

Lambeth

Civic Awards

2026



Awards Programme



Lambeth

Foreword

Lambeth – a borough with social and climate justice at its heart.

We continue to have bold ambitions for Lambeth as we know we are a vibrant borough full of diversity, excitement and opportunity. We see this come to life each day with the kindness, creativity and joy that is shared across our communities. We are proud of our history and stand united for our shared future, ensuring people remain at the heart of all we do.

The Lambeth Civic Awards is a fantastic opportunity to recognise and celebrate those people – the heart and soul of our community. The people and organisations that support, connect and inspire our communities all year round – creating safe spaces and a warm and welcoming place.

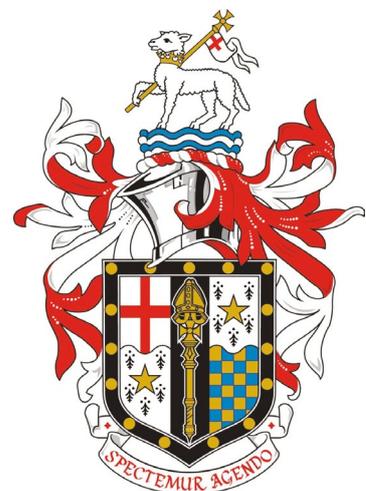
As Mayor I have had the privilege to meet so many outstanding individuals and visit some of the most impactful projects taking shape on the ground. The activities include music, mentoring, cooking, art, sport and so much more – the talents and skills of our residents are amazing to witness. Projects to support mental and physical health, projects to help older people, and especially those that help young people, protecting our environment, ensuring voices are heard, raising aspirations, building community cohesion – there is something to support all aspects of society. It's because of our community heroes and our voluntary, community and faith sector organisations that the power, insight and passion of local people is harnessed, and we have the platforms to amplify this.

Equity and justice is our Lambeth Golden Thread, where we strive to seek and deliver justice through all that we do. The commitment, advocacy and social action of our community leaders and groups, helps us ensure we have a community where everyone feels seen, heard and supported. The integrity and drive across our Lambeth communities is like no other. We are excited to continue to go from strength to strength with our partnerships across the borough and collectively achieve our Lambeth 2030 vision. We couldn't do it without you all.

I was humbled and inspired to read through all the incredible nominations – we had almost 300 this year across 7 award categories. It was extremely difficult to shortlist, but wonderful to read and reflect on the dedication, friendship and compassion shared across our community. A big thank you from us all at Lambeth Council, we are so very grateful to those who took the time to nominate and give our huge congratulations to all the finalists. I can't wait to celebrate with you all and have a brilliant evening together.



Councillor Adrian Garden
Mayor of Lambeth Council

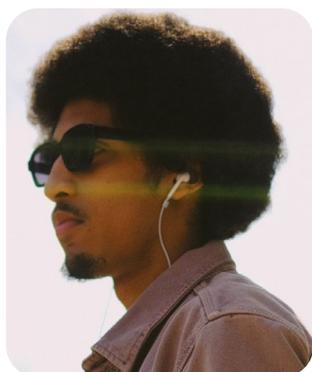


Lambeth Civic Awards Agenda

Tuesday 17 March 2026 – Lambeth Assembly Hall

6.00pm – 6.45pm	Guest arrivals, drinks and networking Music Performance by Youthsayers
6.45pm – 7.00pm	Guests seated at tables
7.00pm – 7.15pm	Host's Welcome – Amaarah Roze & Oliviero Thomas Opening Remarks from Claire Holland, Leader of the Council Opening Remarks from The Mayor, Adrian Garden, Cllr for Brixton Rush Common ward
7.15pm – 7.30pm	Presentation of awards: Safer Lambeth (sponsored by Wates) Social Enterprise Empowering Young People (sponsored by Marston Holdings) Arts and Cultural Heritage
7.30pm – 8.40pm	Buffet Dinner and Music
8.40pm – 8.45pm	Welcome back by Hosts – Amaarah Roze & Oliviero Thomas
8.45pm – 8.55pm	Dance Performance – Neon Performing Arts
8.55pm – 9.05pm	Presentation of awards: Climate and Green Spaces Health & Wellbeing Mayor's Award for Volunteer & Community Champion (sponsored by Capita)
9.05pm – 9.15pm	Closing Remarks from Ian Davis, Chief Executive, Lambeth Council
9.15pm – 9.30pm	Dessert and Networking

