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FROM THE LEADER



I have made it clear from the day I took over as Leader that we are not here to do things to people – we’re here to work with them to make things happen. I want to see Haringey become a truly, genuinely collaborative council. It’s how we’ll achieve the kind of change we were elected for.

In May, I announced a new Cabinet to continue the delivery of this commitment. It includes the appointment of a new councillor, along with changes to the portfolio responsibilities – but with eight out of 10 of the Cabinet being women, the gender balance hasn’t changed. The council has also appointed a new Mayor and Deputy Mayor – Cllr Lester Buxton and Cllr Ajda Ovat respectively.

The new member joining the Cabinet is Cllr Emily Arkell, who takes on the Culture, Communities and Leisure portfolio after Cllr Julie Davies sadly passed away in April following a short illness.

Cllr Dana Carlin leads the finance portfolio which is a role made more challenging as the cost-of-living crisis continues to affect thousands of families across the borough. I know Cllr Carlin will undertake this role with the tenacity and commitment that she showed in her previous portfolio.

Cllr Sarah Williams has taken over responsibility for our housing stock and will be committed to getting the best for our residents and holding ourselves accountable to them.

After bringing Homes for Haringey in-house last summer, it became clear that we were not managing, maintaining, or investing in our homes as well as we should have been. That is why we took the bold decision to invest almost £5m to improve the quality of our housing services – one of the largest amounts of its kind in the country.

Key amongst the changes will be a complete overhaul of the repairs service so that tenants do not have to wait long periods for issues to be resolved. Other major priorities include dealing with damp and mould in properties, with the worst cases already being tackled.

Running through the entirety of our far-reaching Housing Improvement Plan is a focus on putting our residents at the heart of everything that we do. We recognise that we can’t provide the services our residents need without engaging with them and hearing them. The plan is examined and monitored by an Improvement Board, chaired by our Chief Executive. This high-level involvement underlines the focus and determination of the entire council executive to transforming council housing in Haringey.

We have also committed £800 million to bringing our homes up to decent standards over the next 10 years, and to ensure we are meeting net zero targets and ending fuel poverty, we have set aside £100 million to begin an ambitious decarbonisation retrofit of our council stock. We are committed to delivering 3,000 new, high-quality, energy efficient council homes as part of the first large-scale building programme of its kind in a generation.

Everyone needs a safe roof over their head. We are focused on providing new and well-maintained homes because it is one of the most important things a council can do to improve the lives of its residents.

The time for talking is over. We need to start showing our residents the pro-active changes we are making to improve the quality of our homes in the borough.

Peray Ahmet

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NEWS

HARINGEY COUNCIL LEADER APPOINTS CABINET

A new Cabinet has been announced by Haringey Leader Cllr Peray Ahmet that includes the appointment of a new councillor and changes to the portfolio responsibilities.

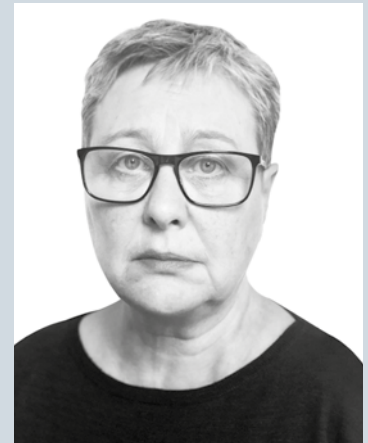
Cllr Mike Hakata will return as the Deputy Leader as well as the Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Transport and Environment, spearheading the council's green agenda.

Cllr Sarah Williams will lead on the Housing Services, Private Renters and Planning portfolio, while Cllr Dana Carlin takes on the Finance portfolio.

The new member joining the Cabinet is Cllr Emily Arkell, who takes on the Culture, Communities and Leisure portfolio after Cllr Julie Davies passed away following a short illness.

The full list of Cabinet positions is as follows:

- **Cllr Peray Ahmet** – Leader of the Council
- **Cllr Mike Hakata** – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Climate Action, Environment and Transport
- **Cllr Sarah Williams** – Cabinet Member for Housing Services, Private Renters and Planning portfolio
- **Cllr Zena Brabazon** - Cabinet Member for Children, Schools and Families
- **Cllr Seema Chandwani** - Cabinet Member for Resident Services & Tackling Inequality
- **Cllr Lucia das Neves** - Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Wellbeing
- **Cllr Dana Carlin** - Cabinet Member for Finance and Local Investment
- **Cllr Ruth Gordon** - Cabinet Member for Council House Building, Placemaking and Local Economy
- **Cllr Emily Arkell** - Cabinet Member for Culture, Communities & Leisure
- **Cllr Adam Jogee** - Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Cohesion



CLLR JULIE DAVIES 1955-2023

Haringey Council was deeply saddened to announce the news that Cllr Julie Davies, Cabinet Member for Communities and Civic Life had passed away following a short illness.

