

## Lambeth Community Programme September 2017

In September 2017 we launched the Lambeth Community Programme, a two-year community programme for residents of the borough of Lambeth – home of the iOi’s Imagination Lab. We offer our community a free of charge programme of events and activities from dynamic schools sessions to Tinkering Clubs at the weekends. We also offer a number of free tickets for Lambeth families to attend Imagination Lab public programme events.

### Lambeth Community Programme Impact

Since 1 September 2017 we have delivered **16** events and welcomed **599** children and **328** adults to Lambeth Community Programme events. In addition, to these events we have an accessibility programme.

The accessibility programme has enabled us to offer a number of free access tickets to families in the local community. Since September 2017 we have provided **179** complimentary tickets to Lambeth residents for access to our large events such as Lab Live and even three-day holiday camps. Volunteering is a key aspect of the Lambeth Community Programme and we hope to recruit a pool of 40 volunteers. Through volunteering with the iOi, we encourage adults and young adults in the Lambeth area to develop skills and further integrate into the community.

### Community

Lambeth is a borough that is ethnically diverse and rich in culture, with 60% of Lambeth’s population (3 in 5) describing their ethnicity as other than White British. We strive to mirror this cultural diversity at each Lambeth Community Programme event to ensure that all members of the community have access to our exciting events and workshops. From 1 December 2017 to 31 March 2018 over the course of 5 Lambeth Community Programme events, **45%** of attendees identified as other than White British. We will continue to build on this success and ensure that our programme reflects our community.

We were able to identify families in Lambeth who return to the Lab for more than one event, with several families attending at least two Lambeth Community events from December to February, this illustrates to us that we are really creating a community around the Imagination Lab, something that we will continue to do as we work towards the iOi campus.

### Feedback

We are incredibly pleased to have received resoundingly positive feedback from children, teachers and parents alike, and are proud of the community’s positive engagement with the iOi and the Imagination Lab. Our Lambeth-specific events are building momentum and we hope to continue fulfilling our mission of truly creating a community around the Imagination Lab, something that we will continue to do as we work toward the iOi campus.



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*“Best day ever!”*

**Annie, aged 7**

**Lab Life: ‘Art meets Science’**

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*“Third visit to an iOi day today, and the best yet... SO much to do, so many wonderful helpers on hand, the right number of people for the space, constant stimulation without being overwhelming - just immaculately put together. The absolute best!”*

**Joe, Lambeth parent**

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