



# Best of Royal Greenwich Business Awards

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## AGENDA

12.30–13.15	Champagne reception (including canapés) in standing area
13:15–13:30	Speeches
13:30–14:30	Lunch
14:30–15:45	Awards Ceremony
15:45–15:55	Comfort break
15:55–16:15	Overall Winners
16:15–16:30	Mayor's Raffle
16:30–16:45	Closing speech
16:45–19:00	Networking



## CELEBRATING ROYAL GREENWICH BUSINESSES

Congratulations to all our shortlisted businesses, this year it was harder than ever to make it into the final few for the Best of Royal Greenwich Business Awards. Our judges had an extremely tough job after receiving so many fantastic

nominations, so everyone should be extremely proud of making it this far.

These awards are about celebrating local businesses and their positive contributions to Royal Greenwich. Our businesses are the backbone of our local economy and community, bringing vital services, jobs and creativity to the borough.

This year, we introduced two new categories, Entrepreneur — Under 30, and Entrepreneur — Over 30, so it was exciting to receive entries which celebrate outstanding individuals as well as businesses.

Our finalists from across a diverse selection of businesses have demonstrated innovation, excellent customer service, fantastic training and development for their staff, and have gone above and beyond to support our communities.

With our vibrant town centres and superb transport links, Royal Greenwich is a popular and well-established location for businesses to start up and grow. The council's vision is to have a flourishing economy that nurtures new and existing businesses and offers opportunities to grow in an inclusive and sustainable way.

Our aim is to set the foundation to support even more businesses, creating 21,000 more jobs by 2030. We will do this by promoting local enterprise and start-ups, encouraging fair employment practices and ensuring that Royal Greenwich is attracting a range of companies.

We are also in partnership with the Living Wage Foundation to ensure employees are treated fairly and feel happier and secure in their jobs. This year we celebrated the news that 124 businesses have now been accredited as Living Wage Employers in Royal Greenwich, this has increased by 37% since 2022. This was helped by the council introducing a grant scheme to cover the full cost of three years' worth of accreditation from the Living Wage Foundation.

We know that this year has been tough for many of you, with the cost of living crisis at the forefront of many people's mind, so supporting local businesses has never been more important. We have a broad range of support on offer, from advice on training, networking, access to contract opportunities and an e-business support programme.

Find out more by visiting [royalgreenwich.gov.uk/business](https://royalgreenwich.gov.uk/business)

**COUNCILLOR ANTHONY OKEREKE**  
LEADER OF THE ROYAL BOROUGH OF GREENWICH



# BUSINESS AWARDS JUDGES



HEAD JUDGE

**Councillor Jackie Smith**  
Cabinet Member for Inclusive Economy, Business, Skills and Greenwich Supports

Councillor Smith has been an elected Member since 2002. Jackie serves on the Tramshed board and previously held roles at Woolwich Works, Greenwich Leisure Limited, and as Chair of Trust Thamesmead. She was also a social worker for over 20 years. *“We want to hear from businesses that go above and beyond, whether that’s by providing excellent customer service, enriching the local community or offering fantastic training and development for their staff.”*



**Kemi Madumere**  
Co-director of Brighter Futures Project, Compass Supported Living, and Camouflage Cafe

As co-director of three Best of Royal Greenwich Business Awards-winning businesses, Kemi brings valuable insights to the judging panel. Her entrepreneurial success is further evidenced by her authorship of a best-selling book.

*“I’m looking for businesses that demonstrate innovation, resilience, and a positive impact on our local community. I’ll be seeking out nominees who not only show impressive business acumen and growth, but also those who prioritise sustainability, inclusivity, and social responsibility.”*



**Mark Jenkinson**  
Director and Founder of Crystal Associates

Mark is a board member of the South East London Chamber of Commerce and Chair of the London Chamber’s ‘Environment, Sustainability & Green Growth’ committee.

Mark is also the co-lead of Tech London Advocates’ working groups for PropTech and Education, LETI workstream lead, a contributor to the new UK Net Zero Carbon Building Standard, and a member of the City of London’s Skills for a Sustainable Skyline Taskforce.

