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In 2020/21 we made grants of £2.21 million, part of it directed to a special, Phase One, response to the impact of the pandemic. 277 individuals received grants paid to them directly (we supported 199 students: 151 in Higher Education and 48 in Further Education). 24 Lambeth

schools received grants, as did 96 Lambeth community groups and charities.

Our **BounceBack Programme** is our Phase Two response to the pandemic and addresses the longer-term impact on Lambeth's younger citizens. We've called it

*Walcot BounceBack*. It is a two-year, £2 million programme to help low-income Lambeth residents under 30 get into (or back into) paid work. The delivery stage begins in October 2021.

Please see our website for more.

### Things we count as important as a grant-maker

- **WE BUILD ON THE STRENGTHS OUR GRANTEES ALREADY HAVE** We view our grantees as partners, not as recipients of our charity. We aim to build on the strengths and resilience they already have.
- **NO UNNECESSARY OBSTACLES** We don't ever want to waste an applicant's time. We make applying for our grants as straightforward as possible. We ask for the information we need, and no more. We provide the clearest information about who and what we can fund. And when it comes to post-award reporting, we keep it as light-touch as we can.
- **WE FOCUS ON WHAT IMPACT OUR GRANTS WILL HAVE** Broadly, this is a concern with improvement and success in education, training and employment for Lambeth citizens from low-income households.
- **WE ARE FAIR AND CONSISTENT** We apply consistent eligibility criteria; we do not discriminate on any basis other than income and residence in Lambeth - and age, because most of our grants are required by our charity Scheme to be given to those under 30.
- **WE DO NOT STIGMATISE** The individuals we exist to help often have reason to feel forgotten by wider society. This is why we aim to give a 'hand-up', not a 'hand-out', offering them opportunities they may have been denied, building on their strengths and seeking to grow their confidence and achievements.
- **WE AIM TO BE OPEN IN OUR DEALINGS WITH APPLICANTS** We're interested in grown-up conversations and start with the wish to help applicants if we can. The relationship between applicants and grant-maker can't be exactly equal (applicants ask, grant-makers consider), but we do everything we can to make it mutual, respectful and successful.
- **WE ARE KEEN TO LEARN** We are open to new ideas and to constructive feedback, always interested in new ways of achieving our aims.

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# Welcome

Dear residents,

The flooding London recently experienced tells us that the effects of climate change are already here and will only worsen if we don't take urgent action.

Over the last couple of months, as part of Lambeth's Citizens Assembly on Climate Change, 50 Lambeth residents, broadly representative of our borough, have met to discuss, deliberate, and produce recommendations for everyone in Lambeth on reducing our carbon footprint.

On behalf of all of the organisations representing Lambeth who will be working with residents and businesses to implement the recommendations, I look forward to sharing more details over the coming months, about how we must shape the future of Lambeth together, into a just, resilient and adaptable borough for future generations.



**CLlr Claire Holland, Leader of Lambeth Council**



**Cover:** Welcome the Health and Wellbeing express, a bus that will be parking around the borough to provide tests and vaccination (P.9) **Tell us what you'd like to see onboard.** We would welcome any ideas about what information, advice or guidance you would like to see more of. Send your suggestions to [publichealth@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@lambeth.gov.uk) and mark your email 'Health and Wellbeing Bus ideas'.

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NEWS

# Lambeth continues to welcome refugee families to resettle in the borough

**Lambeth Council has reaffirmed its commitment to welcoming refugees into the borough and providing a safe space for families fleeing war.**



The council agreed to resettle an additional 38 families over the period of 2020 to 2025 under a new government scheme called the UK Resettlement Scheme (UKRS).

This scheme began in March 2021 and has the ambition to resettle 5,000 refugees a year, supporting refugees from all over the world.

It comes after the 2016 pledge by Lambeth Council to resettle 28 families under the Vulnerable Person Resettlement Scheme (VPRS) and Vulnerable Children's Resettlement Scheme (VCRS) and as part of the agreement, we have now managed to resettle 31 families across the borough.

The council celebrated Refugee Week 2021 in July with a programme of events online and in its libraries to support the national "We Cannot Walk Alone" theme.

Cllr Sonia Winifred, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture said: "As well as creating

learning opportunities, sharing and celebrating, the council will continue to lobby the government to do more when it comes to supporting desperate families fleeing war and persecution build new lives in Lambeth and across the country."

The council is working closely with our partners including Single Homelessness Project (SHP) which was commissioned by Lambeth to provide intensive resettlement support to families arriving under the VPRS and UKRS schemes.

Lambeth Council also work with community groups such as local churches, mosques, schools, health professionals, businesses, and charities including the Refugee Council and Citizens UK through Lambeth citizens.

Lambeth Citizens co-chair Barbara Wilson said: "It's been a huge pleasure getting to know the families – ensuring they don't have to walk alone – helping them settle

into life in London, watching the children grow in confidence and do well in school and the adults begin to find work.

"I'm especially pleased that after five years the first families are receiving their indefinite leave to remain so they can feel really safe and secure in their new home and continue to contribute to their communities."

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**Cllr Sonia Winifred, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture**

# A very enterprising town hall...

Tripod Brixton was set up in 2018 as a Creative and Digital Industry (CDI) and social enterprise space in the basement of the town hall in the heart of Brixton.

