

# VOICES RISING

As part of Walthamstow Garden Party  
In The Air



**Are you 11-25 years old and living, working or studying in Waltham Forest?**

**Would you like to share your thoughts and experiences during lockdown through speech, spoken word, poetry or music?**

**How about seeing your work shared as part of this year's Walthamstow Garden Party In The Air?**

**If yes, then look no further – this project is for you!**

## WHAT'S INVOLVED?

We invite young people across the borough to send us a piece of work you have created during this lockdown period. It could be a piece of spoken word, poetry, music or simply you speaking to camera. Together with your creative work, we ask if you can send us an image and short written introduction to yourself and your work.

Your description might include:

- Your name and connection to Waltham Forest
- The kinds of creative activities you enjoy doing
- How long you have been writing / singing / performing
- What inspired you to create your piece.

Everything you send us will be shared as part of this year's Walthamstow Garden Party In The Air programme, a reimagining of Walthamstow Garden Party which was scheduled to take place in Lloyd Park on the 18th and 19th July. From the 1st of July, Waltham Forest residents are invited to get creative in the comfort of their own home and channel the spirit of the festival. You are invited to send us your work throughout the month of July to feature on the Walthamstow Garden Party In the Air website.

To help you create your work, you can access the following pre-recorded masterclasses, packed with useful exercises and tips:

- Spoken Word – with poet Aisling Fahey (Young Poet Laureate for London 2014-15)
- Vocal Coaching and Performance Skills – with artist Leonn Meade (Musical Director for London Community Gospel Choir)
- Music Production (based on Cubase LE) – with Mikis Michaelides, Rxwntree and Sam Vasanth (MVP Workshops)
- Song Writing – with David Austin (Waltham Forest Music Service)

## WHO CAN APPLY?

We are looking for young people who:

- Are aged between 11 – 25 years
- Have a connection to Waltham Forest (e.g. go to school, attend a youth club, live or work in the borough)

## WHAT SHOULD I WRITE ABOUT?

The aim of the project is to create a space for young people to reflect on their experiences in lockdown and to platform these responses to a wider audience. What you write about is completely up to you.

Your work may be inspired by some of these questions:

- What has the experience of lock-down been like for you?
- Have there been particular challenges you'd like to talk about?
- What about any positive aspects to lockdown for you? Have you found it a useful time to stop, pause and reflect?
- What have you been doing during this time? Perhaps you've found time to be creative, you may have developed a new skill or simply taken some time to rest or spend more time with your family.
- What are your hopes and aspirations for the future?
- How do you think society has changed through lockdown?
- How would you describe the experience of lock down in three words?

**WE ASK THAT YOUR SUBMISSION IS UP TO 3 MINUTES (MAXIMUM) IN LENGTH.**

## WHERE DO I SIGN-UP?

Visit [www.mypworkshops.co.uk/voicesrising](http://www.mypworkshops.co.uk/voicesrising) for access to the masterclasses and a short video which talks you through how to record and submit your work. If you are under 18, you will also need to attach a copy of the consent form, signed by your parents / carers.

## KEY DATES

Mon 15th June:	Project opens and on-line masterclasses available
Fri 31st July:	Deadline for submissions – however we encourage early submissions so that your work can be viewed during the weekend of the virtual festival 18th – 19th July.

## GOT ANY QUESTIONS?

Please email [voicesrising@beatroots.org](mailto:voicesrising@beatroots.org) if you do not have access to a phone, computer or other device for recording and submitting your work, if you have any questions about this project or would like to chat through anything with us.

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU!**

Voices Rising is a collaboration between Barbican Guildhall Creative Learning, Beatroots Creative, Future Creatives, MVP Workshops, Waltham Forest Music Service and young people of Waltham Forest. As part of Walthamstow Garden Party In The Air.

From the 1st of July, discover all the other activities you can take part in and learn about our partners at [www.walthamstowgardenparty.com](http://www.walthamstowgardenparty.com), and share your creations using #WGPIInTheAir across social media.

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