Cllr Davies lived, worked and campaigned in Haringey since 1983, and has served as a councillor since 2018. She was proud to have raised her family in Tottenham with both of her sons attending local schools.

In her cabinet role, she led on parks, leisure, culture, libraries, local food policy and active citizenship. She was also passionate about preserving, developing and celebrating the borough's heritage and civic resources.

Cllr Davies will be missed by everyone in Haringey Council and beyond.



CLLR BUXTON BECOMES YOUNGEST MAYOR IN HARINGEY'S HISTORY

Cllr Lester Buxton has become the youngest Mayor in the history of the borough following his appointment back in May.

A councillor for the Crouch End ward, Cllr Buxton grew up in Haringey and secured an undergraduate degree in Physics from the University of Bath and subsequently a PhD in theoretical quantum mechanics from the University of Surrey.

Cllr Buxton replaces Cllr Gina Adamou, who will continue to represent Harringay ward as a local councillor. Cllr Ajda Ovat replaces Cllr Buxton as the Deputy Mayor.

The Mayor's chosen charity for 2023/24 is the Crouch End-based Open Door (<https://opendooronline.org>), who help support young people aged 12 to 24 living with poor mental health.

MAJOR MILESTONE REACHED FOR THE DELIVERY OF 500 NEW COUNCIL HOMES



The biggest regeneration programme in Haringey's history has taken a major step forward with work getting underway to deliver 500 council homes and a new beginning for the community in Tottenham.

Work has commenced for the first 61 council homes, designed with and for existing residents on the Love Lane Estate, in an area west of the railway line provisionally called Whitehall Mews.

It followed confirmation that the initial tranche of a £90m plus funding package secured from the GLA had been handed over to the council.

The redevelopment will deliver on residents' priorities for better facilities including a new park, public square, refurbished community hub and world-class library and learning centre, and bring £10m of funding for social and economic programmes for the community.

The plans also include the creation of work, business and retail spaces in a revitalised town centre and a dedicated support programme to help local businesses thrive. The programme will create more than 3,500 jobs and 1,500 training opportunities.

In September 2021, tenants and leaseholders at the Tottenham estate backed council plans for the estate, following the first-ever ballot of its kind in the borough.

TOTTENHAM HALE OPEN SPACES GETS £6M CASH BOOST

Community-led plans to deliver two of the most ambitious parks projects in the capital have moved a step closer thanks to a massive £6m cash injection from the council.

Last month the Cabinet gave the green light to invest £5.85m to transform The Paddock and Down Lane Park that will benefit Tottenham Hale for generations. Alongside these green space projects, we are delivering a series of significant placemaking benefits for the area including major investment in 700 council homes and a new district health centre. The building of 3,200 new high-quality homes is already underway or complete, of which 40 per cent

are affordable, including almost 700 high quality and sustainable new council homes with direct access to either Down Lane Park or The Paddock.

The area also benefits from good and outstanding local schools and will see comprehensive healthy streets improvements and major investment in green infrastructure such as over 400 new trees being planted.

We are also delivering some 35,000sqm additional commercial space to support the retail and commercial offer in Tottenham Hale and create new local jobs and business opportunities.

PRESIDENTIAL ROLE

Haringey is thrilled to announce that our Director of Adults, Health and Communities, Beverley Tarka, has taken over the prestigious role as the new President of the Association of Directors of Adult Social Care (ADASS), representing social care leaders across the country.

Beverley has worked in Haringey for the past 30 years in a number of different roles across social care and hopes her experiences will help shape her presidential role on a national level.

Everyone at Haringey Council would like to wish Beverley well in her new role at ADASS.

HARINGEY SECURES HISTORIC OFSTED RATING

Haringey celebrated a significant milestone with Ofsted awarding the council a 'Good' rating overall for our services to children and young people for the first time in our history.

The grading is a watershed moment for all the people who hold the everyday lives and future prospects of Haringey's children and young people at the forefront of their minds and close to their hearts.

Ofsted inspectors visited Haringey in February 2023, when they assessed the care, help and protection given to children and young people and their collective experiences of this support. They also examined what is being done by leaders to improve services.