The light-filled high atrium hosts forward-thinking, creative businesses ranging from marketing agencies such as branding experts Playne Design and Threekey to technology start-ups such as

Growth Studio, which develops online tools for start-up and SiNi Software support companies.

The space is also used by social impact organisations including Corali for dance created by artists with learning disabilities and The Women's Budget Group, which campaigns for women's equal rights.

Start-up entrepreneurs with a creative streak have been offered the chance to become part of a community of businesses using affordable workspace at Lambeth Town Hall.

The space also hosts Sapphire Community Group's empowering youth programmes and the Low Carbon Alliance aimed helping organisations reduce carbon emissions.

For more information about the space available contact Lydia Gardner at Meanwhile Space [lydia@meanwhilespace.com](mailto:lydia@meanwhilespace.com) or on 07985 397464.

## Lambeth to mark Black History Month

Lambeth Council will mark Black History Month with a full programme of events throughout October that will celebrate African Caribbean Heritage and Culture.

The borough will continue to celebrate and support the Windrush generation as well as the injustices they have faced in their struggle for a right to remain.

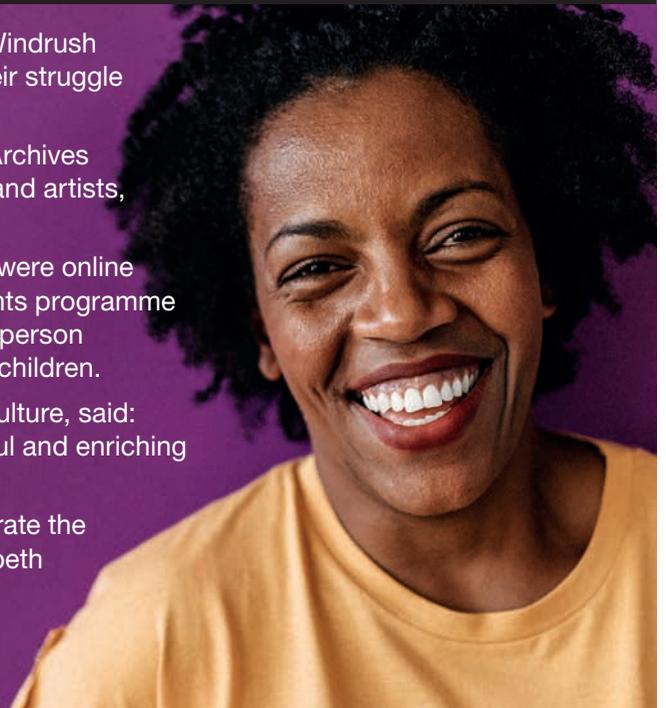
Lambeth Libraries has joined forces with Black Cultural Archives and many local organisations, and a selection of writers and artists, to devise an exciting programme of events.

Last year, much of the Black History Month celebrations were online because of the Covid-19 pandemic. But for the 2021 events programme it is hoped there will be a mixture of online events and in-person workshops, talks and activities aimed at both adults and children.

Cllr Sonia Winifred, Cabinet Member for Equalities and Culture, said: "Last year we came together mostly online for a wonderful and enriching series of events to celebrate Black History Month.

"This year we hope to be able to meet in person to celebrate the influence of African Caribbean residents on making Lambeth the unique diverse place it is today."

'Full details of the programme will be available from September at [#BHM21](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/BHM)'





# Look out for your annual canvass form!

**Electoral Services have sent a canvass form to all residential properties in Lambeth to check voter details are correct.**

## **Must I respond to the Canvass Notification?**

You must respond if:

- Any information is incorrect on the form, or there are people eligible to register to vote at your address who are not included on the form

OR

- The notification you receive states that you must respond.

## **How can I respond?**

The quickest and easiest way to respond is online at [householdresponse.com/lambeth](https://householdresponse.com/lambeth)

Scan the QR code below using a smartphone camera to go to the response website:



You will need to enter the two-part security code which is printed on your form. Anyone in your household can respond.

If you do not provide the requested information we may need to phone you or make a personal visit to your property to confirm voter details. Please help

us save time and Council funds by responding as quickly as possible.

## **Why is being Registered to Vote important?**

- You can only vote at elections if you are registered.
- The electoral register is used for other important functions, including by credit reference agencies to help calculate your credit score.
- If your name is not on the register, you may not be able to get credit, a mortgage or a mobile phone contract.

**For further details visit [lambeth.gov.uk/vote](https://lambeth.gov.uk/vote)**

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# Apply online and apply on time

**Was your child born between 01/09/10 and 31/08/11?**

If yes, your child should be starting secondary school in September 2022. If you are a Lambeth resident, you should apply for a school place using the safe, free and easy to use portal via our website, [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)

It's available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, up until the admissions closing date, which is midnight **Sunday 31 October 2021**. **If you apply after this date the likelihood of gaining a place at your preferred school may be significantly reduced.**

**For more information see the Lambeth secondary transfer 2022/23 webpage via [lambeth.gov.uk/admissions](https://lambeth.gov.uk/admissions)**





# Lambeth's new health and wellbeing bus!

Lambeth Together has converted a bus that will be parking around the borough throughout the coming months.



