest performing students.

A special well done to Nastasia Sadowski who achieved seven grade 9s, two grade 8s and an A* in GCSE

Further Maths, Marci Talbot who picked up eight grade 9s, two grade 8s and an A* in GCSE Further Maths and Miracle Kalonga who earned five grade 9s, two grade 8s, two grade 7s and an A* in GCSE Further Maths. Across the borough as a whole, results show that 65.4 percent of Southwark students achieved grades 9-4 for English and mathematics combined.

Special congratulations to Sara Sasvari (16) who attends Ark Globe Academy. She received eight 9s, an 8 and a 7. She came to the UK from Hungary in 2014 speaking no English UK in 2014. "I am really proud of myself particularly for receiving 9 both in English and English Literature, as I learned English only in 2014. My ambition is to be a theoretical physicist."





“I think we need more female role models.”

Jockeying for position

Peckham's Khadijah Mellah tells Southwark Life about her life leading up to a spectacular summer in the spotlight.

Khadijah Mellah has had a strange year. Just as she completed her A-levels earlier this summer, the Peckham local was catapulted into the public eye, when she competed in, and won, the Magnolia Cup at Goodwood...wearing a hijab. Quickly labelled the UK's first female Muslim jockey, every national newspaper wanted to know more about the sportswoman, who learned to ride at an inner city horse club in Brixton. We caught up with Khadijah to find out more about her incredible story.

You've made the news for your horseriding success, but you're actually accomplished in many different sports, including being a black belt in karate. What motivates you to be the best?

"I love sport, keeping fit, and I don't like being bored. Sport helps me keep my mind busy so I can't overthink. It's good for my mental health. I've also met some great people who are really encouraging. I'm really motivated as a woman in sport. So many women drop out of sports I've done like cricket and football, and so I think we need more female role models."

You were a regular at the Damilola Taylor Centre in Peckham when you were younger. What did that give to you?

"My Dad is into martial arts and we had a family friend who did karate at the centre. Dad thought it would be good for my self-defence so I started learning karate from a young age and it played a massive role in my upbringing. I made lots of friends down there too."

You and your family still live in Peckham – what do you like about the area?

"There's quite a lot of green space. If I want to sit in a park there are so many green spaces. My neighbours are nice, and I go to Costa quite often! Rye Lane is great – the cultural diversity is amazing and the network links are great for getting around London. Peckham's getting better, more diverse."

Why do you think people are so fascinated with the fact you wear a hijab? Does it bother you?

"It doesn't bother me but it's a shame not many Muslim girls have tried horseriding. I didn't assume I was the first and when people found out I was, public attention was drawn to it."

How is your family coping with your new found fame? Are they supportive?

"They were initially apprehensive because they didn't know how the media would portray Islam, but now they realise the media is positive, they are very supportive."

You are an inspiration for other young people from different backgrounds. What message would you give to a young person starting out in sport?

"I would explain the countless benefits of being involved in sport. You gain so many qualities – it helped build my character and confidence. Be ambitious. I've fallen off a horse many times, and I could have decided not to carry on, but I can't let that happen, especially as I don't want to put off other girls navigating the world of sport."

What's next for you, Khadijah?

"I'm going to university in Brighton in a few weeks to study engineering, but I'm also hoping I'll get invited to ride in another race soon. I'll just have to see how it goes!"

Riding a Dream, a documentary following Khadijah to the Magnolia Cup will air on ITV in the Autumn.

More information

Khadijah rides at Ebony Horse Club in Brixton. The charity helps young people from disadvantaged backgrounds learn life skills and confidence through riding and horse care. To find out more go to www.ebonyhorseclub.org.uk/

The Damilola Taylor Centre is a council-run youth club on East Surrey Grove, Peckham. There's always lots going on including football, basketball, cooking and arts and crafts. To find out more drop in or call **020 7703 9996**.

SOUTHWARK PRESENTS

www.southwark.gov.uk/southwarkpresents

SOUTHWARK FIREWORKS NIGHT



Southwark Council will be holding its 16th annual fireworks extravaganza at Southwark Park this November. Tickets remain free for Southwark residents, but must be booked in advance.

