

A NEW FORUM to discuss the arts of the African, Caribbean, Asian, Chinese and Vietnamese communities in Tower Hamlets.

On Sunday, 2nd March, 1986, at 2 pm at the Whitechapel Art Gallery, Tower Hamlets Council - through its Arts Office - is calling together all black and ethnic minority community and arts groups and individuals who are interested in arts and entertainments, and those working with these communities.

The arts activities of these communities have been seriously neglected by all funding bodies. This Forum is being set up to enable local organisations and individual people from these communities to meet with others to exchange information and views and share ideas on how to improve facilities for black and ethnic arts activities. This will be the start of a new local Forum, which will continue to meet regularly after this launch to develop definite aims and proposals to put to the Council.

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Refreshments will be available during the afternoon. Creche facilities will be provided. Please try to let us know in advance if you will be bringing young children.

For further information, please contact Shweta Otiv, Arts Office, Central Library, Bancroft Road, London E.1. Tel: 980 7518/980 4366 x 51

or (Bengali speaking) Kanai Dutta on 377 5481.

PROGRAMME

- 2.00 - 2.15 Welcome to Forum Launch -
Tea/Coffee.
- 2.15 Short Introduction by Chair -
Shweta Otiv - Ethnic Arts Officer.
- 2.30 Tower Hamlets Arts Committee -
How it works.
Peter Conway - Principal Arts Officer
- 2.45 Guest Speakers (to be confirmed).
- 3.30 - 4.30 Brief questions to speakers -
Smaller group discussions.
- a) Funding & Resources
Information on last year's funding of black
& non-western arts in Tower Hamlets will be
provided as a starting point for discussion.
- b) Women & the Arts
This group can express their needs and
exchange ideas on ways to begin or increase
their involvement in arts and entertainments
in the borough.
- 4.30 Short Summary by each group of its
main proposals and recommendations.
Suggestions for future action.
- 5.00 END.