While coronavirus cases remain high, the bus will be providing tests and vaccination. You can also speak to a clinician or Covid Wellbeing Ambassador about any questions or concerns you may have about taking the vaccine.

The team who will greet you onboard will be a partnership of local health services and organisations. Their aim is to offer a wide range of information about how you can improve your health and wellbeing, and what's available locally.

## Tell us what you'd like to see onboard

We would welcome any ideas about what information, advice or guidance you would like to see more of. Please send your suggestions to [publichealth@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:publichealth@lambeth.gov.uk) and mark your email 'Health and Wellbeing Bus ideas'.

“We're well aware of the impact Covid-19 pandemic has had our residents, particularly those from communities where health inequalities are greatest.

“Giving advice around Covid-19 at this time is crucial, but equally we want to make sure more we reach more residents to help them stay happy, healthy and well after what has been a very difficult year.”

**Cllr Jim Dickson, Joint Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing**

## Come and visit the bus near you

The bus will be at a different location most days, including some upcoming events and markets. For the latest information on where the bus will be, visit [www.lambethtogether.net/wellbeing-bus](http://www.lambethtogether.net/wellbeing-bus)

## Vaccine information and covid support

The bus provides just one of the many walk-in opportunities to get your vaccination. For up-to-date details of other walk-in clinics and who can attend, visit: [www.selondonccg.nhs.uk/popupclinics](http://www.selondonccg.nhs.uk/popupclinics). New dates and venues are being added all the time.

For up-to-date information on the Covid-19 vaccine, please visit: [www.selondonccg.nhs.uk/covid19vaccine](http://www.selondonccg.nhs.uk/covid19vaccine)

For more information on Covid-19 in Lambeth and support available to residents please visit [www.lambeth.gov.uk/covid-19](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/covid-19)

# Be the difference.

Become a foster carer

“My foster parents taught me to ride my bike”

Daniel



## Lambeth carers for Lambeth kids

Many young people need the love and stability a foster carer can give. Living in Lambeth you can help a teenager grow up somewhere they already feel at home, where you can show them the best places, and where there's so much to discover together. Fostered children face less stress or anxiety when they can keep their networks of school, friends and contacts. .

### Word from the Cabinet

Cllr Ed Davie, Lambeth Council's Cabinet Member for Children and Young People, said: "We know we have a strong caring community in Lambeth who make a positive contribution to children in need. It's so important we find more local carers for local children."

### Community of carers

Becoming a foster carer means someone else's child living with

you as part of your family. If you believe you could foster a child or teenager, or share your home to keep brothers and sisters from being separated, get in touch. Lambeth offers foster carers some of London's most competitive fees and allowances, including Council Tax exemptions, plus extensive training, and you'll join a large community of carers – your own support network to share experiences, resources, and ideas with – and our dedicated social team will support you every step of your journey.

### Look out for each other

Local carers and placement can positively reflect a child's identity, heritage and culture. It makes travelling to stay in touch with the family easier and safeguards young people from going missing and other dangers.

“My motivation to foster is very much about supporting vulnerable people and giving back. I went direct to Lambeth Council because they're not-for-profit. I've been allowed to live out a lot of my parenting dreams.”

Lambeth foster carer Thomas

### More information

- Could you be the difference? <https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/fostering/be-the-difference> #LambethFostering #WhyWeCare
- We'd love to hear from you if you have a spare room and want to help young people succeed.
- We also need Lambeth residents to foster children and young people from outside the borough and carers living outside the borough for some Lambeth children where carers could feel at risk from the foster child's family or other local people, or where the child needs a fresh start.

Does your child attend after school or weekend activities? For example, a community or youth centre, sports club, faith group, or one-to-one classes? If so, you'll want to know that new guidance has been issued to help parents choose the place to send children outside of school hours.



# Keeping children safe outside of school time

## Ask the right questions

Many after-school places and activities are unregulated, meaning there's no overall legal framework for every out-of-school activity. Nearly all of these activities are safe and fun for children of all ages to be. But of course, as a parent or carer, you'll want to be reassured that your child is safe while they are not in your care. The new Guidance for Parents and Carers on Choosing Safe Out-of-School Settings includes questions parents and carers should ask, 'red flags' that tell you 'find another provider', and the opposite – what the positive signs of a good place look like.

## What should you ask?

The sorts of questions you may want to ask include - can you visit and talk to the staff who'll be looking after your child? Is everyone DBS checked? Is there a consent form for you to sign, with your medical information and emergency contact details?