They found that – since 2018 – many services in Haringey have been "transformed," with most children now receiving "good support, when they need it, from the right people" – including from social workers, personal advisers, early help workers and staff in schools.

The summarised findings from Ofsted's report also outlines how leaders know what is happening in Haringey and "want to learn and do the right thing for children."

SUMMER EVENTS TO PROVIDE LONG-TERM FUNDING FOR FINSBURY PARK

Residents are set to benefit from long term funding and investment in Finsbury Park after we signed a five year agreement with event organiser Festival Republic, bringing world class musical acts to Haringey.

The new agreement will see major events taking place in the park each summer for the next five years, generating significant income for the park and benefitting local businesses and the community.

On average, we receive around £1.2 million from major events

each year, all of which is reinvested into Finsbury Park.

As well as paying for a dedicated Park Manager and team, these funds have enabled the council to make significant improvements to park.

This includes installing the new inclusive Richard Hope Play Space, which was finalised earlier this year, equipping the park with new street lighting, installing air quality monitoring stations and working with the Friends of the Park to improve and expand the skate park.



HARINGEY MARKS WINDRUSH WITH TV ROYALTY

A number of special events took place across Haringey to mark Windrush Day in June, our annual celebration of the Windrush Generation and its legacy.

This year was particularly special as it marked the 75th anniversary of the HMT Empire Windrush landing at Tilbury Docks, bringing migrants from the Caribbean who played a vital role in rebuilding Britain following the devastation of the Second World War.

The anniversary was officially marked as the Mayor of Haringey Cllr Lester Buxton and Deputy Mayor Cllr Ajda Ovat raised the Windrush Flag outside George Meehan House as part of a civic event which featured speeches from David Lammy MP and Haringey councillors, as well as music and spoken word performances.

This was part of a programme of events across the borough, including at Highgate Wood School, where TV legend Sir Trevor McDonald helped officially rename their Wren Building after the Windrush Generation.

Celebrations continued with a day-long celebration at Bruce Castle Park and Museum, featuring vintage-inspired stalls, walking tours, film screenings music and much more.



WE INVEST £5M TO IMPROVE HOUSING SERVICES

We are taking strong measures to transform housing services by investing almost £5million to ensure that our council homes are well maintained and residents' voices are at the heart of our decision making.

Critical amongst the changes will be a complete overhaul of the repairs service so that tenants do not have to wait long periods for issues to be resolved.

Other major priorities include dealing with damp and mould in properties, with the worst cases already being tackled, and ensuring improved performance in respect of building safety compliance.

Housing management services will be more visible and responsive to residents' needs, while improving our cleaning and grounds maintenance standards will create better neighbourhoods.

We want residents to be at the heart of everything everything we do and will strengthen community engagement and involvement in decision-making and service delivery.

Play, learn and enjoy

SUMMER 2023

look online for any late holiday entries at
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COMMUNITY SAFETY AND ENFORCEMENT IN HARINGEY

RECENT SUCCESS

More residents are providing our enforcement team with decisive evidence in the form of statements or video footage captured on residential CCTV cameras and video doorbells. We investigate every referral passed on to us and in the past few weeks we have issued over £3k worth of fly-tipping fixed penalty notices based on information provided by residents. We have also been using our CCTV cameras to capture fly-tippers. Working with the police, we caught two serial fly-tippers who were dumping household waste in Salisbury Road, N4. We issued the two residents a total of £1,200 in fly tipping fines.

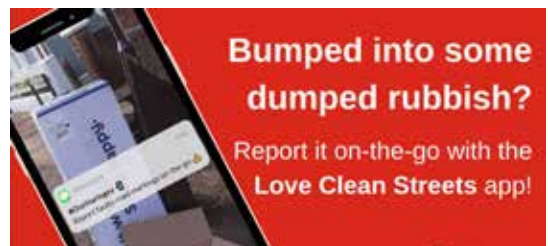
SHARE YOUR IDEAS ON HOW TO MAKE HARINGEY SAFER

Haringey residents and businesses are being called to have their say on how to make the borough safer, with a consultation open on the council's Community Safety and Hate Crime strategies.

The consultation is open until 22 August 2023. Residents and businesses in Haringey can share their ideas by filling in a survey, or by visiting one of our in-person drop-in sessions at locations across the borough.

