

# Lambeth Community Pride Awards 2016



Souvenir programme

# Programme

## Tuesday 6 September

Jardine Suite, The Kia Oval

Your host – Miranda Brawn



Miranda Brawn is a Barrister, Founder of the Miranda Brawn Diversity Leadership Foundation and Vice Chair of the Black Cultural Archives.

6.30pm Guests arrive – refreshments

7.00pm Awards ceremony

8.30pm Dinner served

10.00pm Guests depart

### This year we present awards in eight categories:

1. Best community garden
2. Best private garden
3. Best food growing project 2016
4. Bringing your Neighbourhood together
5. Innovation and Enterprise
6. Voluntary or community organisation of the year
7. Young resident of the year
8. Resident of the year

### The judges

The private and community garden categories were judged by:

**The London Gardens Society**

The food growing project was judged by:

**Incredible Edible Lambeth**

### Judging panel for all civic awards:

**Councillor Saleha Jaffer**

Mayor of Lambeth and chair of meeting

**Rick Ogden**

Commander for Lambeth, London Fire Brigade

**Nick Collins**

Representing the Metropolitan Police, Brixton

**Councillor Donatus Anyanwu**

Lead member for Community Relations, Lambeth Council

**Councillor Scott Ainslie**

Green Party, Lambeth Council

**Margaret Pierre**

Director, High Trees Community Development Trust

**Mohammed Ijaz**

Representing South London Islamic Centre

# Community Pride Awards 2016

## Welcome!

The Lambeth Community Pride Awards recognise people who care about their local community and make a positive contribution to the lives of others.

This year we had a record number of 165 nominations. On behalf of all councillors I would like to thank all those who nominated residents and organisations and congratulate all nominees for their hard work. Your efforts to make this community a better place to live are equally appreciated by your fellow citizens and the council.

I would also like to thank the judging panels for assessing the merits of each nomination and deciding the winners; and also our sponsors for helping to make the awards event happen.

This year I will present the Mayor's special award to community champions, people who deserve to be acknowledged as role models.

Enjoy the evening.

**Councillor Saleha Jaffer**

Mayor 2016/17



## The awards

# Best community garden 2016

Best use of a community shared space, where more than one person are involved in maintaining. Flowers or plants – edibles don't win points for this one.



## The finalists

### Edmundsbury Court Estate

This is a spectacular community led hanging basket scheme – with hundreds of spring bulbs planted, 105 tree saplings from The Woodland Trust and a water garden and planters. The paved area in the centre provides innovative seating. A little oasis surrounded by high buildings, right at the heart of Brixton.



### Ace of Clubs

In the space of a few short years this garden has been transformed from a neglected patch to a beautiful oasis of colour and scents. This has been achieved without any statutory funding but with the vision and dedication of one centre user. The result is a community asset which can be shared with the Ace of Clubs staff, clients and volunteers to provide a tranquil retreat from often very stressful and chaotic lives.



### Southwell Road Residents' Garden

Southwell Road Residents' Garden has been established over the last year on a previously concreted over backyard. There is a food growing area with raised beds and fruit trees and a garden area with a lawn and well-planted flower beds. The garden was established as a co-operative effort between The Lost Effra Project, Lambeth Council and the Loughborough Farm which now provides a monthly food growing session for residents.





# THE LONDON GARDENS SOCIETY

**The London Gardens Society is a registered charity that has been established for over 100 years and its aim is “to make a permanent contribution towards beautifying London by the growing of flowers and shrubs thus improving the urban environment”.**

Originally the Society gave away free seeds to encourage the citizens of London to brighten up areas where they lived and worked by growing flowers. This has now been replaced with an annual garden competition.

In simple terms the role of the London Gardens Society is to stimulate pride in London by the cultivation of flowers and gardens in particular.

Why not join us as an individual member for only £15 a year? You could win a cup or trophy and a gold, silver or bronze medal and certificate by entering the London Gardens Society’s All London Championship and be invited to the Guildhall to receive your award.

So if you or someone you know has a lovely front garden, back garden, window boxes, containers, hanging baskets, patio, roof, balcony or a garden display in a public area no matter how small, you too, could enter! Why not join us today?

The competition also includes a class for commercial premises such as pubs and restaurants.