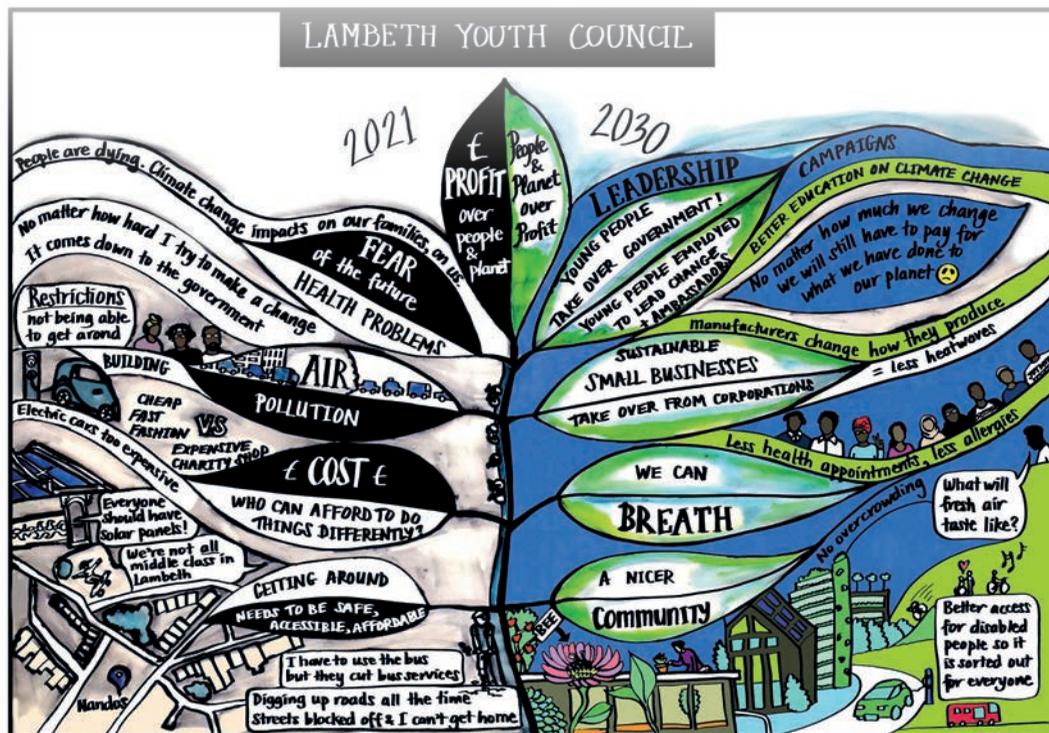
If they can't, or don't want to answer your questions, it's your right to choose something better for your child.

## Danger signs

Things to watch out for include:

- They don't seem to know about Health and Safety risks or keeping children safe.
- The place feels dangerous, eg loose wires, damp, no clear exit route.
- Staff/volunteers who can't explain what they'd do in a fire or other emergency.
- No official first aider (and/or no first-aid kit).
- No child-protection policy (ie no clear steps for children to report things like one child in).

To find out more, read the full guidance issued by the Department for Education at: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/safe-activities-outside-school>



Dr Pen Mendonca @MendoncaPen

Lambeth's Citizens' Assembly on the Climate Crisis has delivered a bold set of recommendations to the borough. They set out how every organisation, business and resident in the borough can play their role in tackling climate change.

## Lambeth Citizens' Assembly on the Climate Crisis sets bold recommendations

**What was the Citizens' Assembly?** From 25 May to 3 July 50, Lambeth residents, randomly selected to reflect the population across age, gender and ethnicity, were brought together to answer the question: *How can Lambeth tackle the climate crisis together, fairly, effectively and quickly?*

Over the 6 weeks, assembly members took part in online discussion workshops and heard from experts and community groups.

The recommendations recognised the urgency of the climate crisis and the disproportionate impact it will have on particular groups including young people, people with disabilities and residents least able to afford to adapt.

**What's Next?** The recommendations will be presented to the borough at full council in the Autumn and a collaborative effort is underway to build them into a Climate Action Plan for the borough. Stakeholders involved in guiding the next phase of work will include key organisations in the borough who have committed to act on the recommendations, such as representatives from the NHS, community groups, businesses and educational institutions, alongside other key organisations.

### What were the recommendations?

13 recommendations were developed by assembly members in the final stage of process. They cover three main areas:

1. Transport
2. Homes
3. Industry

### How can you get involved?

We want every resident and organisation to review and comment on the recommendations.