*“My particular focus will be on those businesses pushing the envelope from a sustainability and digital perspective. Congratulations and good luck to all those that enter!”*



**Paddy Rogers**  
Director (Chief Executive Officer) of Royal Museums Greenwich

Paddy is the Director of the Royal Museums Greenwich and a former CEO of Euronav, the world’s largest independent publicly listed tanker company from 2000 to 2019.

*“Business is a critical human activity. To function effectively it must deliver products or services that are useful to society with integrity, honesty and transparency. I am always surprised, delighted or entertained by competitions such as these.”*



**Dr Hetty (Wenxian) Sun**  
Associate Professor and Associate Head of the Executive Business Centre - Research and Knowledge Exchange at the Greenwich Business School

Hetty has played a leading role in several pioneering initiatives, including securing multi-million funding from the European Commission. Before joining academia, she worked in the UK FinTech business and contributed to government-funded projects in China, obtaining a government reward for remarkable success.

Hetty is a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy (HEA) and a Chartered Management and Business Educator (CMBE).

*“To me, the privilege of being a judge is the opportunity to uncover these hidden masterpieces—the most beautiful ways of turning vision into reality, and of pursuing excellence with unwavering passion.”*



**Christofi Christou**  
Economic Inclusion Manager, Peabody, and President of the South East London Chamber of Commerce

With a proven track record of building successful partnerships and driving strategic initiatives, Christofi is committed to creating a thriving business ecosystem that empowers local businesses to thrive and succeed. Christofi also leads Peabody’s Economic Inclusion approach.

*“I’m looking for nominations to demonstrate their resourcefulness, creativity and how they support the communities they are based in whilst running their businesses.”*



**Councillor Majid Rahman**  
Cabinet Member for Planning, Estate Renewal and Development

Councillor Majid Rahman is experienced in business engagement and is an economy and business champion for Our Greenwich, supporting the benefits of inclusive economic growth in the borough.

*“Having worked with businesses across different sectors in my professional career, I am keen to see businesses looking at long term sustainability, which engage locally and look internally on how to improve efficiency via creativity and skills development. Our local businesses help drive the local economy and job market and I am keen to see the awards shine a light on them.”*

## WE ARE THE COMMUNITY HOSPICE, AND WE ARE HERE FOR THE PEOPLE OF GREENWICH

### VICKI'S LEGACY

At just 45, Vicki was a devoted physiotherapist, a loving mother to her children aged 10 and 7, and a fiercely loyal friend. Her warmth, humour, and competitive spirit touched everyone she met, from her school days at Thomas Tallis to her passionate support for West Ham and love of rugby.

When her illness brought her to the Community Hospice, the hospice team went above and beyond, ensuring she could spend cherished days at home with her children whenever possible.

"Whenever we spoke to Vicki about the hospice, she was so animated and told us how amazing the hospice team were. The nurses went above and beyond to ensure she was able to get home most days and be a mummy to her kids again which meant the world to her".



When she was too unwell to return home, the hospice team made sure they could still enjoy family time together. One evening, the team transformed the room for a cozy movie night, complete with teepees for the children, plenty of snacks, and all their favourite films.

Despite her illness, Vicki's spirit never wavered. She even organized an epic fundraiser for the hospice from her bed! In April 2024, Vicki died at the hospice, surrounded by love.



"WHEN PEOPLE THINK OF A HOSPICE, THEY OFTEN THINK OF A BUILDING. ACTUALLY, WE CARE FOR THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE EACH YEAR IN THEIR OWN HOMES, WHERE THEY WANT TO BE A SURROUNDED BY THE THINGS THAT BRING THEM COMFORT."

Kate Heaps, Chief Executive

### PARTNER WITH US

A partnership with Community Hospice will deliver the following benefits for your company:

- ✓ Inspire your employees
- ✓ Attract new customers
- ✓ Help you stand out from your competitors

Find out more about our exciting partnership opportunities by contacting Darren at: [darrenbennett@gbch.org.uk](mailto:darrenbennett@gbch.org.uk)



CHECK US OUT AT [COMMUNITYHOSPICE.ORG.UK](http://COMMUNITYHOSPICE.ORG.UK)

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## **The South East London Chamber of Commerce is in business for business.**

For over 135 years the Chamber has been supporting its members with practical support, networking opportunities, access to new markets and services.