For more information please contact the London Gardens Society secretary Mr Andrew Babicz on **[Andrew.Babicz@thelondongardensociety.org.uk](mailto:Andrew.Babicz@thelondongardensociety.org.uk)** or on **01277 200588**



## The awards

# Best private garden 2016

The best green use of individual space – regardless of size. Garden spaces, hanging baskets, balconies with any type of growing: plants, flowers, edibles.



### The finalists

#### Sonia Cooper, Cressingham Gardens estate

Sonia's stunning balcony garden is on Cressingham gardens estate. Sonia is very passionate about gardening. She has a limited space but she maintains and treasures her plants with love. We admire her outstanding sunflowers and the very good looking apple tree!



#### Edwin Monteverde, Chalbury House – Edmundsbury Court estate

Monty's garden, once visited by Prince William, is a lovingly looked after garden at the back of Chalbury House. The garden features a beautiful display of garden blooms. A gushing fountain gives the air of a mountain stream to this beautiful environment.



#### Mr & Mrs Morris, Jupiter Court – Caldwell Gardens estate

A wonderful and odourful display presented in a ground floor flat. All pots and hanging baskets are well maintained and watered. Solar power lighting adds a special touch to this garden located on a public walk way. This display brightens up Jupiter Court.



#### Cindy Kemp, street property

Everybody loves Cindy's garden and she deserves all compliments she can get about it! This lovely cottage style garden is beautifully laid out and with some good, healthy vibrant urban planting.



## The awards

# Best food growing project

Community project using shared space involving more than one person.  
Edibles only. No points in this category for flowers or plants.



## The finalists

### Loughborough farm

A community food growing project where people can take home and cook their crops while excess is sold to fund their project! The garden produces a huge variety of crops and hosts some innovative and art projects that engage a huge number of people.



### Lairdale Estate

A small group of residents get together every fortnight to grow veg and fruits and teach children how to eat healthy. The result is a fantastic garden - by far the most abundant plot in our competition. Their plans for BBQing their harvest will surely get more people involved!



### Edmundsbury Court Estate

The garden is designed by residents with emphasis on the surroundings. It is an integrated part of the estate community, encouraging residents to work together and share skills. The use of space is particularly good. There's lots packed in and good composting and signage.



### Paradise Garden Coade Court (Hyde Housing)

Until last year, the garden space at Coade Court was unloved, uninviting and underused. Thanks to the commitment and passion shown by the residents, the space stands out as a haven of nature and community spirit - 'Paradise Garden' is certainly deserving of its name. A beautiful educational and play garden, with a high level of community activity.



## The awards

# Bringing your neighbourhood together

A person who goes out of their way to improve a street, a park or a community hall in the area for the benefit of others, or someone who goes out of their way to bring their community together.



### The finalists

#### Pat Broderick

Pat always contributes her knowledge of the estate to the Weir Tenants and Residents Association and the regular estate walkabouts, and has only just stopped attending the area housing forums despite being in her 80s. She has been the heart of the Weir estate for over 50 years. She is the person residents go to for a chat, for some advice or indeed for some history. She knits the community together by being around, being available and being there for everyone.



#### Stephen Keogh

A resident of Stockwell for over thirty years, Stephen volunteers to open, close, and liaise with the public for The Old Laundry's community use. Stephen meets and greets residents of all walks of life with the warmest of welcomes. He works with women in isolation, single parents, other seniors and on intergenerational projects with youth. He organises local events including senior's luncheons, community family days as well as the annual sea-side trip.



#### George Richardson

George has been a fantastic leader in his community for many years. He chairs the local neighbourhood watch – but goes above and beyond his duties. He has actively worked with council staff to prevent anti-social behaviour, leading to tangible improvements to the local neighbourhood. George recently organised a community 'Freshview' day, which involved local residents coming together to build planters and spruce up front gardens on the street.



### The other shortlisted nominees were:

**Damon Phipps Newman**

**Bridget Montgomery**

**Lucy Williams**



## The awards

# Innovation and Enterprise

An individual or group who makes the most of the assets available to them and uses their skills and networks to improve the wellbeing for residents and the community in the local area in new and innovative ways.