Date: Tuesday 5 November

Gates open at 5pm and food, drink and entertainment will be available until 8pm. Last entry to the park is 6.30pm.

FREE for Southwark residents. Ticket prices for non-residents can be found on the website.

Southwark Park, SE16

www.southwark.gov.uk/fireworks

HERNE HILL MUSIC FESTIVAL

This year's festival celebrates a wealth of music in 21 events, in an even wider variety of styles than before. The festival will also be marking the bicentenary of Herne Hill's most notable resident and writer John Ruskin's birth. Ruskin had a lifelong love of music, and this will be celebrated with Ruskin and Friends, a showcase of Ruskin's poems as songs for tenor and piano, as well as his readings and works by other composers whose music he both loved and despised.

Friday 4 to Sunday 13 October. Times vary – see website for. Various venues in and around Herne Hill.

Events are FREE unless otherwise stated

www.hernehillfestival.org

NUNHEAD ART TRAIL



Artists will be opening their doors across Nunhead, showing paintings, sculpture, print, photography, ceramics, and textiles. Artworks will also be displayed in local shops, cafes, a pop up gallery, the Salvation Army Hall and the wonderful Stuart Road Allotment Hut and one of the local primary schools. Catch the wonderful duo of the Window People with their food and variety acts. The Green, Nunhead's Community Centre will be hosting artists, including a solo show by Nunhead resident Beris Blake, while Telegraph Choir sings nearby. The Aquarius Golf Club has generously offered to host a range of artists exhibiting works on the theme of One Tree Hill and the view from the Golf Course itself. Find Clive Niall, strolling musicians Sarah and Ian and the Rye Poets up there too. In Nunhead Cemetery, dance group ella & co and curator Jolanta Jagiello return to feature in the Restored Anglican Chapel.

Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 September. 11am to 6pm

FREE

Various venues around Nunhead.

www.nunheadarttrail.co.uk

Zippo's Circus

Zippo's returns to Southwark with their brand new show The Magnificent Top Hat starring the world's greatest circus stars - fun for all the family from Britain's favourite circus.

Date: Tuesday 24 September to Sunday 29 September. Time: Various performance times see website for details

Admission: Various admission prices (book online for discount tickets)

Peckham Rye Common SE15 3UA

www.zippocircus.co.uk



Events calendar Autumn 2019

The House of the Spirits / La Casa de los Espíritus

A stage adaptation by Caridad Svich of the Isabel Allende novel, this show charts the rise and fall of the Trueba family in an unnamed Latin American country (reminiscent of Chile). The play spans the 1920s to the 1970s, as the country moves through enormous sociopolitical changes culminating in a devastating dictatorship. In Spanish and English on different days

28 October to 30 November
The Cervantes Theatre
www.cervantestheatre.com

Nursery Row Park Autumn Fair and Community Garden Show

Help build a giant haystack in Nursery Row Park! We're scything the wildflower meadow, pressing fresh apple juice, and hosting the Walworth Community Garden show - prizes for best veg/ fruit/ flower/ pie/ jam/ cordial/ garden photo/ vegetable sculpture/ floral crown. All free, with face painter, magician and refreshments.

Saturday 28 September.
12.30pm to 4.30pm

FREE

Nursery Row Park

Follow @FriendsofNRPark on Twitter

Danh Vo: untitled

The first major solo exhibition in London by internationally-acclaimed Danish artist Danh Vo. Spanning the SLG's Main Gallery and Fire Station building, the project also includes siting an outdoor work on Pelican Estate and the transformation of Art Block, the SLG's permanent art space for children on Sceaux Gardens Estate.

Now to 24 November
Tues to Sun 11am to 6pm
(except Weds and last Friday until 9pm)

FREE

South London Gallery & South London Gallery Fire Station

<https://www.southlondongallery.org/exhibitions/danh-vo/>

The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Step through the wardrobe this winter into the magical kingdom of Narnia for the most mystical of adventures in a faraway land.