Your hosts for the evening



Oliviero Thomas

Oliviero Veneri-Thomas is an architecture student and former Lambeth Youth Council Co-Chair championing sustainable inclusive urban design.



Amaarah Roze

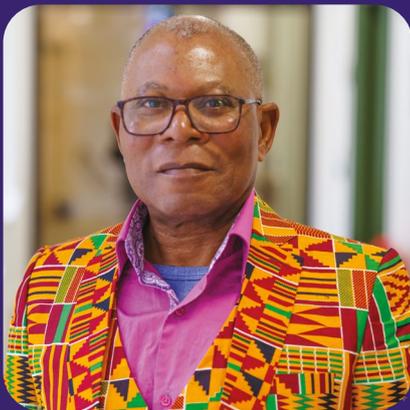
Amaarah Roze is a MC, spoken word artist and speaker, with a passion for using the power of words and performance to inspire, connect and energise.

Lambeth Civic Awards Panellists



Councillor Adrian Garden
Mayor of Lambeth Council

Adrian Garden, the current Mayor of Lambeth, is a Labour Councillor for Brixton Rush Common and has been a councillor since 2010. He is always willing to assist, advocate and contribute in ways that benefit the wider community.



Councillor Donatus Anyanwu
**Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities,
Leisure & Sports**

Donatus Anyanwu is a Labour Councillor for Brixton Windrush and has been a Councillor for Coldharbour, and previously Angell Ward, since 1998. His portfolio covers a lot of the voluntary and community sector's activities that will be celebrated this evening.



Sue Pettigrew OBE
Community Representative

Sue Pettigrew has lived in Lambeth for over fifty years. She was awarded an OBE for services to children and families and recently retired as Director of St Michael's Fellowship.

Entertainment



YouthSayers Musicians

Youthsayers works with culturally relevant musical styles and creative activities in a supportive environment. Embracing ideas from our participants creates a strong sense of ownership for the young people involved.



NEON Performing Arts Dance Group

NEON Performing Arts is a Lambeth-based creative organisation nurturing the next generation of artists through innovative training, performances and industry pathways, championing diversity, inclusion and opportunity for children and young people.



The Award Categories



Safer Lambeth Award (sponsored by Wates)

This award is for people and organisations who make a positive difference in areas such as street safety, supporting those experiencing domestic violence and preventing violence affecting young people.

Social Enterprise Award

This award celebrates community enterprises and the outstanding contributions they make to the borough, whether as part of the creative sector, harnessing young talent or responding to community needs.

Empowering Young People Award (sponsored by Marston Holdings)

This award recognises a person or organisation which has done outstanding work over the past year to provide services for Lambeth's youngest residents, helping them to develop to their full potential.

Arts and Cultural Heritage Award

This award celebrates people and groups that help shape Lambeth's unique identity, inspiring the next generation of artists and cultural leaders and celebrating the identities of diverse communities in the borough.

Climate and Green Spaces Award

This award celebrates the amazing work carried out by community groups and volunteers which contributes to tackling the climate crisis or improving parks and green spaces in the borough.

Health and Wellbeing Award

This award recognises the work and care delivered by people and organisations supporting Lambeth residents to maintain healthy lives which in turn increases resilience and physical and mental wellbeing.

Mayor's Award for Volunteer & Community Champion (sponsored by Capita)

This award recognises individuals who demonstrate outstanding volunteering, community action and leadership. By giving their time, energy and skills to support others they make Lambeth a better place for everyone.



