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Freestyle Dance Crew

**Hot on the local
talent radar**



**Our guide to
volunteering**

Welcome

To the latest edition of your favourite magazine

Hey and welcome to the December/January issue of Whtvr.org magazine. We hope you're enjoying us hitting you up on your doorstep with Southwark Life magazine.

In this issue we've checked out ways to turn over a new leaf for 2010. We look at how Southwark's young people are making a difference in their communities through volunteering. You can do the same!

We've also interviewed the Freestyle Dance Crew – an act who are hot on the local talent radar right now and are based on the Aylesbury estate. Their manager has just got back from researching the dance industry in America and is looking to bring what she's learnt to Southwark.

We know how much you love free stuff, so we're giving you the chance to win a £15 iTunes voucher on our what's happening page. Finally, don't forget to check out the back pages to see all the activities that are happening in your ends.

Enjoy the Christmas holidays and we'll see you again in 2010.

The Whtvr team

Changing the name of Whtvr magazine and website

In the last issue we asked if you wanted us to change the name of magazine. You all told us **NO WAY** so we're gonna keep it! We also asked if you wanted us to change the format and the things included. Again, you all told us **NO WAY** so we'll be keeping it as it is for now.

Is there an issue you would like to see featured in Whtvr magazine? Or are you interested in writing something for it? We'd love to hear from you so email us now at whatever@southwark.gov.uk

What's happening

Southwark youth elections

In our last issue we told you about how new youth community councils are being set up in your area, elected from secondary schools and youth clubs. They will be the voice for the views of young people and influence decisions that affect them. Keep checking www.whtvr.org to see who's been elected and what they're up to.

Ladies – let's get active!

Women and Girls Get Active is a programme of physical activity and sports sessions in Southwark especially for females. Come along and try out the range of sports on offer including boxing, netball, basketball or aerobics.

To find out what's going on near you, visit www.southwark.gov.uk/communitysports

Freeness alert!

We've got a £15 iTunes voucher to give away. For your chance to win just answer this question: **Who was the winner of X Factor 2008?** Send your answer to whatever@southwark.gov.uk by **January 31 2010**.

Talent at Christmas – London's biggest Christmas party for under 18s!

When: December 21 2009, from 7pm
Where: The IndigO2, within the O2 Arena, Greenwich
Combining a talent competition for young artists with a huge Christmas Club Night for under 18s! Featuring performances from Dionne Bromfield, Princess Nyah, Mz. Bratt and Alex Roots. There will also be one of London's hottest DJs on the decks so you'll be mad to miss it!

For more information and your chance to win free tickets visit www.talentatchristmas.com

Whtvr readers get an exclusive £3 discount on tickets to Talent at Christmas!

Simply visit www.TalentatChristmas.com/specialtickets and enter the promotional code: whtvr. Don't say we never hook you up...



Young, black and successful

A new youth initiative has been set up, and it's open to all secondary school, college and under-graduate students in the borough. "Creating unity, progression and a proactive attitude in the African Caribbean community is the mission of Young, Black and Successful, the name of our group," explains the programme director Richard Kuti. "We held our first ever event at South Bank University at the end of November. It was a collaboration between the university's African Caribbean Society and the entrepreneur society."

The group is run by students, for students. It hopes to host motivational seminars and has just launched a website www.ybsnetwork.com, where you can sign up for more details.



Over to you...

We wanna hear what's happening with you!

In each issue we're inviting a young person in Southwark to write their own column. Whether it's your opinion on a burning issue, or just something you want everyone to hear about, contact us at whatever@southwark.gov.uk to contribute.

Right now, it's over to Fatima...



Hi, I'm Fatima and I am currently studying a BTEC National Diploma in Business. On a positive note, 2010 has a lot in store for me. I am currently in search for a university to go to next year to study accounting and finance and it is the hardest thing ever! People forget the complexity of the whole process, and it has taken me a while to come to terms with the fact that I am determining my future in the next couple of months. I have some universities in mind and therefore need to go and visit them to make the decision on whether I will be living there or commuting. I am excited about this and would mainly like to move away from home just for the experience.

