



## **Lewisham Borough of Culture - Education Update** (September 2021 – Part 1)

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

**Make sure your school receives our updates and is kept in the loop by signing up to be your school's Cultural Connector – find more information and register [HERE](#)**

### **Dates for your diary!**



**Schools Launch - Lewisham Borough of Culture**  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2022**  
**Schools & Education Settings across the borough**

Lewisham's Borough of Culture 2022 will launch with two specially created projects, the **L-BOC BOP** and **flag designing project**, celebrating the creativity of our young people and putting schools at the heart of 'Day One'!

Led by two outstanding artistic leaders from Lewisham, schools will be supported to prepare for Borough of Culture starting **this term**.

Preparation will work around schools' many commitments and be light-touch but big impact, using accessible online sessions and resources. The projects will focus on drawing out our creativity, learning new skills and being joyful, with the results showcased on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January as part of a whole borough celebration attended by Mayor of London Sadiq Khan.

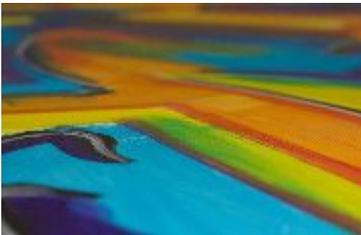


## **Let's get moving with the L-BOC Bop**

IRIE! Dance Theatre, Britain's leading dance theatre company working in the field of African & Caribbean dance fusion are creating a signature dance that captures the uniqueness, heritage and energy of Lewisham!

With your help, we want to launch Day One with every school taking part in a mass performance moment across the borough. With online tutorials, CPD and some in-school workshops, everyone can take part at their own level, get moving and have fun learning the routine. This is a chance for everyone - dancers, non-dancers, two-steppers and shy movers to all take part and set off Lewisham Borough of Culture with a bang!

Lewisham Council plan to capture some of the L-BOC Bop performances, to be broadcast on a giant screen in central Lewisham on the evening of Day One and on-line.



## **Designing Flags for Lewisham**

Also on 'Day One', in a ceremony as dawn breaks, every ward will raise a special flag designed by a local young person. Renowned poet and writer Jacob Sam-le-Rose will work with schools across the borough to inspire designs celebrating all 18 wards and the spirit of Lewisham's young people.

Encouraging creativity through words and visual imagery, he will explore the meaning of flags and encourage young people to create their own.

One flag from each ward will be chosen to be made and flown for the 'Day One' ceremony and all designs will feature in the public projection in Lewisham central and on-line. The flags and designs will also be gathered together to feature as site decoration for People's Day in July 2022.

## **Countdown to 'Day One'**

### ***October 2021***

School registration for the L-BOC BOP and Flag Designing projects go live!!

[Cultural Connectors](#) will be updated on how to register their schools interest and sign-up for workshops, training and online tutorials. Keep your eyes and ears peeled for information as it is released!

### ***November - December 2021***

Learn the routine, design the flags - workshops, training, online tutorials

**Friday 28th January 2022**

Day One - Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022

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## Coming Up!



### **SHEroes of Lewisham!**

This exciting new primary school poetry project for Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022 explores the stories of inspiring women past and present - including local suffragette Rosa May Billinghurst. This cross curricular project combines creative writing, performance skills, history and human rights education.

Local poet and experienced facilitator Laila Sumpton, is looking to work with 2-3 Primary Schools in Lewisham, particularly Years 5-6 classes. Co-facilitators from Goldsmiths University's Poetry and Education MA will be trained to deliver the sessions and support young writers.

Three 1.5 hour workshops will be delivered by the SHEroes team in each Y5/6 class in January/February. There will be a planning and debrief meeting with teachers, and a student poetry performance in a school assembly.

The poetry will be edited into a publication and also displayed alongside portraits of the SHEroes in Lewisham libraries for International Women's Day 2022 (March 8th), as well as being showcased at the Deptford Literature Festival.

#### **Cost**

Funding is being sought from Arts Council funding to subsidise school costs to £225 - for three workshops, a showcase and a printed publication.

#### **How to apply**

Email [lailanadia@gmail.com](mailto:lailanadia@gmail.com) with the details of the main contact teacher and 100 words explaining why taking part in this project would make a difference to your school by **27th September 2021**.

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## Don't Forget!

### **The Walk**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**  
**Deptford High Street**

From July to November 2021, a giant puppet of a 9-year-old refugee girl called Little Amal will walk from the Syria-Turkey border, across Europe to the UK. As a lead-in to Lewisham Borough of Culture 2022, Deptford High Street will host the arrival of Little Amal in October 2021, introducing her to this part of the

borough and supplying her with gifts for her onward journey.

Schools can [use the education pack](#) to follow Amal on her learning journey or create their own [Act of Welcome](#) and share it online.

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



### **Greater London Authority - London Schools Climate Kick-Start Activity and Green Schools grants! *(Deadline 24 September 2021)***

Grants are available for London state secondary schools and education providers (please note that independent and private schools are not eligible to apply).

**Kick-Start Activity Grants:** Small grants of £500 to £2,000 are available to host environmental activities during the Climate Kick-Start week (1-5 November) (e.g. to pay for a specialist facilitator or equipment).

**Green School Grants:** Investment grants of £8,000 to £10,000 are available to help accelerate or kickstart longer-term projects which engage students with tackling the climate and ecological emergencies.

To apply for a grant, you must complete the eligibility checker and submit your completed form and supporting information through the Groundwork online portal by **9am, Friday 24 September 2021**. You must submit your application through the portal.

**More information about the grant, guidance notes and access to the Groundwork online portal can be found [here](#) !**

All secondary schools and education providers (including private and independent schools) are welcome to receive [free lesson resources](#) and toolkits which relate to the curriculum.

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### **Phoenix Community Housing - Community Chest *(Deadline 15 October 2021)***

Phoenix Community Housing are partnering with Lewisham Borough of Culture in providing £12,500 from our Community Chest fund. The grants available are up to a maximum of £2,500 to support the Borough of Culture themes which are:

- **We will protect this place we love** – a call to action on climate change
- **We are strengthened by our diversity** – a celebration of our borough of sanctuary
- **We will be happy here** – a commitment to building an inclusive society, working together to deliver change

Projects must be delivered in the Phoenix areas of Bellingham, Downham and Whitefoot and **schools are eligible to apply**.

Closing date for applications is **Friday 15 October at 12 noon**.

The Application Form and Criteria documents are available via the Phoenix website: <https://www.phoenixch.org.uk/communitychest> and there are a series of advice sessions for potential applicants, further details of which can be found in the Criteria Document on the website.

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