Safer Lambeth Award

This award is for local people and organisations who make a positive difference by improving safety across Lambeth.



Dr Ron Dodzro

Dr Ron Dodzro is a clinical psychologist specialising in trauma and post-traumatic stress syndrome occurring from community violence. He sits on the UK Trauma Council which informs his clinical work.



Tafari Clarke

Tafari Clarke is the founder of RAE Academy CIC an organisation that builds opportunities for young people, focusing on discipline, growth and creating spaces where potential is recognised and elevated.



Rachael Reign

Rachael Reign is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Lambeth-based Surviving Universal UK which meets the unmet needs of victims and survivors of cultic abuse and strengthens safeguarding nationally.



Spiral Skills

One With The Village CIC builds a village of support around young people through detached youth work in McDonald's, creating spaces powered by Spiral Skills and BBC Children in Need.



Sports Fun 4 All

Sports Fun 4 All uses the transformative power of sport to improve the lives of young people aged 11 - 19 in disadvantaged and marginalised communities across South London. By using sport as a vehicle for social change, we aim to tackle violence, discrimination, and disadvantage.



Social Enterprise Award

This award is an opportunity to celebrate community enterprises and the outstanding contributions they make to the borough.



Art4Space CIC

Art4Space founded in 1999, is a community arts social enterprise based in Stockwell. It uses creativity to improve wellbeing, mental health, learning, and social inclusion through inclusive, empowering local programmes.



The Boury Academy

The Boury Academy CIC is an award-winning arts hub, providing performing arts training for young people, professional career opportunities and a creative space, focusing on confidence, wellbeing and belonging.



Southside Rehab Association (SRA)

Southside Rehabilitation Association supports people with mental illness through vocational training, work experience and meaningful activities, helping individuals build independence, develop skills, and participate confidently in everyday life.



Helping Hands Collective CIC

Helping Hands Collective CIC supports the community by tackling food insecurity, improving health and wellbeing, reducing social isolation and empowering people to connect, thrive and build stronger, more supported communities.

Empowering Young People Award

This award recognises a person or organisation which has done outstanding work over the past year to provide services for Lambeth's young residents.



Claudia Lopez Prieto

Claudia López Prieto is a Colombian specialist teacher of English and community leader in London. She transforms outcomes for multilingual students, driving recognition, equity and belonging for Latin American families.



Michelle Belgrave

Michelle Belgrave is passionate about nurturing children under five to become confident, independent movers, shakers, talkers, and walkers while empowering parents to become the very best they can be.



BIGKID Foundation

BIGKID Foundation seeks to eradicate youth violence and school exclusions through community engagement, mentoring and leadership programmes. It benefits over 2,500 young people annually.



Sarah Robson

Sarah Robson is the Director of Daaro Youth Project. Her work is rooted in her experience as a young asylum seeker. She believes every young person deserves safety and support.



MINDHEART Creative Therapies C.I.C

MINDHEART, a not-for-profit organisation supporting young people through creative arts therapy, was co-founded by Nicola Thorp and Yolanda Calzado Gil. In addition, they also facilitate dramatherapy sessions, workshops and supervision.



Arts and Cultural Heritage Award

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Tony Cealy

Tony Cealy is a performance maker facilitator, and community artist. He uses participatory democratic processes in order to drive social change, leading to a more equitable and just society.



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Joao Ascencao

Joao Ascencao is the President of Grupo Cultura Popular, a Madeiran/Portuguese folklore group that runs events throughout the year celebrating Portuguese culture, music and traditions in London.



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Climate and Green Spaces Award

This award celebrates the work that contributes to tackling the climate crisis or enhancing the natural environment of parks and green spaces.



Myatt's Fields Park Project

Myatt's Field Park Project is growing a greener future. It is transforming the park into a sustainable sanctuary through climate-resilient spaces, inclusive cultural events and leadership in urban food growing.



