**Be part of Lewisham Borough of Literature's Advisory Group**

Run by Spread the Word, a literature charity based in Deptford, the campaign to make Lewisham the UK’s first Borough of Literature was launched at the 2024 Deptford Literature Festival.

We’re having conversations with different communities across Lewisham to find out what is already happening and gather ideas to shape what a Borough of Literature might look like. These include: local writers, activists and artists and representatives from businesses, community groups and education, youth, health, creative and green spaces.

We’re **looking for six people who live or work in Lewisham to join our Advisory Group** who are passionate about the Borough, its residents and the power of stories to make a difference to communities.

**About the Advisory Group**

Chaired by Lewisham resident and Founder of Knights of and Round Table Books, Aimée Felone, the Advisory Group will:

* Help inform the programme
* Support the development of a funding bid
* Champion the campaign

We’re particularly interested in hearing from people who we’ve not had the opportunity to work with before. We welcome applications from people who are representative of Lewisham’s diverse communities and who can bring either lived experience and/ or professional experience to the Advisory Group.

The Advisory Group will meet four times between November 2024 – May 2025 and also be part of a community consultation at the 2025 Deptford Literature Festival on Saturday 29 March. Advisory Group members will be paid £100 each per meeting. Reasonable adjustments will be made.

**Deadline for applications: 10am on Monday 11 November 2024**

We’ll be back in touch with you by Wednesday 13 November 2024. There may be a short interview as part of the selection process.

You can **find out more about the Campaign** at: [BoroughOfLiterature.com](http://boroughofliterature.com/)

If you’d like to have an informal chat with us about joining the Advisory Group or have any questions, please contact Courtney Conrad: Courtney@spreadtheword.org.uk

\*indicates response required

**First name\***

**Surname\***

**Pronouns**

**Profession or Job Title (if part of an organisation)\***

**If you are part of an organisation/ business, please give their name**

**Your email address**\*

**Your mobile number**\*

**Please tell us where you live** (tick one)\*

Lewisham

Bromley, Greenwich or Southwark

Other London Borough

Out of London

**Age**\*

19 - 35

36 - 42

43 - 54

55 - 64

65+

**Please tell us about yourself and why you would like to be part of the Advisory Group\***(150 words max or audio or video: 2 mins max)

**Please tell us about your experience and skills and how you see these contributing to the Borough of Literature campaign\***(text: 150 words max or audio or video: 2 mins max)

**Please let us know your availability for the Advisory Group meetings. Tick all that you can make\***

Tuesday 26 November 2024, 6pm-7.30pm at The Albany

Tuesday 14 January 2025, 6pm-7.30pm at The Albany

Saturday 29 March 2025 at Deptford Literature Festival

Tuesday 8 April 2025 6pm- 7.30pm at The Albany

Tuesday 6 May 2025 6pm- 7.30pm at The Albany

**Access**

Please tell us about any access support you’ll need to participate in the Advisory Group. Reasonable adjustments will be made.

Thank you for applying to be part of the Lewisham Borough of Literature Advisory Group.

We will be in touch by Wednesday 13 November 2024 to let you know the outcome of your application.