## The finalists

### Sports City London Ltd – Blackprint Legacy Foundation

Benjamin Ackim, born and raised in Lambeth, is the founder of both charities. A recognised brand, Sports City London, founded in 2011, currently delivers quality sports sessions and community development programs across the capital. To date, they have engaged 20,000 people aged 5-24 through their projects and programs -one of the leading organisations in youth engagement. The Blackprint Legacy Foundation supports significant role models and extraordinary young people that have displayed innovation and commitment to their community. In July 2016 they will be releasing a magazine featuring 50 of the UK's most inspirational young people (entrepreneurs, social enterprises, projects, and event owners) and deliver the Blackprint Project which will inspire 60,000 young people across the country.



### Waterloo Community Theatre CIC

WCT was set up by Lambeth resident Anna Glarin, a theatre practitioner and drama facilitator. WCT offer free weekly drama workshops for 8-14 year olds and are currently oversubscribed, confirming Anna's hunch that this was greatly needed in the area. The young people in the group have expressed how taking part has increased their confidence, helped them make new friends and try new things. Anna gives her time free of charge as does her excellent team of volunteers that she has recruited, all bringing their own particular skill and adding value to the project.



### Tree Shepherd

Colin Crooks started Tree Shepherd in 2011. For over 20 years he has been supporting the more disadvantaged members of our community. Colin seeks out areas in the borough of particular need - estates such as Angell Town, Tulse Hill, Stockwell, Loughborough - and sets up enterprise programmes that help entire communities. He has also founded the Forest Foundation to raise money for Lambeth's low income start-ups.



**The other shortlisted nominees were:**

**Hatch Enterprise**

**Andrea Bonzanni –  
Springfield estate**

## The awards

# Voluntary or community organisation of the year

A local community group or voluntary organisation that has made a difference to their community in the last 12 months by either promoting community resilience and/or well being



## The finalists

### Brixton Soup Kitchen

Brixton Soup Kitchen was founded in January 2013 by Solomon Smith and Mahamed Hashi. They help homeless people by providing free food, support and company. Their aim is to empower people in a warm and friendly environment – helping them gain the confidence and self-worth needed to get back on their feet. It takes hard work for feeding, clothing and educating the homeless. A dedicated team of people who are merely there to give back to our community.



### St Matthews Project

This project works with young people in Lambeth, many of whom have had difficult times both at home and in education. Through sports coaching, mainly football, they are encouraged to build a sense of self-esteem and confidence. Lee Dema and his coaching team are incredibly dedicated to the young people, helping them seek out opportunities for further training and employment as well as building their sporting skills.



### Whippersnappers

Whippersnappers aim to provide a diverse cultural platform from which children and adults of all ages, needs and backgrounds can express and educate themselves through music, sports and the arts. Whippersnappers were founded in 1994 when Caroline Burghard a professional actress and mime artist teamed up with Kirk Service an established R&B and Reggae artist. For the past 20 years the company has been based in The Brockwell Lido in Brockwell Park, Brixton and deliver London wide, nationally and internationally.



The other shortlisted organisations were:

**Abbeville Fete**

**Lambeth Mencap**

**Brixton Foodbank**

**Waterloo Action Centre (WAC)**

**VGERTA**



# INCREDIBLE EDIBLE LAMBETH

Incredible Edible Lambeth is a collection of people and organisations who work together to make sure that healthy, sustainable, locally produced food is available to everyone living in Lambeth, regardless of income, both now and in the future. It all started in with Incredible Edible Todmorden (Yorkshire) and we found the ethos inspiring. We believe in systems which are easily replicable and have an eco-system of their own. Many of our projects demonstrate this.

Like most London boroughs, Lambeth is a series of interconnecting villages. Those villages are full of people growing and producing food (123 growing projects and counting). They are also full of people who suffer food poverty and ill health. Lambeth is a diverse borough offering a rich food heritage.

Our aim is to increase healthy sustainable food grown, produced, sold and eaten by transforming our local food system, by celebrating, supporting and strengthening community food activity and the connections between local people and local food.

Incredible Edible Lambeth is everyone who cares about our aims and is connected to Lambeth through living or working. We are not bigger than our active members who are out there doing projects under various scopes and names. You can join by becoming a member. Help us by being active. Talk with us on twitter or Facebook. See more at:

<http://www.incredibleediblelambeth.org>



## The awards

# Young resident of the year

Lambeth has an abundance of amazing young people. This award is for an under-25 who shows commitment to their local area, representing young people, giving their time to help others, or by getting involved with local groups.



