

Levi Roots has his own iPhone app

Community news

New kitchen unveiled at Baytree centre

LEVI Roots has been passing on his kitchen skills to a new generation of enthusiastic cooks in Lambeth.

Brixton's Baytree Centre has just had new kitchens installed after its Youth Forum put in a bid to secure a grant from Lambeth Council. The money has helped pay for a £14,000 refurbishment of the centre's kitchen area and Levi was on hand to carry out the official opening.

The Reggae Reggae Sauce entrepreneur met members of the Youth Forum and was given a guided tour of the centre, which supports local families and girls. Baytree's CEO Caroline Guarnaccia said: "We have a group called the Youth Forum at the centre and they came up with the idea to approach the council for funding. The cookery classes we run at the centre are very popular, but before we only had

one cooker and one sink so all the girls had to huddle round and watch what was being done. Now we have three work stations and that means 12 girls can be cooking at the same time."

Caroline said Levi spent around two hours with the girls from the Youth Forum and promised them a special treat the next time he visits.

"Levi was a absolutely charming," said Caroline. "He told us that he is writing a new cookery book and said he would name one of his recipes after Chika Ekenachi, 15, who showed him round on the day, and he also said he'd create one for the Baytree Centre.

"He has promised to come back when the recipes are written and give us a demonstration in the new kitchen."



Kitchen capers: Levi Roots and Chika Ekenachi.

Asylum seeker stories captured on film

YOUNG filmmakers in the borough are setting out to make a documentary looking at young refugees in London.

The Clapham Film Unit has won Heritage Lottery Funding to make the film, which will focus on the stories of Ugandans who came to the UK as children in the 1970s and young people today who have arrived as refugees or asylum seekers. The aim of the documentary is to preserve the stories and

heritage of the young people who have come to London.

In 1972 thousands of families, mainly of Indian origin, were forced to leave Uganda after the country's dictator Idi Amin expelled all Asians. The vast majority of them came to the UK and made their lives here. The documentary project is looking for volunteers from the expulsions to come forward and tell their stories. They will be working with

young people who have arrived in the UK from other countries to create a shared record for future generations.

Sue Bowers, the Head of Heritage Lottery Fund London, said: "Young people from refugee and asylum seeker backgrounds will be able to take an active part in conserving their heritage for future generations. They will be able to discover more about their predecessors and share the fruits of their research with a wider audience."

The project is ongoing and culminates with a screening of the finished film next June at the

National Film Theatre. There will also be an internet site to allow Ugandans to contribute to the project directly from the country and see the final documentary.

Photographic workshops will also be run during the project with participants putting on an exhibition to coincide with the screening. The project is open to any young people, but organisers are particularly keen to hear from people from a refugee or asylum seeker background.

Anyone wanting to be involved can contact claphamfilmunit@live.com or call 07971284794.



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