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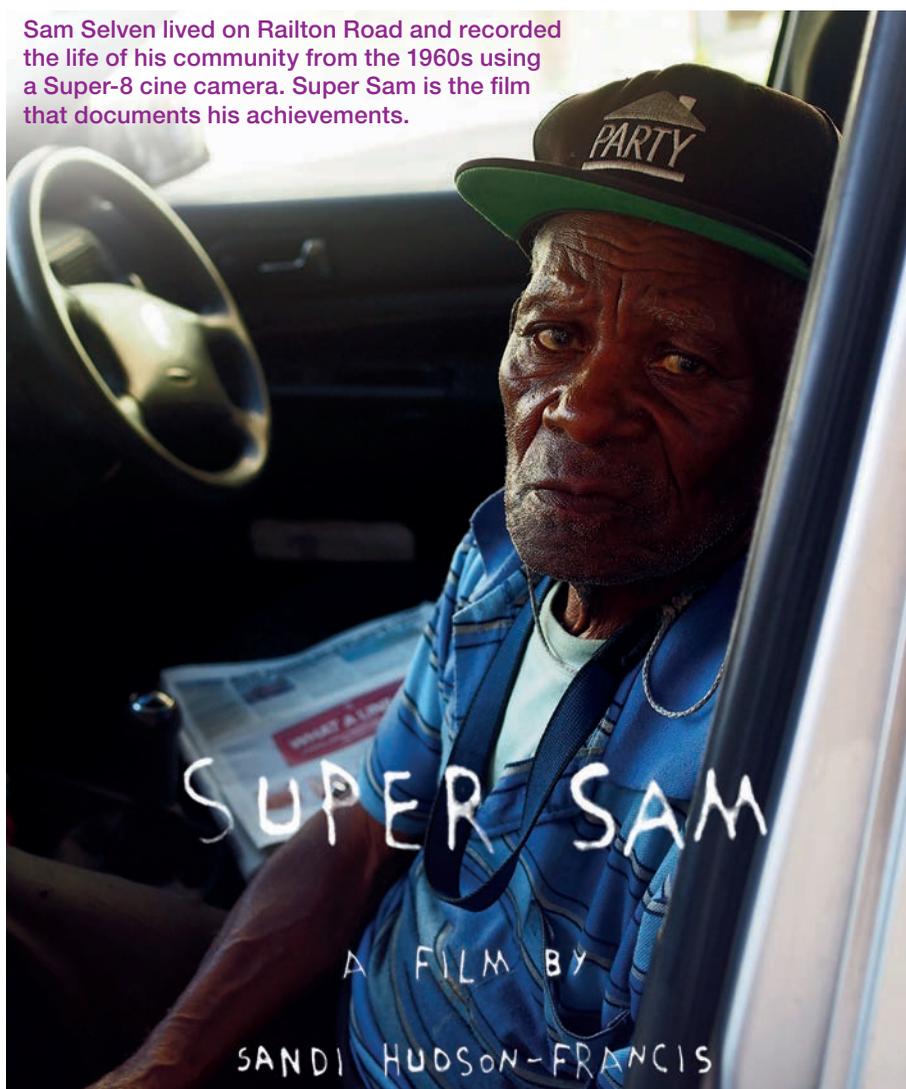
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 **ADDITION**  
By Homes for Lambeth

# Lambeth Heritage Festival runs through September 2021

Sam Selven lived on Railton Road and recorded the life of his community from the 1960s using a Super-8 cine camera. Super Sam is the film that documents his achievements.



If you think you know about the history of Lambeth, then think again. Lambeth Heritage Festival returns in the flesh this September, bigger than ever with over 55 events catering for a whole spread of interests and heritages. After last year's online-only offering, the festival this year will offer a mix of actual events – including walks, talks, film screenings and exhibition events – alongside plenty of online activity for people who prefer not to venture out.

To find out more, visit <https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/heritage-festival-2021>



**Clockwise from the top:**  
The restoration of the Nuclear Dawn mural, originally painted by Brian Barnes (second from right) is the subject of a film screening at the Ritzy.

Conyer's Road, Streatham's folly of a Victorian pumping station, will be open to visitors on Saturday 4th September.

Urszula Soltys discusses her portraits of the local Polish community in *Beyond the Lens*.

Brian Griffiths and Frank Kent's installations in Van Gogh House are one of the museum attractions that Lambeth residents can get reduced entry to during the festival.



at the local legacy of slave traders and abolitionists, Kelly Foster's talk on recent street naming in Lambeth and its significance, 198 Gallery's screening of a documentary about the work of local amateur film maker Sam Selven, 492 Korna Klub's *Windrush* drama and a selection of events coming out of the 81 Acts of Exuberant Defiance programme re-examining the history and legacy of the 1981 Brixton Uprising.

As ever, the festival will explore both the familiar and the unexplored history of Lambeth's people and places, with tours of St John's Waterloo, Brixton Windmill, Henry Tate's gardens in Streatham, West Norwood cemetery and the Conyers Road pumping station, as well as a host of guided walks, each uncovering a very different part of Lambeth's history. There are also opportunities to get reduced entry during the festival to some of Lambeth's more established museums: the open afternoons at the Florence Nightingale Museum, and the special exhibition at Van Gogh House.

As ever the festival, which has been organised by Lambeth Archives and the Lambeth Local History Forum seeks to celebrate the extraordinarily diverse history of Lambeth, both recent and older, often focusing on the less well-known parts of our borough's heritage. Most events are free and will be taking place across the borough throughout the month. The programme includes talks, films, author events, theatre, exhibitions, readings, walks and workshops.

The opening event of the Festival is the welcome return of the Lambeth Local History Fair, which will take place on Saturday 4 September at St Mark's Church, Kennington, from 10.30am-4.30pm. Expect a mix of local society stands, bookstalls, talks and led walks.

Something of a first for this year is a Lambeth Muslim History Walk, while the long presence of Lambeth's Polish community is celebrated in two very different events, through the work of a local portrait photographer, and by a children's event discovering Secret Polish Places in South London.

Aspects of Lambeth's more recent radical past are explored in a couple of events: the screening of a documentary film about the restoration of the 'Nuclear Dawn' mural on Coldharbour Lane; and an author event with Simon Hannah, talking about his recently published *Radical Lambeth*, a history of 'Red' Ted Knight and the Lambeth of the 1980s.

There are many Black History events, from Steve Martin's Clapham 1807 walk which looks

# Get your free flu jab



**Anyone can catch the flu and it could be a serious illness. Lambeth residents that are at increased risk of complications from flu are being urged to protect themselves and their families with a free flu jab.**

Even those who had a flu jab last winter need another one this year to stay protected.