### The finalists

#### Jacqueline Gomes-Neves

Jacqueline is the former Lambeth Youth Mayor. She founded the Brixton Youth Form at the Marcus Lipton youth centre in Brixton which saw young people have a voice in the running of a club they were key attendees at, and she is a key volunteer for the Brixton Soup Kitchen. She is also the first and only female youth mayor to date in Lambeth! Jacqueline has been a strong and selfless champion for young people all across Lambeth for a long while now.



#### Elmgreen School / Streetworks project team

A group of thirteen Year 9 girls from Elmgreen School have worked together as part of Streetworks to improve the alleyway leading to Tulse Hill Station. They've developed a project plan, consulted local residents and businesses and designed improvements to the space which will be constructed as part of improvements to West Norwood. Their designs include a mural, colourful paving, better signage to the station, improved lighting to make the space feel safer at night, greening and new seating. They have worked with Poetry Slabs, a local arts project, to identify locations for a poem to be displayed. They presented their project to senior officers at TfL and advised them on how organisations can be more inclusive in their community engagement. The project has improved their performance at school and has helped them to think about their career options in transport and engineering!



#### Rianne Yeboah-Cornelius

This young resident has been an incredible inspiration, shining example and much valued youth volunteer supporting The Point in all its various projects, events and activities since the start. She has not only contributed her time and energy from helping to run baking sessions, building sheds in the communal garden and fundraising but she contributes her creative ideas, abilities and talents in the design of our great marketing material. She is as passionate about her local community as the older committee members and believes in trying to make a difference.



## The awards

# Resident of the year

Someone who has made a real difference in the past 12 months, making Lambeth a brighter place for those around them.



### The finalists

#### Andrew Chan Sing

Andrew, one man owner-server of the Kennington Coffee Shop, acts like the old fashioned village telephone exchange "Connecting you to...". He makes introductions between everybody waiting for their order - we have gained many clients as a result for our tailoring business. Andrew is extremely kind and observant and the living embodiment of inter-connectiveness. In his understated, cool way, he does as much as any organisation to bring local people together. Sometimes as prosaic as "You say your tap is dripping? Meet Hughie the plumber!", sometimes saving a life.



#### Erica Tate

Erica Tate has been the Chair of Tulse Hill Forum for four years and steered the Forum to create a positive identity for the area working tirelessly to fulfil the Forum's "Our People, Our voice" strapline. Erica is inspirational and a true leader; the Forum under her leadership has an active membership of 28 and is in regular contact with over 300 people. The Forum is the place where many different groups are represented including from all the TRAs, St Matthews project and Trinity church. This helps strategic discussions to take place and joint funding bids to be discussed.



#### Molly Sinclair

Roupell Park has a resident who is a real gem - Molly Sinclair, an 87 year old lady who has lived on the estate for the past 52 years, or since her block went up, and was one of the first residents to move in. Molly has been the Chair of the coffee morning group for the past 12 years. The group meets every week, with 14 faithful members. Last year, Molly secured £400 from external funding which enabled the group to go for an outing of their choice, to Eltham Palace. She is also mastering computing at the moment, so that she could read all the board papers online and make use of her iPad.



**The other shortlisted nominees were:**

**Helen Hook**

**Franny Collingham**

**Mike Shaw**

**Tara Kelly**

## Community champions

# Mayor's Special Award to Lambeth residents who are active in their community



### The winners

#### Hazel Fraser

Hazel played a key role in setting up the Stanthorpe Triangle Residents Association over 20 years ago. Throughout the years Hazel's unassuming manner has hidden a driving force that is always there to provide a wide range of ideas and support to friends and neighbours. She quietly undertakes often time consuming, organisational tasks without a word of complaint. She was instrumental in getting the Association known to our Councillors, Member of Parliament, the Police Force and the Fire Service and inviting them to share in, and contribute to meetings and activities as appropriate.

Hazel has been a stalwart of our community and a role model to many others who now also devote a great deal of their time into making the STRA the very successful community group it is today.



#### Dr Anis Ayub

Anis regularly visits the homes of lonely elderly people to see if they are ok and check whether they need anything. If she finds any sick elderly she helps them to call the ambulance and sometimes acts as an interpreter to the people with language barriers. She also cooks and provides hot meals for a few neighbours.

She gives advice on healthy eating to the residents and, being a keen gardener, she encourages people to grow their own vegetables.

Anis works tirelessly to bring together people with different cultural backgrounds, start dialogue and create harmony and community cohesion.



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