9 November, 2019 to 2 February, 2020
Performance times vary.
See website for more details.

Prices vary, see website for details. Family and groups rates available. Bridge Theatre

www.bridgetheatre.co.uk/whats-on/the-lion-the-witch-and-the-wardrobe/

On Edge: Living in an age of anxiety

The free exhibition and events programme combines art, design, psychology and neuroscience to highlight positive and creative responses to our anxious times. Drawing on research from the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology & Neuroscience at King's College London, ON EDGE includes new artworks developed by artists working with scientists and with patients at the Maudsley and Bethlem Royal Hospitals. The Gallery will also host a space for visitors to think about the ways we react to and experience anxiety, designed by Resolve Collective and our Young Leaders, a group of 15 to 25-year-olds who live, work or study at King's or in Southwark and Lambeth.

Now to 19 January, 2020
Tuesday to Sunday, 10am to 6pm. (Closed 23 to 26 Dec and 30 Dec to 1 Jan)

FREE

Science London Academy

www.london.sciencegallery.com

London Memory Walk Plus

Take on the distance for Alzheimer's Society at Memory Walk Plus this autumn. Choose from a full or half marathon walk and raise funds to help defeat dementia.

Date: Saturday 12 October Time: 7.30am arrivals, 8am walk start.

FREE

Admission: £15+
Southwark Park, by the bandstand.
www.memorywalk.org.uk

Elmer the Elephant Trail

Elmer the Patchwork Elephant, David McKee's beloved children's character, has arrived at Elephant Park, London. A special trail of community-design sculptures that celebrate diversity and inclusivity have been installed to mark his 30th birthday. Ten specially-commissioned Elmer sculptures are now in place and they were designed by a range of local community groups and artists. Primary schools, pensioners, youth groups and local residents were all involved in the design of the sculptures, which can be found around Elephant Park and the surrounding area, including Trafalgar Place, South Gardens, Walworth Square and Sayer Street. Children and adults of all ages can follow the trail free of charge, with each of the Elmer sculptures including a special anagram for trail walkers to solve. Once visitors have solved every anagram, they are able to input their answers to the Elephant Park website for a chance to win a special Elmer prize pack. Libraries across Southwark will also be joining in with the Elmer fun, with dedicated areas and displays of all things Elmer during the trail period.

Now to late October. Daily

FREE

Elephant and Castle

<https://www.elephantpark.co.uk/events/>

The Black Movie Festival

This October, in celebration of Black History Month, there will be 10 days of cinema screenings of classic and new movies, starring Black actors! We are building an indoor cinema with comfy beanbag chairs, popcorn, sweets and drinks, all included in ticket prices. This event is suitable for all ages.

October 18 to 27. Three movies a day, starting from 11am

From £10

Burgess Park (Wells Way Entrance)
www.blackmoviefestival.com



MARKING 100 YEARS SINCE THE ADDISON ACT



the birth of council housing

The nineteenth century saw the British population quadruple – in cities, population growth was often even greater, as people moved from rural areas to seek work in new factories. With more people to house than ever, and factories and infrastructure competing with dwellings for space, the state of housing was an ever-present, ever-growing problem.

In the early Victorian era, builders could build housing of any size or quality anywhere they could obtain space; there were no building standards or planning controls. In fact, private builders had significant incentives to cram as many people, and as many buildings, into as small a space as possible. Because of this, “back-to-backs” – two terraces of houses built with shared back, as well as side walls – were wildly popular. These houses were usually badly lit and ventilated, since only the front wall could have windows, and did not have adequate sanitary provisions like water and sewerage. The upshot was that urban working-class housing became a hotbed of poor health – including killer epidemic diseases like cholera.

The Public Health Act of 1848 gave local public health officials the power to investigate and address “nuisances”, which was a broad concept that included unsanitary or substandard housing. Two Acts brought in by Benjamin Disraeli’s government in 1875 laid the groundwork for council housing. The Public Health Act required new housing to include running water

and internal drainage, and provided a model of best practice for dealing with nuisances; the Artisans’ and Labourers’ Dwellings Improvement Act 1875, allowed local authorities to buy up slum dwellings to demolish and rebuild them – the aim was to improve working-class housing by providing better new, quality homes.

