



Lewisham Borough of Culture - Education Update (November 2021 – Part 1)

Lewisham Education Arts Network (LEAN), as the official education partner for Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022, will be ensuring schools, colleges, and early years settings across the entire borough are kept up-to-date on plans as they are confirmed.

To download our previous education update newsletters - click [here](#)

If you know someone working in Lewisham's schools or early years settings that hasn't already signed up to be a Cultural Connector send them [here](#) now!

Recap!



Cultural Connectors Programme Launch Event - Video Recap

If you missed the Cultural Connectors programme launch event the video from the event can be found [here!](#)

Click the link to hear more about 'Day One' from Rachel Harris (Producer for Borough of Culture), Beverley Glean (IRIE! Dance Theatre), and watch a short introduction to the Flag Project from artist Jacob Sam-le-Rose.

Questions that were asked in the chat have been forwarded to the producers and responses will be circulated as soon as possible.

The Walk - Recap

Lewisham welcomed Little Amal, a giant puppet of a 9-year-old refugee girl on Friday 22nd October. Met by the sounds of South London Samba, a flurry of bubbles, huge cheers and even a big wheel - Amal was

introduced to the vibrancy of Lewisham before she headed off to continue her walk, next stop Manchester.



COMING UP!

The L Boc Bop goes live!!



IRIE! dance theatre has created a signature movement sequence for to mark Lewisham becoming London Borough of Culture 2022. The L BOC Bop, is a short sequence of movement 6 x 8 counts done in a 4/4-time signature. The sequence is around 30 seconds in length and is designed to be continually repeated. So, once you have learnt it, you can bring your own vibe to the dance!

We want everyone in the borough to have participated with this social dance in some way. So much so, we are starting by delivering workshops to Lewisham schools, early years and educational settings.

A soundtrack has been specially created for the Bop by artists from The Midi Music Company, which celebrates our diverse communities, amplifying local voices of pride and fun, while creating a lasting legacy.

Aside from learning the Bop, groups will be supported to use the sequence as a starting-point to create an extended dance, which will be documented and screened or performed live as part of Lewisham Borough of Culture.

The Offer

There are **35 workshops** available for schools, early years and educational settings to book, with sessions starting from **week beginning November 15th – week ending December 17th 2021**. Please note, the offer is one workshop per setting, and booking is on a first-come first-serve basis.

To book a session or for more information, please call or email:

Connor Taylor, IRIE!'s Education & Community Engagement Coordinator

Phone: **020 8691 6099**

Email: connor.taylor@iriedancetheatre.org

Wider community based workshops will be announced in coming weeks.

You can also learn the Bop without taking part in a workshop. **To access a digital version of the L BOC**

Bop, a worksheet for developing ideas for extended Bop and the soundtrack (instrumental and/or vocals) please follow the link: www.riedancetheatre.org/l-boc-bop

A seated version of the Bop is currently being recorded and will go live on the IRIE! Dance Theatre website very soon.

Music & Dance Project for Primary Schools exploring the Climate Emergency



In partnership with **Lewisham Music**, **Trinity Laban** is seeking primary school-aged choirs – existing or formed especially for the project – to take part in an exciting new project exploring the Climate Emergency.

The project will run from the end of February onwards, with a view to staging a large-scale outside performance in mid-June. Choirs will be learning music specially written by the Lewisham-raised and internationally renowned musician **Eska Mtungwazi**, who is working alongside choreographer **Sarah Golding** and writer **Cecilia Knapp** to devise the piece.

Sign up your school now to take part in this exciting music and dance project for Borough of Culture, and take a stand together on the climate emergency.

To find out more and register your interest in taking part, send an email to **Neill Quinton: n.quinton@trinitylaban.ac.uk**

TEACHERS CONSULTATION!

Migration Museum Teachers Forum
Thursday 4th November, 4.30pm - 6pm
Migration Museum, Lewisham Shopping Centre, SE13 7HB



The Migration Museum is planning a competition for all young people in Lewisham during Borough of Culture 2022 where groups of young people are invited to design and create their own migration exhibit for display in the Migration Museum.

To ensure that this competition is a fun and engaging way of getting students involved in Lewisham Borough of Culture, we would like to speak with a selection of teachers from across the borough to

explore how it would work best for schools.

Refreshments will be provided so please do come along, mingle and share your thoughts.

Book to attend [here!](#)

LEAN will continue to share Borough of Culture news via this regular mailout, and there are lots of other ways to keep-in-touch.

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