This year, flu vaccinations will be offered FREE of charge to the following groups:

- People aged 50 years or over
- Close contacts of immunocompromised individuals

- Those aged 6 months to under 50 years in clinical risk groups
- Those who are in receipt of a carer's allowance, or who are the main carer of an older or disabled person whose welfare may be at risk if the carer falls ill
- Pregnant women at any stage of pregnancy
- Frontline social care workers who provide hands-on support to social care service users
- All children aged 2 to 15 (but not 16 years or older) on 31 August 2021

- People living in long-stay care facilities.

You can arrange for your FREE vaccination through your GP or local pharmacy.

Parents/guardians of school children should talk to their schoolteachers about how to get their children's free flu vaccination or contact the schools' immunisation nurse team on **0203 049 7188**.

For more information on flu and the flu vaccine visit <https://www.nhs.uk/>

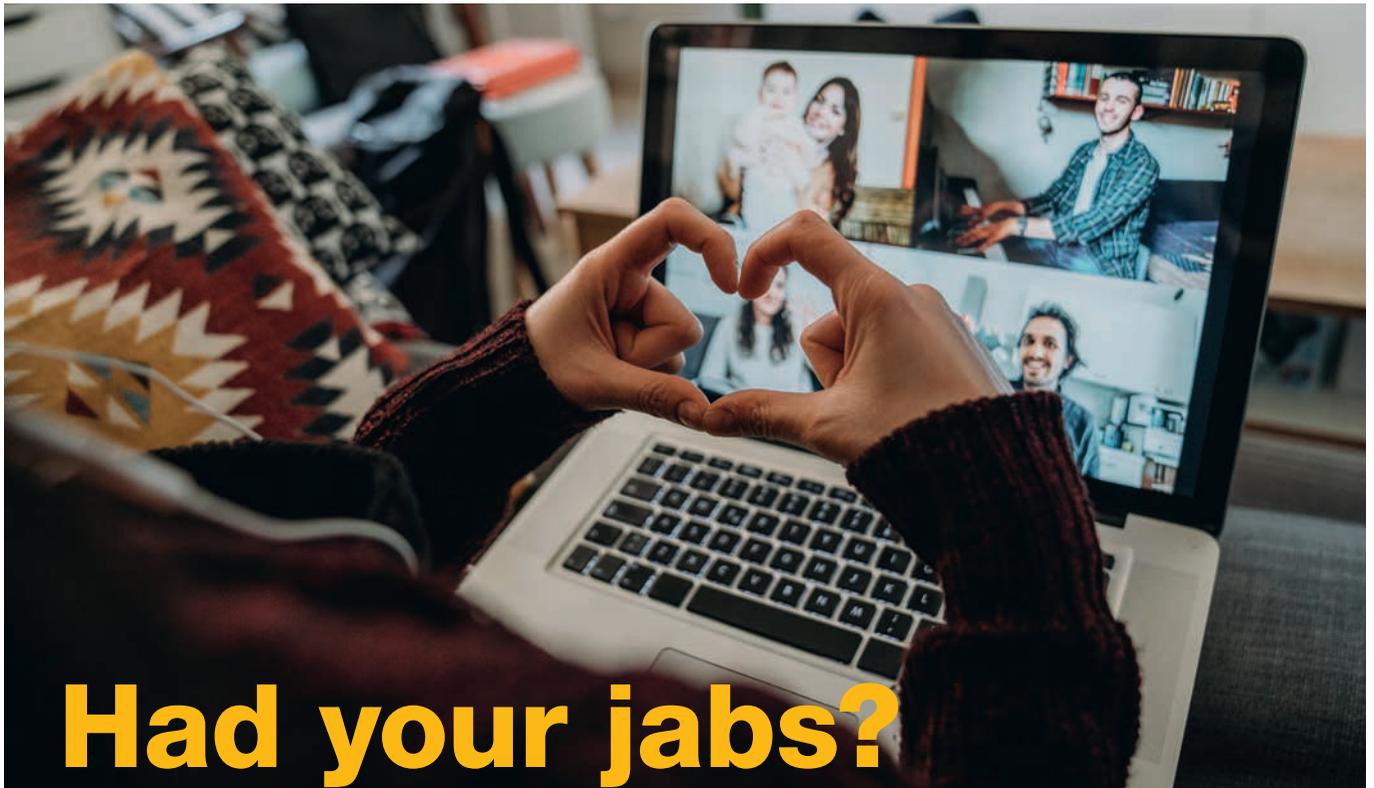
## Flu facts

- Flu isn't just a cold; it can be a serious illness. Anyone, even fit and healthy people, can catch the flu and spread it to others
- The flu vaccine is the best protection there is against flu. The flu virus changes, so you need a flu jab every year even if you had one in the previous year
- Flu cannot be treated with antibiotics
- The flu jab can't give you flu. Flu vaccines are among the safest medical products in use. Like any medical product, vaccines can cause side effects. These side effects are generally mild and go away on their own within a few days
- If you're pregnant, the flu jab doesn't harm your unborn baby. In fact, it can protect your baby from flu for the first few months of life
- People who look after others such as carers and care workers can protect the vulnerable people they care for by getting vaccinated.

“ Flu is not like a cold – it can be a really serious illness for some people. Getting the flu jab is an important way to protect yourself (and the people you care for), particularly if you are pregnant, over 65 years of age, or in one of the other at risk groups. With Covid-19 still circulating in our communities, there is an increased risk of becoming ill, so we are urging residents eligible for the flu jab to take it and stay protected this winter. ”

**Ruth Hutt, Director of Public Health for Lambeth Council**

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# Had your jabs?