The survey can be filled in online or via paper copies which are available in Haringey libraries or by emailing consultation@haringey.gov.uk

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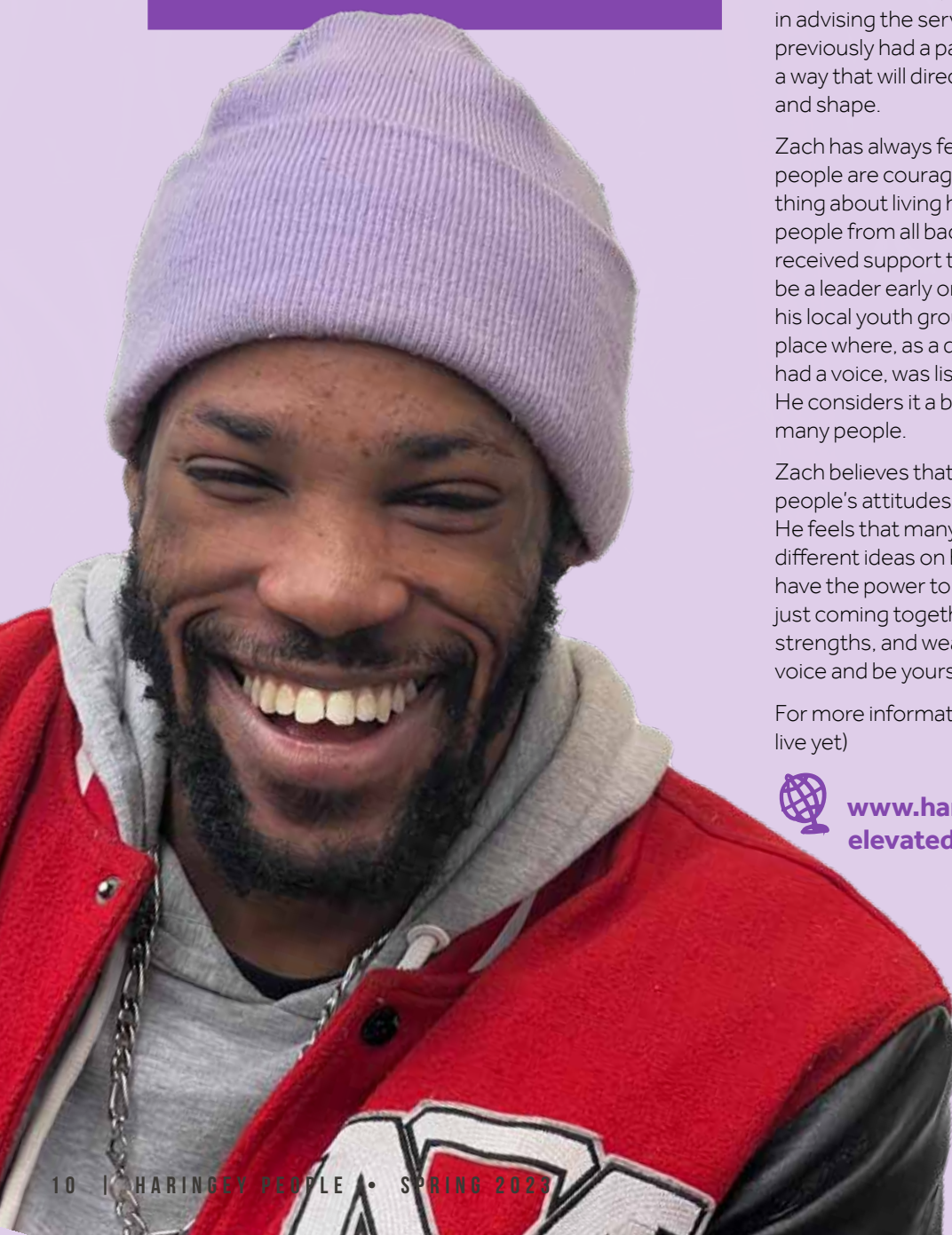
in the last three months



EMPOWERING YOUNG VOICES

“Being yourself is a blessing.” We catch up with Zach Opere-Onguende on his role on our new Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Youth Panel

Luke Zach Opere-Onguende, a 23-year-old from Tottenham, is the first young person to join our SEND



Youth Panel. The forum’s purpose is to encourage young people with lived experience of SEND to share their views with us and help shape our SEND service. The panel also enables them to build community and connections with their peers, organisations and local communities – all while having fun and making new friends.

What does inclusion mean to Zach? “Before, ‘inclusion’ used to mean a special needs person gets involved, but for me, it’s about asking, ‘are people really listening? Are people getting their voices heard? Are people really empowered being themselves, being unique?’”

Our SEND Service supports our SEND community, including children and young people up to 25 with SEND, parents, carers, education practitioners and partners. Independent partners such as Markfield and SEND Power, our Parent Carer Forum, are key in advising the service; however, we have never previously had a panel of young people organised in a way that will directly impact the service’s design and shape.