However, these acts broadly failed at their aims. Like a lot of Victorian legislation, they were permissive – they allowed local governments to take action, but did not require them to do so. Disraeli’s Conservatives were traditionally backed by landlords, keen on preserving their property rights; between this conflict and the high cost involved in invoking the 1875 Acts, few councils used their powers.

In 1890, the Housing of the Working Classes Act gave local authorities the power to buy slum-containing land and finance new builds – a critical missing piece in the housing puzzle. The Act foreshadowed a drive to clear slums and build new and better housing. Ironically, one reason for the new concern was anxiety over the country’s military readiness: up to a third of

recruits for the Boer War, and up to 40 percent of those for the First World War, were rejected on medical grounds. Many commentators noted that poor quality housing played a significant role in poor health.

The Housing and Town Planning Act 1909 banned new back-to-back builds, strengthened building standards, and began the town planning system. In 1918, the Tudor Walters committee made detailed suggestions for working-class housing. The committee gave minimum areas and frontages, and even specified five different internal layouts. The next year, the Housing and Town Planning Act 1919 – commonly known as the Addison Act after Dr Christopher Addison, the Minister of Housing – gave local authorities the responsibility to develop new housing, and made subsidies to help finance building available. Further Housing Acts in 1924 and 1930 provided more building grants, while the Housing Acts of 1933 and 1935 required local authorities to demolish and replace slum housing.



The London County Council, as the largest local authority in London, took on a substantial part of the burden; because LCC approval was needed to obtain loans for building, a number of authorities, including the metropolitan boroughs of Southwark and Camberwell, outsourced the lion's share of their development to it. Most LCC builds in Inner London were multi-storey blocks of flats – an attempt to provide density, as well as quality, of housing.

One of the first was the Tabard Gardens estate, which straddled the boundary between Southwark and Bermondsey. The first phase of building actually began in 1912 using the powers of the 1890 Act, but was interrupted by the outbreak of the First World War. Building restarted in 1919, and the first section of the estate was completed in 1926. A second wave of building there began in 1930 and was completed in 1936. In 1925, the LCC began a slum-clearance effort that included areas in Lambeth, Southwark, and Camberwell; this included the Comber Grove estate, begun in 1927 and finished in 1932. LCC slum-clearance continued until the eve of the Second World

War: the East Dulwich, Honor Oak, Rockingham, and Sunner Road estates were all built in the mid to late 1930s.

The metropolitan borough of Bermondsey, on the other hand, had a different approach. Bermondsey council had plans to demolish and redevelop two-thirds of the borough; moreover, the Labour council's stated policy was "a separate and self-contained home for each separate family" – in other words, low-density blocks of small terraces.

However, Wilson Grove is the only cottage estate Bermondsey built: it was built to house 400 residents, but left more than twice that number displaced. For the LCC, such ideals were unsustainable – and because they held the purse-strings, Bermondsey had to build blocks of flats. By 1934 the borough council had built more than 900 flats in 16 different locations, and had more than 700 more planned or under construction – including a complete demolition and reconstruction of

Downtown Rotherhithe after the disastrous Thames flood of 1928.

The Second World War not only brought London's slum-clearance programmes to a screeching halt, it also added to the problem – the Blitz irreparably damaged or destroyed 116,000 buildings, including large amounts of housing. The LCC's County of London Plan (1943) and Greater London Plan (1944) laid out the future that architects saw for the capital: rings of motorways dividing London into sections – one was planned to drive through Battersea Park and Camberwell – with housing concentrated in blitzed areas, the outer suburban rings, and garden-city satellite towns. While much of this planning was ultimately abandoned, two survivors shape life in Southwark today: Burgess Park, and the Town and Country Planning Act 1947, which still governs the planning and building process.

Is your child starting primary or secondary school in September 2020?

Apply for a school place online before the deadline. It's quick, easy to do and available 24 hours a day.