With accounting I feel like I can go into many job roles in the future whether it be working in a business' head office finance department or running my own accounting firm dealing with people's accounts. My main aim in life is to finally go into property development. I would then like that to lead into a career in property development.

Volunteering at Christmas

A new year brings new resolutions, and if you're looking to make a change in 2010, how about doing some volunteering? If you've got a couple of hours to spare, you can help make a difference in your community.

Feature written by Liz Almond

A recent survey showed that 78% of 16 to 25 year olds felt that supporting others more within the community would make the world a better place. A massive 66% of you have volunteered in the past. When asked why, volunteers said it was a satisfying experience aided by the backing of their schools and colleges.

Michelle, the volunteer coordinator for Southwark based y-volunteer said: "Voluntary work can be a lot of fun and can help you break into areas such as music, youth work or health and social care. It's a good way to get your foot in the door and provide you with valuable experience. It's also a great opportunity to gain extra experience

that could give you the edge at a college, university or job interview."

Asher Wren, a project coordinator for Orange RockCorps, said:

"Volunteers earn tickets to one of the hottest gigs of the year, but they also get to work as a team, get a sense of achievement and give back to the community. In fact, 76% of our volunteers say they would volunteer again without the incentive of the ticket!"

We caught up with some young people who're making changes in their community to find out what they do and why they do it.

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Michelle at y-volunteer (part of Faces in Focus) on 020 7403 2444 ext 206 or email michelle@facesinfoocus.org.uk

Orange RockCorps concerts will be back in 2010; sign up to The Collective to join in with local volunteering opportunities. Share your volunteering stories and you could win amazing prizes, including gig tickets and celebrity meet and greets.

Orange RockCorps - www.orangerockcorps.co.uk
The Collective
<http://projects.orangerockcorps.co.uk/theCollective.asp>

The National Young Volunteers Service

is creating a diverse range of volunteering opportunities to help young people take action to improve lives, communities and the planet. Visit www.vinspired.com to find out more.

Junior Street Leaders

Over 1,500 Southwark young people aged six to 16 are taking action to improve the local environment. It's not only educational, but is worthwhile and great fun too! Visit www.southwark.gov.uk/juniorstreetleaders to find out more.

Francis Joseph, 19



I heard about the Orange RockCorps in an interview with Busta Rhymes in the NME magazine. I hadn't done any volunteering, and I was a bit iffy about it at first. My project was conservation work in a cemetery, which I would never have dreamed of before. It was a real buzz meeting people and the sense of satisfaction from the finished project was huge. I drew pictures of some of the other volunteers and artists. Orange liked my artwork so much they used my pictures of Lady

GaGa (pictured above) on stage during her performance and they appeared on T4. Since then I've gone on to work with kids in the Community Links centre, teaching art. I'm doing an art foundation diploma at London College of Communications and building a profile for myself. Having this in my portfolio is a real boost! Feeling that you're doing something for the greater good is really motivating and inspiring.

Michael, 19, Walworth

I've been volunteering at the Brandon youth club for about a year, and I've also volunteered at the Youth Club 4 the Blue. I keep an eye on the younger kids and help out when we go on trips. It's good as it's something different to do and you get to feel like you're making a difference. I've had a mentor myself, so I know how important it is for the younger kids to have someone around to help them out and talk to, particularly if they've got trouble at home.

LOCAL TALENT:

Freestyle Dance Crew

Freestyle Dance Crew were the creative talent runners up in this year's Southwark Rising Star awards. Their manager, Faith Yiminyi, recently got back from learning about the dance industry with top choreographers in Los Angeles and New York. *Whtvr* went to catch up with Freestyle as they rehearsed at their base on the Aylesbury estate...

Interview by Eleonora Pilley



Photography by Hannah Maule-Finch

So Faith, how did you get involved in Freestyle?