Zach has always felt that Haringey is a place where people are courageous and says that the best thing about living here is the big community of people from all backgrounds. Growing up, Zach received support that helped him to ‘think big’ and be a leader early on. He feels that he owes this to his local youth group, Markfield, which was the first place where, as a disabled person, he felt that he had a voice, was listened to, and had a responsibility. He considers it a blessing that he can help so many people.

Zach believes that the SEND Panel will change people’s attitudes towards people with SEND. He feels that many people with SEND will have different ideas on bringing about change, but they have the power to change their communities. “It’s just coming together, no matter your ability, your strengths, and weaknesses – you can still have a voice and be yourself.”

For more information, visit (this webpage is not live yet)



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OLYMPIC DREAM BURNS BRIGHT FOR STANDOUT STAR KADER

An aspiring young athlete has set his sights on following in the footsteps of his sporting heroes and becoming a leading light in the world of long-distance running.

Kader Seyed's performance has been impressive so far with good times in half-marathons and marathons recently, in spite of the fact he's still only 19 years old.

For example, Kader was the seventh male runner home at the Brighton Marathon back in April with a time of 2:37:36s. His nearest competitor in the U20 (under 20 years old) category finished more than 185 places – and 20 minutes-plus – further back in the field. And he was only 80 seconds behind the eventual runner-up.

Like any ambitious young sportsperson, Kader wants to get even better. Further improvements on his time will get him closer to, or on, those much-prized podium placings – where his idols usually finish with gold, silver or bronze medals.

"I want to be faster," explained Kader, who counts multiple Olympic and World champions like Kenenisa Bekele and Usain Bolt among the iconic figures he most admires.

"It's good to know that my times are coming down and I am getting faster. It gives me a nice feeling, but I'm going to try to continue to get better.

"My dream is to become an Olympic champion in 1,500m, 5,000m or 10,000m. I'm going to focus all my energies in training on the track as that's where I see my future."

It's clear then from our upbeat interview that Kader is serious about carving out a career for himself in athletics. He has already made great strides – quite literally – over the half-marathon distance, shaving 20 minutes off his finishing times. He expects a similar improvement over the full marathon distance – and this could seriously see him winning some medals.

He keeps himself trim and in shape by regularly going for long runs in Finsbury Park and has even shunned the 'junk food' diet that some of his teenage peers enjoy on a fairly regular basis.

Kader also knows the importance of a strong 'kick' finish in endurance-oriented racing, either on the road or the track, and studies athletes' technique to see if there are specific elements he can incorporate into his own running style.

As an Eritrean national who only came to the UK in 2020, Kader's English is a lot better than he gives himself credit for. Our inspiring chat took place with an online interpreter present, but only to reassure him.

Interestingly too, his enjoyment and passion for long-distance running stemmed from what Kader believes was his lack of ability and technique at the beautiful game of football.

Kader is intent upon kicking on from here though and there's an ultimate goal in sight.



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TREE-MENDOUS!

Local community raise money to plant 18 trees

It's amazing what can be achieved when the community pulls together.

Last winter, a group in Tottenham keen to green their neighbourhood, harnessed the power of crowdfunding to plant 18 trees in Rosebery Avenue and Shelbourne Road.

One of the campaigners, Jon Sheldon, tells their story.

Rosebery Avenue and Shelbourne Road had very few trees to boast about, so setting up the Trees for Streets crowdfunding campaign was a great way to quickly change that. Both streets are part of a very busy through traffic 'rat-run', seriously impacting on air quality. Data from Breathe London air quality monitors backed up our concerns by showing consistent dangerously high levels of exhaust pollution.

Increasing the number of street trees is one of many ways known to help clean the air—but there is an additional benefit - trees have a calming presence. They are good for mental health and are proven to slow down motorists who are passing through.

We promoted our Trees for Streets crowdfunding campaign through our Healthy Streets North Tottenham group and provided regular updates on our progress.

Our local demographic is very mixed, so we understood that not everyone could contribute financially, but we wanted to make it inclusive and accessible, and talking



about the campaign was considered as important as donating. We organised a family event at our local brewery, Ora. Children helped with letter mail-outs and we encouraged everyone to talk to their neighbours about it.

Personally, I doubted we would reach our target, even after Haringey Council gave us a kick start with funds from a planning agreement. But slowly we chipped away at the target and celebrated each tree as a landmark.

