

CLAPHAM COMMON MANAGEMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ANNUAL OPEN MEETING – THURSDAY 2 FEBRUARY

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE ELECTION OF COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Please return the completed form to Peter Schmitt, CCMAC Secretary,  
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~~wish to nominate~~/self nominate


[Print Name]:

of [Address]:

[Tel/email]:

as committee member to represent [Stakeholder/user Group, as applicable]:

User group.

Signature:   
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I accept this nomination as a community representative on the committee.

**My Personal Statement:**

Signature:

Date:

## **David Beldon Personal statement to support myself nomination to be a community representative on the Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee**

I am a Lambeth resident and have worked in the Clapham Common area for the past 16 years. I am a fine artist with an interest in photography, originally working as a childcare professional in local schools, nurseries and childcare settings. My passion for gardening, horticulture and community led me to become self employed 8 years ago. Initially focussing on landscaping and maintenance, I began to develop areas for children to experience and explore the natural world; I am a Level 3 Trained Forest School Leader. Lambeth is a Food Flagship borough, and I sit on the Local Authorities Natural Thinkers development group, leading on outdoor learning across Lambeth in schools, community and parks. The group leads on raising the awareness of the importance of outdoor play and learning, whilst promoting activities to reduce obesity and improve whole family health and wellbeing.

I developed a successful community nature session for families and children under 5's at Clapham Manor and Heathbrook Children's Centres, called Little Diggers, but due to popularity it expanded to The Spinney. Little Diggers is now one of 3 community sessions I deliver providing outdoor natural play opportunities for families with children aged 0-11. The sessions now regularly attract over 150 families each week. In my work with children, families, schools and local nurseries I am therefore instrumental in nurturing the future caretakers of the common. My passion for horticulture and the outdoors has enabled me to work closely with many community groups, regularly championing my ethos and vision of inspiring lifelong learning through natural thinking. Some of the groups I have worked with include Band Stand Beds, Edible Lambeth, Clapham Youth, Young Lambeth Co-op, Spiral, Involve (corporate volunteers), and the Governments National Community Service for 16 – 19 year olds (volunteers).

Even though the sessions I deliver are primarily aimed at children between the ages of 0 – 11, all members of the family are welcome, placing me in a unique position to gather the perspective and views from this diverse intergenerational user group. If elected to the committee I would become a conduit and sounding board between the local community and the CCMAC. I would disseminate information, reports and experiences and gather responses, feedback and present ideas therefore enabling the CCMAC to have a healthy perspective from the community it serves.

I would make a good appointee to the committee not only because of my excellent relationships with the local schools and families but because I am a passionate advocate for developing and delivering cohesive, inclusive community services, and would welcome an opportunity to become part of this forward thinking committee.