## You still need to self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19

Two doses of the vaccine offers strong protection against serious illness, but you can still catch and spread Covid-19 to someone who is vulnerable.

That is why it is still important that you self-isolate if you test positive for Covid-19. Support is available from Lambeth's **Stay home safely support service**, including practical support with tasks like shopping and dog walking, and you could receive up to £738 through our **Stay Home Support Payment** to make up for lost earnings.

### **What if I come into contact with someone who has Covid-19, but I've had both my vaccinations?**

The Government has announced that from August 16 in England, if you are fully vaccinated (more than 14 days since your second jab) or under 18 you will not need to self-isolate following close contact with someone who has Covid-19. You will still need to take a PCR test and self-isolate if it's positive.

[lambeth.gov.uk/self-isolate-help](https://lambeth.gov.uk/self-isolate-help)

  
**Lambeth**

# Crowdfund Lambeth

Lambeth's crowdfunding platform supports community projects that make our borough a unique place to live, work, learn and do business. Crowdfund Lambeth has supported 18 projects since the pandemic began. Here are just five.

Funded projects must demonstrate strong local support through a vibrant crowdfunding campaign. To be considered for match-funding from Lambeth Council, projects must contribute to one or more of the borough plan priorities:

- **Sustainable growth: a growing economy where everyone benefits.**
- **Resilient communities: communities that are thriving and connected.**
- **Promote care and independence: people supported to live well and independently.**
- **Place: Make Lambeth a place people want to live, work and invest.**

**Community café keeps safely serving** Bonnington Café's community of vegetarian and vegan chefs asked for crowdfunding help to keep open in the pandemic. With generous donations of surplus vegetables, they provided free takeaways for local residents affected by hardship and Covid-19.

The crowdfunder reached over 140% of their £6,000 target almost a week before closing date – with Crowdfund Lambeth adding £2,500 – a third of the total to help towards costs so the Café can continue the work they do for the community.



**Lambeth Larder** Lambeth Council nominated Lambeth Larder for the BBC 'Make A Difference Hero' campaign. But without funds, there was a real chance they'd close. Crowdfund Lambeth matched community donations, pledging £5,000 – half the total wanted to keep supporting people in financial crisis.

Lambeth Larder kept local people connected to crucial services – emergency food, advice, and more – throughout the pandemic. Their website and Covid-19 Response Map list over 200 local organisations helping with fuel, advice, mental health, and more. 10,000 free, paper directories for people not online were distributed via GP surgeries, Children's Centres, and food banks.

Lambeth Larder's Virginia Nimarkoh said:

"It's been so heartening to receive this support from our community. Every donation shows that local people value our work and believe in what we're doing. That means a lot to us."

**3Pillars Community** 3 Pillars is a unique sports community where positive role models mentor young people who could be vulnerable to crime, with free weekly community gym sessions at The Black Prince Trust community hub. Our mentors are prison leavers overcoming the challenges of returning to the community and finding work. We call them apprentices, and they make our fitness community so special, supporting all the coaching sessions. Their lived experience helps young people overcome potentially life changing challenges. Last Autumn, Crowdfund Lambeth pledged £5,000 alongside community funding from more than 230 people – helping keep 3 Pillars going when key annual fundraising events were cancelled. In a post-pandemic world, they plan to rise to more and greater challenges.



**I AM Employability** Sasha Gay Smith founded I AM IN ME to 'Invest, Inspire, Influence and Impact' the lives of young people in need, helping to equip those at risk of exclusion, who aren't in education, employment or training, or are at risk of gang affiliation, to be ready to step into apprenticeship, traineeship, or higher education.

I AM Employability set a £2,500 Crowdfunder target to support 32 students leaving secondary school to gain Accredited Level 2 Employability certification – with £1,250 match-funding from Crowdfund Lambeth.

This will double the number of people I AM IN ME supports to increase their opportunities – with an immediate focus on 16-year olds looking for next steps in September, young people unemployed before Covid-19, and ex-offenders.

**Reading Stars** Exceed Reading Stars Sarah, Beverly, and Margaret met in Youth Parliament and share a passion for helping children fulfil their potential. Their Key stage 2 Assisted Reading programme for 6-11 year olds – bridging the gap between reading ages and actual ages –launched with a 13-week pilot after raising £10,690 from supporters and £5,000 from Crowdfund Lambeth.

- Statistics show 20% of children in England cannot read well by age 11.
- In a survey, 78% of parents said children reads books from both school and home.
- 95.3% agreed the need for an assisted reading programme – with work commitments often a barrier to reading with their child.

Their successful fundraiser meant the pilot could run for free and sponsor 12 children to participate.

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# Our repairs teams are changing

Lambeth has appointed new contractors to carry out repairs and maintenance at council homes from July 12.



This is part of our drive to improve standards and services for all our council tenants and leaseholders. But the way you book repairs won't change.

If you need to request a non-emergency housing repair, go to our website [beta.lambeth.gov.uk/housing/housing-repairs](https://beta.lambeth.gov.uk/housing/housing-repairs), or call the call centre on 020 7926 6000.

