

Dear residents and neighbours,

### **Destination Launch Event – Get involved!**

We wrote to you recently to tell you about an exciting event which the City of London Corporation, in partnership with BAFTA-winning arts and heritage charity Coney, and some of the UK's best creative companies, is staging this autumn.

The spectacular free immersive theatre event will be held on Saturday 15 October, from midday until 7pm, and will offer a huge programme of performance and games; a mass treasure hunt; a maze of adventures; three carnival inspired festival fairs; and a spectacular sunset finale all inspired by the secrets of the City.

As people who live, work and spend time in the City, you hold the key to many of the City's stories and secrets. We would love to unlock these stories, and for you to be part of the event. During September and October we are offering a number of ways for you to get involved to help make this event truly special.

#### **Join a Secret Tea Party**

You are invited to join us for tea and cake to share your unique City stories and secrets with us. You will get an exclusive taster of what to expect on the big day and have an opportunity to meet with some of the artists taking part. You'll find out everything you need to know about becoming a Key Holder on the day. You are free to come at any time during the party, but please email [emily@coneyhq.org](mailto:emily@coneyhq.org) in advance to let us know you are coming:

- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September – 5:00pm - 8.00pm – Guildhall Art Gallery, Basinghall Suite
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September – 2.00pm - 5.00pm – Portsoken Community Centre
- Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September – 5:00pm - 8.00pm – St Giles Cripplegate Church
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September – 2.00pm - 5.00pm – Golden Lane Estate Community Centre

#### **Become a member of the Worshipful Company of Keyholders**

For those of you keen to get involved further, we are looking for people to become 'Keyholders to the City'. These fictional figures will play a crucial part at the main event, sharing their secrets of the City with those who don't yet know the wonders of our winding alleys and histories that passed our streets. To find out more about these roles, and Coney's playful plans, you are invited to join a keyholder workshop. You are free to come at any time during the workshop, but please email [emily@coneyhq.org](mailto:emily@coneyhq.org) in advance to let us know you are coming:

- Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September – 2.00pm - 4.00pm - Golden Lane Estate Community Centre
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September – 6:30pm – 8:30pm - Guildhall Art Gallery, Basinghall Suite
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October – 2.00pm - 4.00pm - Golden Lane Estate Community Centre

#### **Apply for the Future Council**

We are looking for young people aged 11 to 19 to become members of the fictional Future Council for one day on 15<sup>th</sup> October. As part of this participatory game, young people will spend the day working with artists from Coney to play themselves – but as members of an imagined council in

2047, and be given the power to make playful yet important decisions with help from the audience. To sign up to the Future Council today contact [emily@coneyhq.org](mailto:emily@coneyhq.org).

### **Sign up to volunteer**

On the day of the event we need a friendly front of house team to help and support audiences. Volunteers will be stationed around the event and at our information points, to help audiences navigate their way around the site and provide key information about the programme. You will be asked to cover a four hour shift on the day. Shifts are 11am to 3pm, 2pm to 6pm and 5pm to 9pm. Interested in volunteering please contact [frances.moulton@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:frances.moulton@cityoflondon.gov.uk).

We will be back in touch in soon with more detail about what is happening in your area, key locations and what you can expect on the day.

For now, please remember to:

- Save the Date and join us at the event - 15th October 2022
- Spread the word – tell all your friends and family about the free event and the workshop opportunities
- Drop in – come along to one of our workshops or parties. Please email [emily@coneyhq.org](mailto:emily@coneyhq.org) to let us know you are coming
- Get in touch – for more information and to apply for the Future Council please contact [emily@coneyhq.org](mailto:emily@coneyhq.org)
- Sign up – if you'd like to volunteer at the event on the day, please contact [frances.moulton@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:frances.moulton@cityoflondon.gov.uk)

Kind regards

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