## abundance



Community Life Engaged

**Abundance Centres (Lambeth) Development Trust** is a key initiative of the **Schools Of Unified Learning Consortium** which is a specially convened association tasked with the Centres' progressive Lambeth-wide incubation and launchings. Our mission and vision is to establish and maintain an ethos of **learning abundance** in the life of our local communities.

Our service revolves around the development of education, health and social networking. As a starting point we have developed models around creativity, cross-curricula learning and unifiedknowledge that specifically enable and enrich the learning of science and maths through the arts and intelligent play. Our models have been applied at early years, primary, secondary, adventure scheme, youth centre levels and beyond. All to great effect. The project is focused on the communities of the London Borough of Lambeth and naturally we care for the immediately surrounding boroughs too.

We have come together in response to the critical call for; 1) self-defined space-time for well-being and natural community dynamics, 2) inspiration, guidance, education and protection of the young, 3) respect for the diversity of free expression, creative thinking and self empowerment. Currently in these areas many local people perceive and experience "disaffection" and "deficiency", which our well networked Centres' vision and practice seeks to help redress with its fresh, renewing approach and capacity to serve efficiently and effectively. We (our consortium membership and advisors) have collectively identified these needs and wants over many years of community development work locally, nationally and internationally.

In our ideal world our network of communities, centres, dynamic learning programmes and talented facilitators will swiftly become well established as "**community life engaged**", thus serving as a wholistic blueprint for similar decentralisations, community regeneration and capital asset management programmes in other areas. This network of centres will then be a powerful and positive influence for unifying community life locally, nationally and even internationally, after all it is one planet we share and Lambeth has such a diversity of its inhabitants.

Working with all of the provisions that have been Lambeth's Adventure Play Grounds, One O'Clock Clubs and Youth Centres we will, from this *core network*, connect with all other local stake-holders with interest in *learning abundance*; schools, libraries, faith & community centres, colleges, universities, local professionals & businesses, media and other statutory services. To and with this *extended network* we bring excellent programmes of creativity, cross-curricula learning and unifiedknowledge.

Our consortium is now engaged with the Lambeth Co-operative Council scheme, which promises a way forward for greater community ownership and empowerment; **We make the idea real**. It is important for us to build progressive relationships with all members of the core network (see above). Through the Council's upcoming tendering process we seek, in some areas to be lead partners in the management of sites and provisions. In most areas we seek to be cooperative partners working closely with the lead organisations and local communities.

## Get involved in a great initiative.

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