If you have any questions about the changes, you can contact us at: 020 7926 9995, or email [RCHelpLine@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:RCHelpLine@lambeth.gov.uk).



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# Have you experienced gender-based violence?

the  
**Gaia**  
centre

Run by Refuge

Working in Lambeth  
to end gender violence.

**We can help.** The Gaia Centre provides free and confidential support for Lambeth residents affected by all forms of abuse: physical, sexual, emotional or economic.

- Emotional support
- Safety
- Housing
- Legal options
- Money
- Children

020 7733 8724 [lambethvawg@refuge.org.uk](mailto:lambethvawg@refuge.org.uk) [www.refuge.org.uk/gaia](http://www.refuge.org.uk/gaia)

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# Ready Steady Go!

**FREE sessions to help families achieve a healthier diet and a more active lifestyle.**

**New courses will be starting in September 2021.**

To register or make a referral please use our online link at [lambeth.gov.uk/ready-steady-go](http://lambeth.gov.uk/ready-steady-go)

Contact the team on **020 7926 0619** or email [readysteadygo@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:readysteadygo@lambeth.gov.uk)

  
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## Lambeth Council statement on The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) report ‘Children in the care of Lambeth Council’

Lambeth Council has re-stated its sincere and heartfelt apology to all victims and survivors of abuse and neglect while in Lambeth’s care in the borough’s former children’s homes which were open from the 1930s to the 1980s and 1990s” and end par there.

It welcomes all the recommendations from IICSA that will assist the council to continue to keep children safe now and in the future.

Responding to the publication on 27 July 2021 of the Report into institutional failings by Lambeth Council in the protection of children formerly in its care the Leader of the council, Cllr Claire Holland said: “On behalf of all elected Members and staff, Lambeth Council wishes to re-state our sincere and heartfelt apology to all victims and survivors of abuse and neglect while in Lambeth’s care.

“The council was responsible for their care and protection but failed, with profound consequences. The council is deeply sorry for their experiences.

“The council has co-operated fully and transparently with IICSA, in order to understand what happened to the children in our care and examine the institutional failings; and to reflect and learn from the findings to ensure such events never happen again.”

The Report makes three recommendations for Lambeth Council, including asking the council to develop an Action Plan to deliver improvements, something which the authority already has in place, and which will now be reviewed in light of the report.

The Lambeth Council Action Plan already also ensures and delivers effective training for councillors to

carry out their role as corporate parents and stronger recruitment and vetting of potential foster carers: both are further recommendations of the Report.

Cllr. Holland added: “Lambeth Council fully accepts the recommendations from this inquiry and will continue to strive to improve the care we provide to children and young people.

“The Lambeth Children’s Homes Redress Scheme honours our pledge to face up to the mistakes of the past.

“Lambeth Council proactively established the Redress Scheme in 2018 after extensive consultation with victims and survivors. Lambeth made this decision because there is no Government scheme to provide redress for all victims and survivors of abuse.”

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# Lambeth Children's Homes Redress Scheme

**Deadline: Applications for compensation  
open until 1 January 2022**

Lambeth Council has set up a Redress Scheme for people who, as children, were abused or feared abuse at a Lambeth Children's Home and/or Shirley Oaks Primary School.

**There are two types of compensation payment available:**

- Harm's Way Payment
- Individual Redress Payment

**To find out more about the Scheme, eligibility and to make a claim,  
visit [lambeth.gov.uk/redress](https://lambeth.gov.uk/redress) or email [redress@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:redress@lambeth.gov.uk)**

Below is a list of children's homes that were run by Lambeth or its predecessor authority (and which subsequently transferred to Lambeth), either within or outside of their area, that provided accommodation for children in care.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Almond House Hostel       | 12. Knowle Close                      | 23. Shirley Oaks               |
| 2. Angell Road               | 13. Lancaster Avenue                  | 24. South Vale                 |
| 3. Calais Street             | 14. Lancaster Road                    | 25. Southwood                  |
| 4. Chestnut Road/Robson Road | 15. Leigham Court Road                | 26. Southwood Discharge Hostel |
| 5. Chevington House          | 16. Lorn Road                         | 27. St Saviours                |
| 6. Cumberlow Lodge           | 17. Monkton Street                    | 28. Stephany House             |
| 7. Garrads Road              | 18. Mount Villas                      | 29. Stockwell Park             |
| 8. Gresham Place             | 19. Nottingham Road                   | 30. The Elms                   |
| 9. Highland Road             | 20. Rathmell Drive                    | 31. Thornwick Nursery          |
| 10. Ingleton House           | 21. Rectory Grove/Elaine Claire House | 32. Tivoli Road                |
| 11. Ivy House/Warham Road    | 22. Samuel House                      | 33. Woodvale                   |



# Awesome autumn events for you and your little one



Join us for a huge range of fun, free activities this autumn

**Activities** baby yoga, women's drop in, baby massage, making music, drumming, dads' get-together, coffee mornings, mother & baby groups, storytelling, craft, songs & rhymes, Friday family fun, snuggle time, Natural Thinkers

**Places** Coldharbour, Stockwell, Tulse Hill, Vassall, children's centres and community spaces

Visit our website to find out what's on: [www.leaplambeth.org.uk/events](http://www.leaplambeth.org.uk/events)