Seeing the tree pits being dug created a buzz of messages before the trees were planted. Considering it was a weekday, there was a good turnout from residents and campaign backers to see the first trees being planted.

We were so excited to reach the 18-tree target.

Street trees alone won't solve all the issues here, but they are an important piece of the puzzle and a great step in the right direction to creating safer, cleaner, more welcoming, healthy habitable places to live for all residents.



Healthy Streets North Tottenham built their campaign on the Trees for Streets crowdfunding platform.

Haringey Council has teamed up with Trees for Streets, a national charity, to make it easier for residents, groups and organisations to fund tree planting in streets and parks across the borough.

If you'd like to fundraise to plant trees in your community, drop Trees for Streets a line to hello@treesforstreets.org. For more information on the scheme in Haringey, visit



www.treesforstreets.org/haringey



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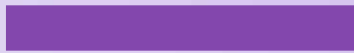


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LIBRARY LATES

Alexandra Palace's Young Creatives Network has joined forces with Haringey Libraries to curate a new series of live music events.



Not exactly a quiet night in the library...this spring a team of local young people launched Library Lates, a new initiative bringing live music and creative performances, by local artists, into into Haringey's libraries..

It is the brainchild of participants of Ally Pally's Young Creatives Network (YCN) which is made up of passionate young people, aged 18-28, who want to be part of the cultural evolution of the city - starting on their own doorsteps.

Before creating the Lates sessions, YCN members attended an Event Management trainee course, which featured a range of workshops run by the Alexandra Palace team, and partners and professionals from across the events industry. Workshops covered everything from event management to marketing and social media promotion, and other essentials.

Eugene Chan, one of the YCN members curating the launch of Library Lates sessions at Wood Green Library, explains: "I joined the YCN earlier this year. It's a great opportunity for someone creative like me to get involved, learn and give back to the community."

The opening night featured a solo set by Indie rock band Porridge Radio's lead singer Dana Margolin, with support from British Rappers Surya Sen and GBNGA, as well as the immersive WeJam experience. "We organised the event to raise money for Haringey Giving and spotlight local artists. It was a fun intimate evening with a mixed crowd. The artists brought different groups of people together and it was rewarding to see what we had planned, turn out so well," explains Eugene.

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Since then, other Library Lates have featured comedy performances, as well as shining a light on local musicians. The sessions are all open to everyone in Haringey.

Eugene and fellow YCN members have also recently played a role in celebrating Alexandra Palace's 150th anniversary. They helped curate the People's Stage

at the Palace's Birthday Party event in May, which saw local acts play to an audience of thousands.

Eugene says: "It was a really exciting opportunity to be involved in such a big event! We helped out on the day, working under the supervision of the Palace's professional teams, helping to make sure everything was running on time and, most of all, that everyone was having a good time. Summer at Ally Pally is always great."



The Young Creatives Network is just one of a host of activities from Alexandra Palace's Creative Learning programme, which aims to inspire people to explore their creativity and build skills that improve job and education prospects. Eugene says: "It introduced me to a network of people I wouldn't have otherwise met, really helping support my passion and further my career."

To find out more about Library Lates or the Young Creatives Network, email learning@alexandrapalace.com

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Step forward Mike De Ath, who – along with his son Niall, son in law Rob and nephew Jack – recently climbed Mount Kilimanjaro and raised more than £13,000 for the Haringey Play Association (HarPA) in the process.

Fittingly, Mike readily admits the characteristics that helped him reach the 5,895m summit of the tallest freestanding mountain in the world, are exactly the same as those passed down to the next generation - through play at HarPA.

Climbing the mountain is a physical and mental challenge, commented Spurs supporter Mike, who is a HarPA trustee with strong family links to Northumberland Park and Tottenham.

What it very much taught me is that it's not just about physical fitness. It's also about mental positivity and that, again, is something the HarPA teaches children kids really well – that you can succeed in all kinds of areas if you've got the right positive mental attitude.

The last day on Kilimanjaro was undoubtedly the hardest. There are times where you think to yourself: 'I've really got to dig in here because just keeping going is pretty hard.' But that's a metaphor for life; it's not always easy. You sometimes just have to dig in, keep going and then, eventually, you realise you're not too far away and you can make it, which is exactly what we did.

Just when you feel: 'Gosh, this is very hard,' you find your inner strength and access inner reserves.

The main motivation for Mike all along was the good that the money raised would do for the N17 community. Now, thanks to the money raised, HarPA is benefitting from a secure platform on which to expand and grow at a time when many similar organisations are struggling to survive.

The voluntary sector plays an essential role in helping young people lead better lives in struggling areas like Northumberland Park, where there's always lots and lots of changes going on, Mike added.