Dear parents and carers

Starting primary or secondary school is a huge milestone for you and your child, and I am proud that here in Southwark we have a range of high quality schools for you to choose from.

Please remember to apply before the closing date, and to pick six schools on your application to increase the chances of your child being offered a school of their preference.

When applying online, our website has lots of useful information about the different types of schools in Southwark, as well as tips to help you decide which school is right for your child.

I wish you and your child the very best.

Councillor Jasmine Ali
Cabinet member for children, schools and adult care, Southwark Council



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Fairer future

Delivering our promises

Southwark Council

A Fairer Future for All 2018-2022

Reporting back – 2018/19

Our vision is that Southwark is a great place to live and work. Every child should have the best start in life and every resident should be able to live a healthy and long life, have the skills and opportunities to find work and live in a safe and secure home. None of this should be determined by your background and everyone should benefit from the growth and successes that the borough has to offer.

In May 2018 we made clear promises to every resident and set out a four year plan for how we will deliver a fairer future for all. At the end of the first year, we have made great progress but still have more to do. We have set out here the key challenges for next year and beyond.



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A place to call home

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Council housing repairs have been brought back in-house to improve standards.
- Council housing maintenance schedules are online.
- Tackled the historic backlog of void properties so people can move in sooner. The average turnaround time of major voids has reduced by a third.
- Installed 1,160 new kitchens and/or bathrooms into council homes.

But more to do...

- Build on the consultation we have completed and introduce a housing gold standard to improve the quality of privately rented homes.
- Make it possible to request housing repairs online.



A place to belong



Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Opened a new and larger Cherry Garden Special School so that our children with profound disabilities and special educational needs are now learning in a state-of-the-art building.
- During the year 183 new council homes have either been completed or are on site.
- Over 17,000 people joined our campaign to Back the Bakerloo Line.

But more to do...

- On track to deliver 2,383 new council homes by 2022 against a target of 2,500. Now the challenge is to streamline the process to get more homes delivered in a shorter timeframe.
- Work to commence on the new Aylesbury library in Winter 2019.

A greener borough

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- We have already cut council carbon emissions by 36.7%, declared a climate emergency and committed to being carbon neutral by 2030.
- Installed 81 lamp post charging points for electric vehicles, with more to come.
- Cracked down on fly-tipping taking enforcement action against over 1000 people.
- Achieved the best recycling rate in inner-London, with less than 5% of waste going to landfill.

But more to do...

- Disappointed that TfL have paused the walking and cycling bridge from Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf. We will keep campaigning for the bridge and for TfL to reverse this decision.



A full employment borough

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Helped 1,595 residents into work and over 700 apprenticeships have been created.
- 23 new Southwark employers have committed to pay the London Living Wage.
- Over 100 new affordable business spaces delivered.
- Pilot of the Routeways Project has started helping residents get better paid or quality jobs.

But more to do...

- Launch our paid internship scheme so that 500 Southwark young people from low income backgrounds get paid internships with London's best employers.



A healthier life



Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Built nearly 8km of new accessible cycle routes across the borough.
- Delivered bikeability training for nearly 5,000 children and adults.
- Nearly 2,800 people were supported in the community by the Southwark Mental Health and Wellbeing Hub.
- Construction of new extra care housing is underway in Peckham.

But more to do...

- Start training at least 100 staff to be 'mental health first aiders'.
- Get more residents from our BAME communities to engage with our 'Testing Faith' programme to help tackle the stigma of HIV.
- We are behind schedule in our roll out of cycle hangers so will clear the backlog and get back on track.
- Launch a new scheme to deliver free swimming lessons for Southwark residents this summer.

A great start in life

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- 9 out of 10 Southwark schools are good or outstanding.
- Committed an additional £2million funding to improve the mental health of our children and young people.
- Delivered the first phase of the new Charter East Dulwich school buildings and work is underway on a new secondary school in Borough.
- Closed roads around some primary schools and already seeing a reduction in children being driven to these schools improving health and air quality.

But more to do...

- Started to pilot free healthy school meals in our council nursery schools but will now roll them out across all our school nurseries.
- Increase the number of our care leavers who are getting apprenticeships.