Susy Hogarth

Susy Hogarth lives near Brockwell Park and initially volunteered to look after the ponds. Since 2010 she has been the Diversity Lead for Brockwell Park Management Advisory Committee.



Robert Doyle

Robert Doyle is also a trustee of the Streatham Society and the Streatham Festival. Along with supporting the Friends of Hillside Gardens, he takes part in 'guerrilla gardening' across Streatham.



Friends of Norwood Park (FoNP)

Friends of Norwood Park are accessible, energised and community-driven with rewilding at the heart. They plant trees, encourage pollinators and install benches to future-proof this part of the planet.



Streatham Common Co-operative (SCCoop)

Streatham Common Co-operative is a community-led organisation dedicated to growing and preserving community, ecology and heritage. They deliver services in the award-winning Rookery Gardens and Streatham Common Local Nature Reserve.



Health and Wellbeing Award

This award recognises the work and care delivered by people and organisations supporting Lambeth residents mental health and wellbeing.



Angela Lacey

Angela Lacey is forty-three years old. She has worked for South East London Mind for three years. She is a single mum to one grown-up daughter and an elderly chihuahua.



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Healthcare Team HMP Brixton

The healthcare team at Brixton Prison work tirelessly to support vulnerable individuals with a variety of health issues so that they can live well with a reduced risk of reoffending.



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David Liddle

David Liddle is a father of two and adventure sports enthusiast. He spends most of his spare time participating in outdoor pursuits, endurance events and scouting, locally, regionally and nationally.



Valerie (Val) Poole

Val Poole feels privileged to have volunteered with Cruse Bereavement Support in the vibrant borough of Lambeth for over ten years as Bereavement Volunteer and Chair.



Djed Khan-Warsop

Djed Khan-Warsop is an actor and cultural architect turned carer, disability rights advocate and civic leader. He champions accessibility, inclusion and representation, empowering communities locally and internationally through lived experience.



Anna Long

Anna Long has contributed over twenty thousand hours of expert volunteering to the Ace of Clubs, a homeless day centre in Clapham, along with many other local charitable commitments.



Clare Truscott

Clare Truscott is a member of the Brixton Umbrella Circle for older LGBTQ+ people. She works with the 'Not Going in the Care Closet!' campaign and highlights local LGBTQ+ heritage.

Cabinet Member Update

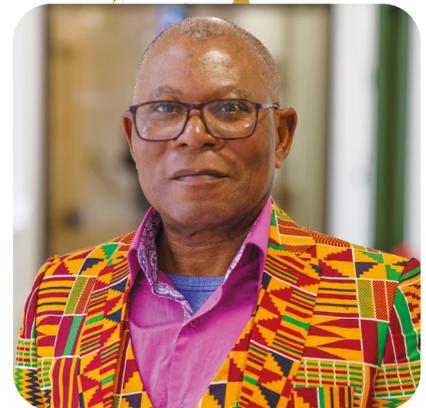
Our Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) are an incredibly important and influential partner in Lambeth. Passionate volunteers, community leaders and organisations who carry out vital work to make our communities safer, better connected, healthier, more sustainable and with fairer opportunities for those who live and work in the borough. We recognise and value the immense dedication and contributions of the VCS and the pivotal role they play in making Lambeth the best place it can be - working with us to shape and deliver our ambitious goals for Lambeth 2030.

With over 1,500 VCS organisations based in the borough, the sector has a tremendously positive impact on people's lives locally, regionally, nationally, and beyond. The breadth of activities undertaken and the range of sectors you operate in is truly remarkable. We are lucky to have leading organisations working in education, training, children and young people, arts and leisure, as well as advocacy for refugees and building a Borough of Sanctuary, welcoming communities from around the globe who have come to make Lambeth their home. The VCS continue to build upon a historic legacy of activism and social justice that characterise what makes Lambeth so special.