The Chamber's mission is to provide the best conditions for businesses to grow in south east London. SELCC works with the five boroughs it serves: Royal Greenwich, Lewisham, Bromley, Bexley and Croydon on strategic issues such as transport, the environment, skills, employment, the economy and the cost of living crisis. SELCC works closely with politicians at both the local and national levels, together with the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry to whom SELCC is affiliated and who in turn is an accredited member of the British Chambers of Commerce.

The Chamber receives support from its Strategic Partners, one of whom is the Royal Borough of Greenwich. The other SPs are: Alcatel Submarine Networks, Berkeley Homes, Charlton Athletic Football Club (CAFC), Digital Greenwich Connect, Group One Automotive, ITS Technology Group, Lewisham, London Biggin Hill Airport, London South East Colleges (LSEC), Mo-Sys Engineering, Peabody, Ravensbourne University London, RSK Group and the University of Greenwich. The SPs use the Chamber as their conduit in supporting a healthy business community across south east London.

The Chamber has an elected board of Directors representing different sectors which creates a board with diverse aims and priorities under the leadership of the President; the Chamber Directors use their varied operational expertise to help members' interests. The Chamber holds many regular in-person paid events as well as sponsored Office Drinks and the popular Link 'n

Drinks which take place in every borough. Many free webinars take place and members' are invited to share their expertise in presenting these recorded events.

In 2024, the SELCC organised the Greener Greenwich Summit 2024 on behalf of the Royal Borough. This was Held at the Valley in March, and the event was free to RBG businesses. The 160+ attendees identified four project initiatives under four themes linked to RBG's Carbon Neutral Plan.

- **Embedding Wider Change:** All Greenwich businesses to develop a Carbon Footprint Action Plan.
- **Buildings and Energy:** Scale up energy and efficiency measures in domestic and non-domestic buildings.
- **Transport:** All organisations to develop a Green Travel Plan.
- **Green & Digital:** Employers to pledge their support to local colleges and universities to deliver the green and digital skills in the borough.

More detail can be found in the output report published in early May at the following link:

[https://issuu.com/benham/docs/greener\\_greenwich\\_2024](https://issuu.com/benham/docs/greener_greenwich_2024)

Following the Summit, the SELCC set up a Sustainability Group of RBG businesses who presented at the Summit. The Group is supporting the realisation of the four projects and has met three times. In 2025, SELCC aims to promote the findings to all RBG businesses. Keep abreast of progress during 2025 and play your part at SELCC events, webinars, the website and the Masthead magazine!



## ABOUT THE AWARDS



### **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD**

This Business of the Year Award 2024 is the grand finale of our event and will be the last to be announced. The prize, kindly sponsored by BPTW, will present the winner with a £3,000 cheque to spend on a project of their choice for their business.



Greenwich based BPTW are award winning Architects specialising in residential development. Offering design skills across master planning, urban design, neighbourhood regeneration and engaging with local communities, we work collaboratively with both public and private sector clients, have an active training and development programme and are proud to support local charities and provide work experience opportunities to local young people.

### **OUR HOST**

Baroness Ayesha Hazarika MBE is a political commentator, writer and comedian who served as Chief of Staff to Harriet Harman, Labour Deputy Leader and twice Acting Leader of the Labour Party. She was a senior Labour adviser for more than eight years in Government and in opposition.

Before politics, Ayesha worked with the chairman of music giant EMI and was a civil service press officer at the Department of Trade and Industry, Home Office and No 10. She was an award-winning comedian who toured the country and played the Edinburgh Fringe. A career she has returned to (at least in part), only now with a more political theme.

Ayesha is a regular commentator on the BBC, Sky and ITN as well as writing for national newspapers and magazines including the FT, Guardian and New Statesman.

### **OUR VENUE**

The InterContinental London – The O2 is perfectly positioned on the edge of the Greenwich Peninsula with the River Thames and Canary Wharf on its doorstep.