A safer community

Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Launched the Positive Futures Fund to support young people to get involved with positive activities and already agreed over £150,000 of grants with more to be made next year
- 31 new pedestrian crossings on the borough's roads.
- Brought together young people, communities and others to find a new approach to tackling knife crime and serious youth violence.
- Trained over 2,300 staff across 80 schools and education settings on tackling extremism and preventing radicalisation.

But more to do...

- A new violence against women and girls strategy is nearly complete.
- Re-open the Blue Youth Club in Bermondsey.
- We have delivered Hate Crime awareness training and workshops with staff but our 'Stronger Southwark' community project fund has been delayed. We will ensure that grants begin to be awarded this year.



A vibrant Southwark



Top Year 1 successes ✓

- Opened a new library at Grove Vale in East Dulwich.
- Secured a site for the new Walworth Library and Southwark Heritage Centre. We are currently consulting with the local community on the design with the new library due to open by April 2020.
- Supported nearly 1,500 cultural events across the borough.
- Started work to improve high speed internet access across the borough with over a third of homes having full fibre to premises internet.



But more to do...

- Complete the essential building works at Kingswood House and work with local residents to ensure it remains a community asset with a secure and sustainable future.
- Launch a new scheme which will mean every primary school child gets a free visit to the theatre every year.
- Complete digital inclusion training for more digital champions across Southwark who will then train other residents.

BUSINESS NEWS



In this edition of Business News we are looking at the ways we are connecting young people to opportunities in the borough.

Southwark is home to a range of vibrant and unique businesses ranging from start-ups and market traders to companies with hundreds of staff. Local businesses play a vital role in creating jobs for local people and the council has a number of projects that help passionate and committed young people find those jobs and opportunities.

OPEN THE DOOR

In May this year we brought together young people aged 17 to 25 from across the borough in a series of workshops to understand what best motivates young people to connect to jobs and skills opportunities. The areas of focus in these workshops ranged from work experience and the job application process to youth friendly engagement. These workshops culminated in a ten-point manifesto written by young people, which we delivered to our businesses at the Southwark Business Awards in July.

The manifesto was a great success with a number of large employers in the borough signing up to commit to these pledges, including Gowling WLG, London Southbank University, and British Land. Following up on this commitment from business we are now working to set up corporate 'Open the Door Days'. This would mean a number of businesses from across Southwark opening their doors to young people from our schools to action some of these manifesto points.

Sign up for the business newsletter to keep up to date with this and other news.

ARE YOU A LOCAL BUSINESS?

Sign up to our business newsletter by emailing localeconomy@southwark.gov.uk to hear about advice, training, funding opportunities and more business related news from the council. You can also find out more about support services and information the council provides for business on our website at www.southwark.gov.uk/business

PAID INTERNSHIPS

Southwark is proud to be the first London council to commit to getting 500 young people from low income backgrounds into paid internships with the city's best employers. Despite record employment levels in Southwark over the last few years, we know that young people from lower socio-economic backgrounds face particular challenges and are less likely to enter a professional job. As part of this trailblazing new scheme, internship opportunities will be offered to graduates and year 12 and 13 students to help boost their confidence and work readiness and all interns will be paid at the London Living Wage. The council will also be leading by example and introducing our own internship scheme with a commitment to offering 100 paid internships to young people from the borough.

If your business is interested in learning more about internships please email localeconomy@southwark.gov.uk

PIONEERS FUND

We are delighted to be launching the Pioneers Fund, offering grants, loans and business support to budding entrepreneurs and start-ups.

Open to commercial and social enterprises and charities, the Fund will support new businesses to start up and scale up, as part of the council's commitment to making Southwark a business friendly borough. The Pioneers Fund will help small businesses to grow with a range of support,

including grants of up to £5,000 and loans of up to £50,000, as well as bespoke business support and access to affordable workspace and networks. This will allow businesses to open their doors to more apprentices and internships, which provide unique opportunities for young people. To find out more, join us for the launch event on Thursday 17 October in Canada Water library at 10am.



Southwark Pioneers Fund
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