

Brockley Festival of Ideas for Change

Sunday 19 November 2017, 9.30am-5.30pm. Lewisham Southwark College, SE4 1UT

P R O G R A M M E

9:30	Registration	Tea and coffee available. Buy your vouchers for lunch
10:00	Festival opens: Welcome	Clare Cowen , Brockley Society Chair Laurelle Henry , Lewisham Young Mayor
10:15	Session 1 (Main Hall): The Battle of Lewisham – 40 years later Chair: Lorna Jackson	Dr William ‘Lez’ Henry – Associate Professor, Criminology & Sociology, University of West London <i>Victimisation and persecution</i> Dr John Price – Goldsmiths College History department <i>Marking 40 years of the Battle of Lewisham</i> Mark ‘Mr T’ Thompson – Performance Poet Nacheal Catnott – Filmmaker <i>Our unheard history</i> Esther Stanford-Xosei – Reparations Scholar-activist: <i>The aftermath</i>
11:15		Questions and discussion continue in Break-out room for 30 mins
11:25	Session 2 (Main Hall): Housing, Homelessness and Inequality Chair: Bartle Sawbridge	Michael O’Keefe - Positive Money <i>Through the roof: house prices and profiteers</i> Beth Boorman – National Community Land Trust Network <i>Community-led housing</i> Tony Rich – RUSS Self-build project in Ladywell Clr Damian Egan – Lewisham Cabinet member for housing <i>Housing in Lewisham</i> Andrew Mitchell – 999 Club <i>Homelessness – a growing problem</i> Martin Williams – Achilles Street Campaign <i>Local housing campaign</i>
12:25		Questions and discussion continue in Break-out room for 30 mins, straddling the lunch hour but with sandwiches available
12:25	LUNCH BREAK	Sandwiches, soup and fruit (prepaid vouchers); tea and coffee free. View stalls and displays in main hall and Ideas Cafe
13:00	In adjacent Audio & Film Room: Audio & Film programme	To run concurrently – see programme overleaf
13:15	Session 3 (Main Hall): Debt, Money and Exploitation Chair: Roger Lewis	Ravi Ravindran – Lewisham Plus Credit Union <i>Combating debt</i> Ivo Mosley – Author <i>Bank robbery</i> Helen Mercer - Associate Senior Lecturer in economics, Greenwich University: <i>From exploitation to expropriation</i> Sian Williams – Toynbee Hall <i>How profit maximisation increases inequality (tbc)</i>
14:15		Questions and discussion continue in Break-out room for 30 mins
14:25	Session 4 (Main Hall): Food and the Environment Chair: Greg Williams	Rosie Boycott – Chair, London Food Board <i>The future of food</i> Sophi Tranchell – Divine Chocolates <i>Fair trade vs. corporate food production</i> Trina Lynskey – Deptford Folk <i>Evelyn200 today</i> Olaf Garvey – Animal Rights Advocate <i>How animal agriculture is destroying our planet</i> James Skinner – New Economics Foundation <i>Agri Villages</i>
15:25		Questions and discussion continue in Break-out room for 30 mins

15:35	Session 5 Main Hall: From Ideas to Action Chair: Ivo Mosley	Jon McKenna – Double Jab SE8 <i>Keeping youth out of crime through boxing</i> Fouzia Razvi – Citizens UK <i>Housing and integrating Syrian refugees</i> Alys Penfold – Library of Things <i>Sharing resources within the community</i> Kajal Odedra – UK Director, Change.org <i>Online campaigning:</i> Andrew Brown – Elevating Success <i>Empowering young people</i> Time permitting, we will invite audience members to talk about other projects
16:35 17:00 17:30	Summing up and Final remarks Networking and discussion Festival ends	Clare Cowen

We will use several rooms adjacent to the hall:

Ideas Café: a space for informal discussion. Tea and coffee available

Break-out rooms 1 & 2: continuing discussion after each session; next session begins in main hall

Audio and Film room: Audio recording and films relevant to the Festival (*see programme below*)

Green room: for speakers and organisers to leave their possessions (locked)

Audio and Film Room programme

1-2pm *The Listening Post: Sybil Phoenix* – a Falling Tree production for BBC Radio 4 (Dur: 22:35)

- Following the recording, **Sybil Phoenix's son Woodrow Phoenix** will be present to answer questions about his mother's life and her work. Chair: **Lorna Jackson**
Ninety-year-old Sybil Phoenix is a legendary figure in her adopted home of south-east London and in British Guiana, which she left in 1956. Over 50 years ago she started fostering and has cared for countless children. She was awarded an MBE in 1973 – the first black female recipient – and in 1996 she was made an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Lewisham. In 1998 she was awarded the Freedom of the City of London and elevated to OBE in 2008. This is the story of her lifetime involvement in community relations.
First broadcast on 1st October 2011 BBC World Service. Produced by Alan Hall.

2-3pm **Films connected with the 1977 Battle of Lewisham**

2pm *Aug 13: What Happened?* (Dur: 41:28 mins)

Newly rediscovered documentary (London Community Video Archive, produced by the Albany Video Project) depicts the infamous events of 13 August 1977, when a National Front march through South East London led to clashes with anti-fascist groups, and later between demonstrators and police. Footage shows the first time police deployed riot gear on the UK mainland and provides vital evidence about the demonstration and its aftermath in which over 100 people were injured. Regarded as a crucial moment in the history of both UK race relations and policing.

2:45pm *The Battle of Lewisham* (Dur: 21mins)

Nacheal Catnott will introduce her film, a contemporary exploration of black British culture drawing on the observations and experiences of growing up and living in south east London. Followed by Q&A.

3:25pm *13 Dead, Nothing Said* (Dur: 1:48 mins) Exhibition video

In the early hours of Sunday 18 January 1981 a fire broke out on 439 New Cross Road, killing 13 young black Londoners. An exhibition presenting photographs taken by Vron Ware documented the Black People's Day of Action on 2 March 1981. The images bear witness to an historic moment of community organising and resistance in post-war Britain.

3:30pm *A Matter of Life* (Dur: 13:29 mins)

A film inspired by the tragic events in the US and the UK that gave birth to the #BlackLivesMatter movement. The film features activists and leaders from the UK movement

3.50-4.30pm: Films on other themes in today's Festival

3.50pm *999 Club* (Dur: 6:49 mins) The growing problem of homelessness

4.00pm Extended *Dispossession: The Great Social Housing Swindle* (Dur: 3:16 mins)

Trailer for a "must see" independent film about the housing crisis, one of our nation's biggest scandals

4.05pm *Walter's Way: The Anarchist Housing Estate*. (Dur: 10:08 mins) The little-known self build housing estate in Walter's Way, Lewisham.

4.20pm *Library of Things* (Dur: 2:00 mins)

4.25pm Brockley: **Then&Now** -- *Mass Photo on Hilly Fields 2015* (6:08 mins)

Inspired by a 1918 mass photo on Hilly Fields, Brockley Society decided to recreate it in 2015. This film records how and why it was done. Frizbee Films