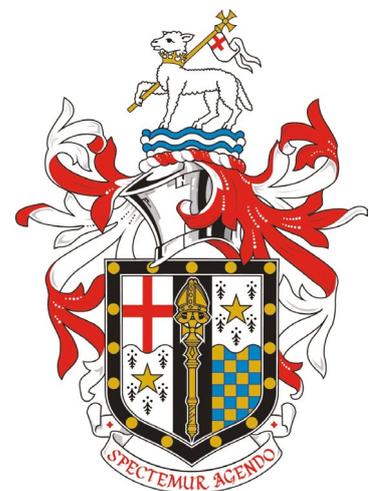
With the ongoing cost-of-living crisis and financial challenges facing lots of services, time and time again our VCS have shown themselves to be an essential lifeline, delivery partner and champion for the needs of our communities. The VCS helps us to efficiently channel funds and support to directly address residents' immediate needs, especially for our most vulnerable groups – through their reach and championing community insights to help effective solutions be accessible across our communities.

Our strong partnership working with our VCS enables diverse perspectives, experiences and voices to be heard through consultations, engagement platforms, channels and groups. Through supporting Council events, working collaboratively to share insights and knowledge, as well as delivering community research, VCS representation is essential for Lambeth's collaboration with communities around our key challenges, aspirations and opportunities as a borough.

Lambeth's VCS is an integral part of Lambeth's rich history and current fabric, ensuring a community-driven approach to building a future Lambeth, marked by equity, justice, and resilience. I personally want to thank our VCS organisations for all that you do, as I have seen first-hand the integral role you play in improving and enhancing the lives of so many across the borough. We are very proud to celebrate some of these outstanding organisations and individuals at the Lambeth Civic Awards 2026.



Councillor Donatus Anyanwu
Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Leisure and Sports



Sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors for their generous support, ensuring the Lambeth Civic Awards remains a standout celebratory event for our community.



We are proud to be sponsoring the Safer Lambeth Award at the Lambeth Civic Awards 2026. Since our partnership with Lambeth Borough Council began in 2021, we have been committed to supporting the local community, including maintaining more than 48,800 social homes across the borough. Investing in safer, healthier and more resilient communities is a core priority for us. Since the contract began, we have contributed 1,029 volunteering hours to support local initiatives and engaged 1,229 residents in community activities, staying true to our promise of helping people to thrive.



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As a proud partner of the London Borough of Lambeth, Marston is delighted to sponsor their Empowering Young People Award. We recognise that a strong community is built on opportunity, aspiration and support for the next generation, and we wholeheartedly back Lambeth's commitment to young people. Championing these initiatives aligns perfectly with our commitment to social value, and we are equally dedicated to reflecting this in our own operations, helping to create a brighter, more inclusive future together.



Capita has been a trusted long-term partner to Lambeth Council, dedicated to providing services that benefit residents while delivering value for money and enhancing productivity.

Recognising the shift in priorities among our local authority partners, Capita is responding with a blend of operational and technical expertise.

Every day, we simplify millions of interactions, creating real and positive impact for communities across the UK and Europe. Our commitment to innovation and efficiency ensures that we continue to meet the evolving needs of our partners and the residents they serve.



Thank You

As we conclude the Civic Awards 2026, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for being part of this incredible event.

This year's celebration is a testament to the collective spirit and commitment to positive change that defines our amazing community.

To our outstanding nominees and finalists, you are the heartbeat of Lambeth, and your remarkable contributions have moved us all. Your dedication to making our community a better place is truly inspiring, reflecting the values that make Lambeth such an exceptional place to live, work and visit. Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate these exceptional individuals and organisations.

We also want to extend our gratitude to the panel for giving their time to read through such an extensive selection of high-quality nominations.

A huge thank you to Lambeth Civic Awards project team for organising and delivering this year's event.

Together, we have highlighted some of the very best of Lambeth, honouring those who go above and beyond for the betterment of our borough. As we reflect on the success of the Civic Awards, we hope to build upon this event year on year, ensuring that those who devote themselves to making Lambeth a better place for all receive the recognition and praise they deserve.



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