HarPA is a phenomenal community resource that gets very little funding. They don't charge for kids and youngsters to use this safe space, so they are reliant on fundraising and donations.

It's also an educational space, where kids learn life skills through the brilliant people who work and volunteer there.

Paji, who now helps run the organisation, came up through the sisterhood group that formed there. It's fantastic to see local kids and young people progress and have opportunities open up for them.

HarPA is an amazing and remarkable organisation.



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MULTIPLYING WITH CONFIDENCE

Maths is an integral part of the world around us, but it can make a lot of people feel anxious. Multiply by Haringey Learns is a new project that aims to improve residents' every-day maths skills.



Parents and staff from Ferry Lane Primary School recently took part in a Multiply workshop. Maryam Mohammed is a parent and volunteer at the school, and was one of the 15 learners who attended the session. As a beginner in maths and having English as a second language, Maryam recognised that she had a number of barriers to her learning. But the workshop changed her opinion about maths. She said, "Before was bad but now is good. I can use this with my son. I can understand what he does. Maths is very good to help the children and also to help me at home."

Mahjabeen Jaffer, a parent and member of staff running the Stay and Play group and after-school clubs, took part as well. "I wasn't very good at maths when I lived in India. I used to look at maths and get really scared."

The workshop has had a significant effect on both Mahjabeen and Maryam's attitude towards maths.



"Now for me, everything is different, and I am happy to do maths," said Maryam. "It's making a difference in my daily life, whether I'm at home or out shopping - it's easier," she added.

Mahjabeen also shared his positive experience, saying, "Before, I couldn't even do simple maths, but now I am able to work it out. Previously, I would always just say 'I don't know,' but now I can at least attempt to work things out, even if I might be wrong. I'm starting to enjoy maths - it's not as bad as I thought. Once you understand it, you can't be scared of it. I just had to come out of my comfort zone and try it. I'm more confident with everyday maths, which I wasn't able to do before."

Initiatives like this can have a big impact on people's lives - and show maths is fun! Find out more at



www.haringey.gov.uk/multiply-haringey-learns

KIORI STUDIO

Kiori Studio is based in Tottenham and is a women-led fashion and art design space specialising in garments, accessories, art and furniture design. Founder Maritta Nemsadze shares her story.

"I was raised by my great grandmother in Tbilisi, Georgia. Watching her knit, I fell in love with knitting, crochet and handcraft too.

"In 2005 I started my degree at University of the Arts London Central Saint Martins. I received my BA in Fashion Design – Womenswear and MA in Material Futures. After my studies I became freelance, honing my skills and gaining trusted clients. From this, I knew I was ready to take the next step - opening my own business."

In 2018, Kiori Studio was born. 'Ki' meaning knitwear innovation and 'Ori' the Georgian word for two, representing Maritta and her husband Shota. Kiori became known for its intricate fashion-art pieces.

"With more projects onboard, we were able to hire graduate students and interns with the hope of employing them full-time. Unfortunately, when COVID-19 hit, we had to make some difficult decisions and I had to run Kiori on my own.

"In May 2021 Maisie our Studio Manager joined the team. Since then, we've worked together to build our client base and the studio and have taken on a further three staff members..

"The fashion industry can be poorly paid and involve long hours. We are breaking down those barriers both here and in my hometown of Tbilisi, Georgia.

"I have set up a production facility in Tbilisi which provides work for local women. Many were housewives and this opportunity allowed them to use their skills and to become more independent as we build a community celebrating creativity, teamwork and the use of handcraft.

"To other women looking to run their own business I would say go for it! It is hard work, but also so rewarding."

The Productive Valley Fund (PVF) has supported Kiori to take on a new studio, purchase new machinery and hire more staff. Find out more about the Productive Valley Fund:



www.productivevalleyfund.co.uk

Find out more about Kiori Studio



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Yvonne Daniel has been a Deputy Superintendent Registrar at Haringey Register Office for more than 30 years. Yvonne tells us what it is like to work at George Meehan House and what an average day looks like for her.

"As a Registrar I am lucky and feel privileged to register three most important events of someone's life.

I witness the excitement of registering every birth that occurs in Haringey. Sometimes I am lucky and get to hold one of these brand-new babies.

Being a Registrar can be very sad at times. Registering the death of a loved one is a very difficult time, and helping people to navigate this process to make the bereavement process easier, is a key part of my role. Hearing about the person's life is often a special and moving experience.

