

## What is the Wandsworth Borough of Culture?

#### Celebration of Culture

The Wandsworth Borough of Culture is a year-long celebration of the cultural heritage and diversity of the borough. The event aims to showcase the unique character of the borough.

#### Bringing Communities Together

The event aims to bring together local communities and artists to participate in cultural events and activities, promoting community integration and social inclusion.



# Why was Wandsworth chosen as the Borough of Culture?

#### Rich Cultural Heritage

Wandsworth was chosen as the Borough of Culture due to its rich cultural heritage, which includes a vibrant arts scene and numerous museums, galleries, and theatres. Its thriving creative industries, strong community spirit and diverse population, making it an ideal location to celebrate cultural diversity and creativity.

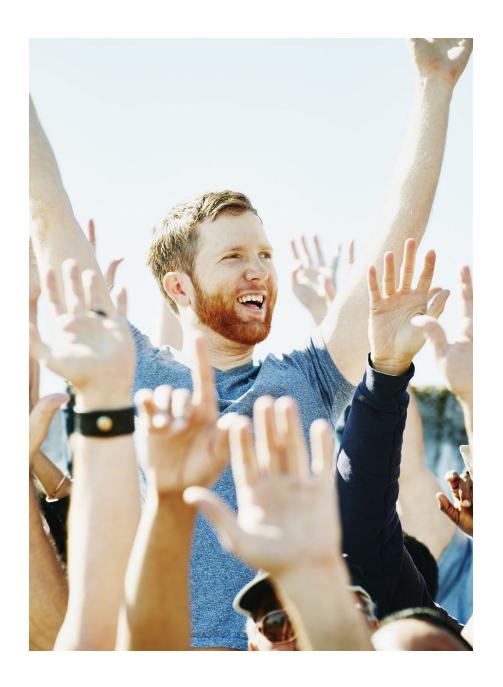
#### **Diversity**

Wandsworth's diverse population, with people from all walks of life and cultural backgrounds, was a key factor in its selection as the Borough of Culture. The celebration will also be showcasing various art forms, performances and cultural events throughout the year.

#### Benefits to the Community

The Wandsworth Borough of Culture provides various benefits to the community, including increased tourism, economic growth, community engagement, and artistic development.





## Events/activities on the estates

#### Community Festivals

Community festivals are events that bring together people from diverse backgrounds and cultures. They create opportunities for people to learn about each other's customs and traditions and promote social cohesion and inclusivity.

#### **Art Exhibitions**

Art exhibitions provide a platform for artists to showcase their work and express their experiences. They can foster cross-cultural communication and understanding, and raise awareness about social issues.

#### **Sports Events**

Sports events provide an opportunity for people to come together and share a common interest. They can break down cultural barriers and promote teamwork and mutual respect.



## Community Engagement events

#### Importance of Community Engagement Events

Community engagement events are essential to promoting cultural activities and celebrating the diversity of the community, while also fostering a sense of belonging and pride in the borough.

#### Inclusivity and Accessibility

It is important to ensure that community engagement events are inclusive and accessible to all members of the community, including those with disabilities or limited mobility.

### Art Exhibitions

#### Local Art

Art exhibitions showcase the work of local artists, allowing residents to engage with and appreciate the talent in their community.

#### Diversity and Inclusion

It is important to ensure that art exhibitions are diverse and inclusive, representing the cultural heritage and diversity of the borough.





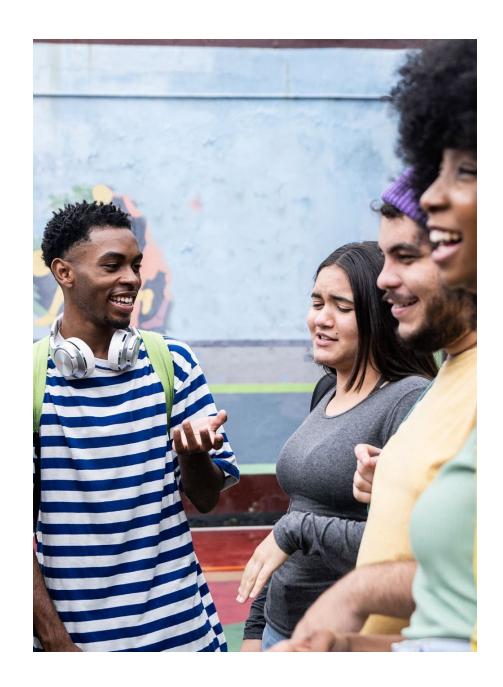
## Music and dance events

#### Celebrating Cultural Heritage

Music and dance festivals celebrate the cultural heritage and diversity of a community, bringing people together to share in the joy of music and dance.

#### Inclusivity and Accessibility

It is important to ensure that music and dance festivals are inclusive and accessible to all members of the community, including those with disabilities.



# The importance of ED&I during the Wandsworth Borough of Culture

#### Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

Equality, diversity & inclusion (ED&I) is essential during the Wandsworth Borough of Culture to ensure that all members of the community have access to and can participate in the cultural activities.

#### Accessibility

ED&I ensures that cultural activities are accessible to everyone, including people with disabilities and those from diverse backgrounds, creating an inclusive environment that fosters community cohesion.

#### Community Benefits

ED&I brings a range of benefits to the community, including increased social cohesion, economic growth, and improved quality of life for all community members. Also promotes sense of belonging among community members in the Wandsworth Borough of Culture by creating an inclusive and welcoming environment that celebrates diversity.

## Discussion

#### Question 1:

How can we ensure that the activities and events generated by Wandsworth's status as the Borough of Culture are inclusive and accessible to all residents on our estates?

#### Question 2:

How can we effectively communicate and engage with residents to foster a sense of community and belonging through these cultural activities and events?



# Thank you for your time and your feedback.

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