



Playing with Sugar – Reminiscence Project & Show

Nov 2013 - March 2014

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STC is Streatham's recently launched community theatre. Our objective is to provide residents with the opportunity to watch, act or participate in locally based theatre activities and stagecraft.

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1. The Project concept

We will involve local people in devising and performing a new show to celebrate 125 years since the Streatham Free Public Library Act 1889. The show will be performed to mark the celebrations for the opening of the new Streatham Library in March 2014. It will be inspired by the collected reminiscences of local residents from Streatham. A volunteer research team will interview residents and collate submissions. The STC artistic team will then work with local people to devise, write and perform the show based on the reminiscences. The show will be promoted by an exhibition in a Streatham venue, which will tell the story of the project and share a selection of the memories and extracts from the interviews.

2. Project timeline

Start date - November 2013 - end date March 2014

Phase 1: (November – December 2013) STC research team will interview and collect memories from current and past Streatham residents, publishing them on the STC website. Contributions will also be possible on the website.

Phase 2: (January – March 2014) STC artistic team will lead workshops with local people to devise, write and direct a theatre show inspired by memories

Phase 3: (February – March 2014) Exhibition of project to promote the theatre performance and celebrate reminiscences in Streatham Hill Library or other location.

Phase 4: (March 2014) Performances of the theatre show at Streatham Library as part of new library opening celebrations March 2014

3. How can you get involved?

Local people can be involved in any or all of the four phases of the project. STC members and friends can be involved as interviewers or interviewees as well as performers in phase 2 and or 3. A script and instructions will be provided to interviewers. Anyone interested in being part of the team should contact Liz (research team leader) or Helen (Project director). Anyone is welcome to share their stories of Streatham.

4. Streatham history and events timeline (1864 to present)

A timeline of Streatham events and historical figures has been produced to help interviewees in recalling their memories.