For me, it's a privilege to conduct marriages and civil partnerships. Before a couple can get married or have a civil partnership, they have to give notice. My role in these notice appointments is checking each couple's legal documents – it gives me a chance to hear their stories of how they met and to witness their excitement as they plan their wedding.

I also conduct citizenship ceremonies every week, where new citizens swear



an oath and pledge of allegiance to the King and we confer the honour of British citizenship on them.

Conducting ceremonies is one of my favourite parts of my job – which is just as well because, in Haringey, we perform up to 2,000 wedding and civil partnership ceremonies every year. Not just at George Meehan House either, we also conduct ceremonies at other venues, including Tottenham Hotspur FC, Bruce Castle Museum and several banqueting suites. It's so exciting to meet the couples and help plan their special day.

With the citizenship ceremonies, I have the honour of welcoming new citizens from all over the world into our community.

Of course some parts of the role are challenging, for example, during the pandemic we had to cancel all ceremonies, notice appointments and birth registrations. Deaths were registered over the telephone, which was sometimes difficult for everyone involved.

Each day is different, working at the Register Office. For example, we've recently started conducting ceremonies in the garden at George Meehan House. Couples can mark their special day, with friends and family, in the beautiful garden.

Every day, I meet amazing people. As Haringey is such a diverse borough, every time I meet someone from the community is different. I get to bear witness to history, and I feel very privileged to be in a job that allows me to do that.

I truly love my job!"

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RUTH HUTCHINSON

THE LIFE-STORY BEHIND HER PORTRAIT

'A Likkle Bit of Me, Myself and I'

I was born in Jamaica and came to England in 1959. It was only to be for four years to train as a nurse - the first in my family. I was just 22 years old.

I flew here with B.O.A.C (British Overseas Airways Corporation). I brought a suitcase and wore a little white hat and flat shoes. My mother made me warm clothes as I was frail and England was cold: underwear, flannelette bloomers. On the plane we were given a booklet about living in the UK - it was called 'How to Adjust Yourself in England' - it told me everything I needed to know.

I was the only Black girl on my ward. Everything felt different or scary to me. The stockings we wore were the colour for white people, I just couldn't get stockings the right colour for my legs. I had to boil up teabags and dye stockings that I bought in Woolworths. While I was training I had to help a TB (tuberculosis) patient in the isolation ward - a very heavy man - who I had to lift. He'd make jokes saying: 'Come here, Chocolate'. I didn't know that he meant me. It didn't feel like a bad experience at the time as I didn't understand. Back home, chocolate was a drink.

My family expected me to return to the Caribbean when I had completed my training. Almost 65 years on, bringing up two children by myself and having had a happy and successful career in Early Years and children's nurseries, I am still living in London.

Throughout my life I have been an active campaigner: education, saving the environment, freeing Nelson Mandela, the closure of Greenham Common airbase, the ordination of woman priests. Now I volunteer for organisations and contribute to my local community in Haringey. I love recycling and make good use of recycled materials for my artwork.

I wanted to go to university but didn't have the chance. I love art, museums, poetry and gardening, and indulged as much as I could, around jobs and family commitments. When I retired, I went to Tottenham Technical College and created this painting. I wanted as much of my character in the portrait. A self-made individual woman, wearing bright colours often topped with a hat. But no hat here. I wanted lots of spikes, my hallmark reddish-purple hair colour so I am recognisable as 'Rebel Ruth', known for my activism. I used colours of Jamaica - green and yellow. Blue remembers my best friend, Dave. We spoke every day and I miss him enormously.

When it comes to another dear friend, my local museum at Bruce Castle, I wanted to donate my portrait and tell my Windrush Generation story - a likkle bit of me.

Ruth's painting is on display at Bruce Castle Museum. Plan your visit at



www.brucecastle.org



WHAT'S ON

Summer is finally here, and with warmer days ahead, there are so many fun things to do throughout Haringey over the next couple of months.



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27 Aug, 2pm

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26-27 Sep, 6.30pm

10 years almost to the day since their last appearance at Alexandra Palace, the beloved indie band is taking to their stage again, bringing with them their ninth studio album, First Two Pages of Frankenstein. Support will come from Soccer Mommy. 14+

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ALEXANDRA PALACE, THE NATIONAL



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Lordship Lane, N17

www.brucecastle.org

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7-9 July

London's number one urban music festival is returning to Finsbury Park this summer, bringing the best hip-hop, grime and R&B artists to Haringey. Confirmed headlining acts include, Travis Scott, Playboi Carti, and D Block Europe.

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[wirelessfestival.co.uk/
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5 Aug

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