

SHAPES LEWISHAM CREATIVE CAREERS PROGRAMME

Lewisham has been chosen as one of the capital's first-ever Creative Enterprise Zones (CEZ) by the Mayor of London as part of a ground-breaking initiative to support artists and creative businesses. As one of the delivery partners for the CEZ, [Lewisham Education Arts Network](#) is leading on a programme of work around creative career pathways and creative career development opportunities. Between March 2019 – March 2021, LEAN aims to:

- Conduct research into current creative careers provisions across the borough, explore gaps in these provisions and how they might be filled.
- Highlight creative careers development opportunities taking place in the borough and beyond with electronic newsletters, website listings & social media postings. Speaking with young people, teacher's, youth workers and creative partners, we will explore various ways to get the word out.
- Actively support an increase in creative careers development opportunities by commissioning creative careers workshops & industry talks based on our research, and fundraising to provide an added boost to some of the projects currently run in the borough.
- Using Lewisham Live as a platform, we will provide events internships, work placements and volunteer ambassador opportunities for young people in the area.
- Produce an annual creative careers event, focussed on promoting the wealth of careers available in creative industries, the various pathways and opportunities leading to careers in creative industries and the importance of the creative industry sector in the UK.

Work on these aims has already started. Lewisham Live 2019 saw us recruit a part-time festival intern, 4 student placements and 12 volunteer ambassadors to work on festival events, as well as commissioning three brilliant workshops in partnership with Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance and The Albany.

We are pulling together resources and putting plans in place to speak to teachers, youth advisors, creative organisations and young people for our research report and we are also looking at funding avenues to support even more creative careers opportunities.

If you or a young person you know are interested in being kept up to date on creative careers development opportunities in the local area and beyond, then please sign up to our mailing list [here](#)