

LEWISHAM BOROUGH of LITERATURE

Campaign to make Lewisham the UK's first Borough of Literature

Why does Lewisham need a Borough of Literature campaign?

Lewisham has a rich literary history and is home to one of the largest concentrations of literature organisations and grassroots activity in London. But we also face challenges like low literacy rates, low cultural participation and a lack of representation for many of our communities.



Being a Borough of Literature would:

- Give our borough recognition
- Drive funding towards word-related activities in the area
- Help tackle low literacy rates
- Give existing and new, talented writers more opportunities
- Give more children and young people the opportunity to develop their creativity and explore what it means to be a writer

Spread the Word has a big, bold vision to see Lewisham declared as the UK's first Borough of Literature – do you want to be part of it?



1. Keep informed: sign up to our newsletter to receive campaign updates. Scan this QR code or visit spreadtheword.org.uk/form

You can also follow us @[spreadthewordwriters](https://www.instagram.com/spreadthewordwriters) on Instagram, Threads and Bluesky



2. Share ideas: we're eager to hear all your ideas, questions and concerns for the campaign. Spend just 3 minutes completing our survey to help us make a campaign that works for every Lewisham resident. Scan this QR code or visit boroughofliterature.com



3. Take action: Have you told your friends and neighbours about the campaign? Is your company or organisation interested in taking part? We'd love to come and talk to you. Get in touch: courtney@spreadtheword.org.uk