

## **Whippersnappers**

### **The Brockwell Lido Community Bid**

This proposal was initiated by Whippersnappers on the behalf of the community, in order to give it a chance to maintain, develop and manage our Lido from the grass roots.

### **Whippersnappers**

Whippersnappers was created at the Lido 10 years ago and has benefited 10,000 children every year since its conception.

We provide under fives education through theatre, music and art 7 days a week at the Lido.

Our out reach work has proved to be very popular with nurseries, schools and community centres in Lambeth and surrounding boroughs.

Sure Start, E.Y.D.C.P, Lambeth Education Action Zone and the Royal Festival Hall, find our work highly innovative and of considerable value in our borough of over 72 different nationalities.

### **Partners in Bid**

- Ivor Osbourne Mortgage & Credit Broker.  
Ivor has pledged £100,000 towards our sinking fund and he will also undertake the development of the café/restaurant and nursery area.
- Thames Water  
Thames Water is proud to support our Bid in a partnership for at least 3 years.
- Queen Mother Moore School  
This local Saturday school celebrated its 20th anniversary last year; it has 100 pupils with a long waiting list. 60% of its pupils go on to further education. It doesn't need to advertise preferring to make its results of turning around many deprived youths in the area speak for itself.
- The 198 Gallery  
The 198 art gallery supports artists from diverse cultural backgrounds, it has an education programme for youths. They work with professional artists and designers from around the world.

### **Yoga, Therapy and Meditation**

We have 32 classes 7 days a week in these disciplines; they consist of 4 yoga's Hatha, Astanga, Post Natal & Pregnancy and Shivananda. There are Western Buddhist Meditation, Baby Massage, Tai chi, and Capoeira. Combined with our intended 3rd yoga room and new therapy areas many more people will benefit.

### **The reasons why our bid is best**

- 1) Management  
We have a highly skilled management committee and advisors chosen from the Lido users and the community. They have many years of experience and their credibility is second to none. Our management structure will be transparent and unambiguous. And all profit will go back into the charity.

- Mr Alfie Howard Official Town Crier of the London Borough of Lambeth
- Mr Duncan Eastoe Auditor of the Year 2002 Audit-Commission GOV UK
- Mr Pete Turner MBE Head of Social Action Capitol Radio
- Mrs Pat Walker Retired Head Teacher at Lyndhurst, Joseph Lancaster, East Dulwich
- Mr Clarence C Thompson Esq. BA, Soc, Sc, MBE, Chairman of West Indian Standing Conference
- Rev Hewlette U B Andrew Methodist Church, Founder President of Queen Mother Moore
- Dr Rush Wickramasinghe Paediatrician
- Mr Nathan Nelson Lambeth Youth Council, Live Magazine Editorial Board
- Mr Francis Hector LLB, BA (Hon)
- Mr Ron Ellis Surveyor , Paxton Design Partnership Ltd
- Mrs Cathy Powers Co-founder Mayall Rd Residents Association, ORC Effra nursery
- Mrs Rhoda Dakar Graphic Designer, Marketing, Herne Hill Harriers
- BLU 1 rep
- Friends of Brockwell Park 1 rep
- Hern Hill Forum 1 rep
- Lambeth Council 1 rep observer position
- Thames Water 1 rep

Advisors:

- Ms Beverly Burton Funding, Charity, Development officer LVAC
- Mr Oliver Probyn Architecture, Governor Rosendale School, Architect
- Mr Ben Grass Business, Director of Internet Wireless Sony Pictures

All the above mentioned come to the lido and are concerned about its future, see their C.V. at end of main proposal.

2) Heated Pool

We are providing a heated pool so that many more people can benefit from swimming for more days in the year. The heating system we chose is Geothermal ground heating a renewable heating source.

3) Education

Not only will we have Leisure, Sport and entertainment, we will also have a progressive education department with a good record of helping deprived youths. Our education program will benefit from the cradle to the cane.

4) Year round usage of pool area

We will provide year round usage of the pool area and a Weekend Craft Market around the sides.

- Spring A one-day festival in May in and around the pool for 2000 families called Pickny Beat Day celebrating the return of the water into the pool.
- Autumn Fort -Night Weekends In the Open, Saturday a play supporting the national curriculum.
- Sunday Opera
- Saturday Light Jazz
- Sunday Children's Halloween Party

- Winter We will have an Ice Rink In the deep end of the pool in December for skaters and a Christmas Show On Ice
- 5) Minimal disruption and upheaval  
We respect the 30's style of the building and will be carrying out only internal non structural conversions. We will be careful and make sure that our changes will not affect the continuity of present programs and no one will be subjected to loss of earnings.
  - 6) No public disagreement  
We have already been granted planning permission for all phases of our planning.

### **Structural Changes and Conversions**

- 1) Café. We will build a glass conservatory with sliding panels on the circular side of the café facing the pool which will double the number of tables.
- 2) Disabled Access We will build ramps on both sides of the stairway at the Dulwich road main entrance enabling special needs and disabled people to share in the usage of the lido when the other gates are locked early in the winter.
- 3) Infant Awareness we will build a Soft Play Area with a paddling Pool for small children and a cosy seated area by the poolside for the old and the infirm.
- 4) Health Awareness we will convert the Lido changing rooms creating 2 therapy areas with saunas in each and a 3rd yoga room.
- 5) 4000 Square feet Nursery The adjacent FootBall Changing rooms will be converted into a 4000 square feet inclusive nursery with assisted places and 2000 Square feet of office space for local charitable organisations.
- 6) Boardwalk roof garden and 1st floor extensions in year four we will be looking at putting first floor extensions on the café, whippersnappers reception and the pump room. This will create a restaurant above the cafe, better office space for Whippersnappers and accommodation for an onsite caretaker and staff room for lifeguards above the pump room.
- 7) The Lido changing rooms will be crowned with a roof garden boardwalk and a 30s style circular
- 8) Bar providing more space for sunbathers.

Our proposal is designed to cause as little disruption as possible to our every day time tables without compromising our development plans.

If our common sense community bid is successful we will create something for us all to love and make us proud.

Victorious in Peace.