I started attending Freestyle when I was 16, five years ago. I then became a volunteer helping out with the young people. I eventually took over as the group's manager and am now in a paid part time position.

Tell us how did you ended up going to LA and New York

I applied for a grant from the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust. They offer fellowships for people to go abroad and enhance their careers. I didn't think I would get it, so I was really surprised!

What did you get up to over there?

My fellowship focused on two areas of dance. In LA I learnt about choreography and the fundamentals of dance styles like krumping, whacking and freestyle. I worked alongside choreographers and other dancers. I was interested to find out how they got to where they are and their story. Then in New York I visited and spoke to established dance companies about how they are run. I'll be bringing what I learnt in America to Freestyle and into my own community.

Are Freestyle rehearsing for anything at the moment?

They're studying for their Duke of Edinburgh arts award at the moment. I help them work towards their own individual goals. It's the equivalent of a GCSE. Other than that, we do lots of events in the community throughout the year.

What's the best thing about managing the dance crew?

Watching everyone progress and build confidence. There's about 20 of us altogether. Everyone likes coming here as we're all really tight and have fun together, it's like a family.

What's been Freestyle's biggest achievement so far?

Performing at the Sadlers Wells Theatre was big for us. It was also amazing to get some recognition in the local community through the Rising Star Award!

If someone wanted to start up their own dance group in their community what advice would you give them?

Ask around in the community and look for local organisations that are willing to take you on and let you use their space to rehearse. Get all your friends and family to come and join in too. Just start small and go from there really.

What's the future got in store for the Freestyle?

We registered as a dance company in January this year. We're looking to run more projects and courses and increase the size of the company. After going to LA and New York I have some programmes in mind that I would like to run in the future with the contacts that I have made. As a group we plan to go over to the states in the near future.



Wanna get involved?

Freestyle Dance Crew are always on the look out for new people. If you want to get involved or find out more call Faith on 07949 765 761.

Superarts Dance and Musical Theatre Academy

St John's Hall, Larcom Street, SE17
Tuesday/Thursday after school and all day Saturday.

Superarts has been running in Southwark for over 40 years and offers classes for children and young people in jazz, ballet, tap, street dance and musical theatre. You'll also have the chance to take part in various performances throughout the year.

For more information contact Susan Hayes on 07721 927 714

Want details on other creative arts activities? Then visit www.whtvr.org

What's on in Southwark

There's loads to do in Southwark over the Christmas holidays. Check out some of the things to do here. Remember you can attend activities in any area. To find even more stuff to do check out www.whtvr.org

Bermondsey

Whites Grounds skate park

Thursday to Friday, 4pm to 7.30pm, Saturday and Sunday, 12.30pm to 7pm

Under the arches, corner of Crucifix Lane and Druid Street
A plaza-style skate park that offers sessions for beginners to experts. Lessons for beginners are available if you need it.

Contact: Peter Leandre, 020 7525 1102

D:Session

December 12 2009, 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Salmon youth centre, 43 Old Jamaica Road, SE16 4TE

A music and performance club event for young people aged 13+. The event will bring together song/rap, dance, music, drama and other art forms.

Contact: Godiva Apedo, 020 7237 3788

Borough and Bankside

Into the Hoods

December 16 2009 to January 10 2010
Southbank Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Belvedere Road, SE1 8XX
The award winning hip hop musical from the West End comes to Southwark!

Contact: 0844 875 0073 for tickets or visit www.southbankcentre.co.uk

Colombo sports centre

Monday to Friday, 7.30am to 10pm, Saturday and Sunday, 10am to 7pm
34-68 Colombo Street, SE1 8DP
Football sessions for both boys and girls, boxercise and girls only fitness sessions. Indoors and outdoor facilities.

Contact: 020 7261 1658

Camberwell

Offbeat

Contact the office for session times 9-11 Cottage Green, SE5 7ST
Offbeat uses music, dance and drama to help young people express themselves.

Contact: Maryane Mushini, 020 7708 6932

Drive Thru Nativity

December 1 to December 19 2009
Blue Elephant Theatre, 59a Bethwin Road, SE5 0XT
Modern day telling of the nativity story

Contact: 020 7701 0100 for tickets

Uniformed groups

One of the best ways to learn skills, make new friends and have loads of fun doing it, is to join a group like the Girlguides or Army Cadets. There are loads of groups in Southwark where you can learn everything from sport to survival skills, find your nearest one now.

Air Cadets

www.raf.mod.uk/aircadets

Army Cadets

www.armycadets.com

Boys' Brigade

Contact: 01442 288 558 or visit www.london-districtbb.co.uk

Girlguides

Contact: 0800 169 5901 or visit www.girlguidinglaser.org.uk

Girls' Brigade

Contact: 020 7639 8459 or visit www.girlsbrigadeew.org.uk

Scouts

Contact: 0845 300 1818 or visit www.scout.org.uk

Volunteer Police Cadets

www.met.police.uk/cadets

Dulwich

Sports at the Harris Academy

Harris Academy, Homestall Road, SE22 0NR

Monday to Friday, 4.30pm to 7pm,
Saturday and Sunday, 9am to 5pm
Homestall Road, SE22 0NR
Fitness suite, football, tennis,
volleyball, Tae Kwon Do,
cheerleading and lots more.

Contact: 020 7732 2276

Dulwich Air Squadron

Wednesday and Friday, 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Highwood barracks, Lordship Lane, SE22 8LE

Activities include flying, sports, target shooting and adventure training

Contact: 020 8693 1475

Peckham

Carl Campbell dance company 7

Tuesday, 4.30pm to 6pm
Peckham Pulse, 10 Melon Road, SE15 5QN

Caribbean dance sessions for young people

Contact: 020 7639 4875

Leaders of Tomorrow

Wednesday, 5pm to 8pm
19 Buller Close, SE15 6UJ

Supports young people who possess leadership skills and have an aptitude for business to achieve their full potential.

Contact: 020 7252 5235

Peckham Rye and Nunhead

Reprezent youth radio station

Register on the website for details
The Hub, 103 Assylum Road, SE15 2UB

Youth led radio station, providing learning and broadcasting opportunities for young people.

Contact: www.reprezent.org.uk

Ivydale youth project

Thursday, 6pm to 9pm

Ivydale primary school, Ivydale Road, SE15 3BU

Sports, pool, table tennis and workshops

Contact: 020 7252 5235

Rotherhithe

Surrey Docks farm

Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 6pm
Rotherhithe Street, SE16 5EY

Learn about caring for animals, sustainable farming and food production

Contact: 020 7231 1010

Downside Fisher youth club

Monday to Friday, 6pm to 10pm

Coxson Place, Druid Street, SE1 2EZ
Sports facility including team sports, wall climbing and swimming. Other activities include IT, crafts, recording studio and workshops.

Contact: 020 7407 0093

Time and Talents youth club

Monday, 6.30pm to 8.30pm
Old Mortuary, Marychurch Street, SE16 4JE

Contact: Claire Sexton,
020 7231 7845

Walworth

Real Drama

Monday, 6pm to 9pm

Inspire, the Crypt at St Peters, Liverpool Grove, SE17 2HH

A youth led theatre company founded by young people aged 16 to 26.

Contact: 07752 725 240

Pecan

Contact the office for courses

8th Floor Hannibal House, SE1 6TE

Pecan helps under 18s gain new skills and prepare for employment

Contact: Ellen Fung, 020 7701 6249

For things to do for younger children visit www.southwark.gov.uk/more2do



We've got a handy map which lists loads of stuff to do in Southwark for young people including all youth clubs, leisure centres and museums! To get your hands on a copy call **020 7525 3239**.

Southwark community games

A free year round programme of sports coaching and competition for 8 to 16 year olds. Sessions take place around the borough include football, cricket, tag rugby and athletics.

Sessions will run until December 16 2009 and will start again in January 2010. Look out for the new schedule at www.southwark.gov.uk/communitygames