Surrounded by the rich history of Royal Greenwich, the hotel boasts spacious bedrooms and suites, a 4,500 sqm purpose-built conference centre, including the UK's largest pillar-free ballroom, complemented with a further 19 flexible spaces, both indoor and outdoor social spaces, providing the perfect canvas for your event. Plus, enjoy a vibrant mix of restaurants and bars, each featuring spectacular views and offerings inspired by the area's rich history. [iclondon-theo2.com](http://iclondon-theo2.com)

### **THANK YOU TO GREENWICH MARKET FOR SPONSORING OUR CHAMPAGNE RECEPTION THIS YEAR**



Greenwich Market is proud to sponsor the Business Awards 2024, honouring innovation, excellence, and leadership within the Greenwich community. This sponsorship underscores our dedication to Greenwich Market providing a birthplace for new businesses. Together with our exceptional traders, we strive to inspire progress and contribute to a thriving town centre. [greenwichmarket.london](http://greenwichmarket.london)

# AND THE FINALISTS ARE...



BEST OF ROYAL GREENWICH BUSINESS AWARDS 2024 FINALISTS

## BEST FOOD AND DRINK VENUE

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[shopdrury.com](http://shopdrury.com)

Established in 1936 and now in its fourth generation as a family business, Drury Tea and Coffee Company is based on the Royal Arsenal, Woolwich. From here it supplies freshly roasted coffee and fine quality teas to the food service industry and directly to consumers, both locally and internationally.

### CAKES & LAYERS

Behind Cakes & Layers is the story of Thu Ha and Clément who share a passion for the art of baking. Combining their complementary knowledge and passion, they pride themselves on delivering beautiful and delicious handmade cakes and pastries by using the finest natural ingredients. Their main focus has always been quality above everything else.

[cakesnlayers.com](http://cakesnlayers.com)

### MADRE PINZERIA ITALIANA

Our first restaurant in Locri, Southern Italy honoured our most cherished recipes we grew up with at home and, we remained true to traditions — using only fresh ingredients, with every dish made with passion and love. The name “Pinzeria” was crafted by our family to spark curiosity, which combined with our dedication to quality and personable service, has allowed us to expand first to Northern Italy, and now Greenwich.

[pinzeria.co.uk](http://pinzeria.co.uk)

### OLD COTTAGE COFFEE SHOP

For over 10 years we have been supporting park users and local organisations. We source foods from local independent suppliers and through the generous donations from customers, volunteers and local businesses, we're able focus on providing a free Christmas lunch to local elderly people. We also provide the local hospice with a generous donation too.

[facebook.com/theoldcottagecoffee](https://facebook.com/theoldcottagecoffee)

### REWA SUSHI AND MOMO

Rewa Sushi and Momo specialise in freshly handmade sushi and dumplings, crafted with the finest ingredients with a commitment to authenticity. Each dish is made to order, and our sushi showcases a fusion of traditional techniques and modern flavours. What sets us apart is our dedication to quality and the artistry behind each dish, offering a unique dining experience that celebrates both Japanese and Himalayan based Asian culinary traditions.

[rewasushiandmomo.com](http://rewasushiandmomo.com)



## BEST NEW BUSINESS

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[londoncityairport.com](http://londoncityairport.com)

We are London's most central airport and known internationally for our punctuality, speed of service and award-winning customer experience. London City Airport connects to over 30 leisure and business destinations in the UK, Europe and beyond, and this year we were once again named London's Best Airport by Which?

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[cakesnlayers.com](http://cakesnlayers.com)

### GOOD KOFFEE

GOOD KOFFEE is a brand that started from a simple pop-up coffee bar at the Royal Arsenal Farmers Market and has grown into an exciting venture. We're now gearing up to launch our sparkling coffee, inspired by global flavours, designed for today's adventurous, health-conscious drinkers. This product is a big focus, tapping into the growing non-alcoholic drinks market. Alongside this, we founded Blessing Events, which began as a side project but has evolved into a local events company.

[goodkoffee.co](http://goodkoffee.co)

### THE COFFEE STUDIO

The Coffee Studio is a speciality coffee business dedicated to creating an exceptional coffee experience for every customer. At The Coffee Studio, we focus on delivering high-quality, carefully crafted beverages made from ethically sourced beans, with attention to detail in every cup we serve. Our space is designed to be more than just a café; it's a community hub where people can connect, work and relax.

[thecoffeestudioldn.com](http://thecoffeestudioldn.com)

### WE CANDLE IT

We are a couple on a mission to prove that candles don't have to be boring. We want to spread positive energy and encourage self-belief through the art of candle-making and that anyone can create something beautiful with wax. We quickly noticed a gap in the market for candle-making workshops in London that would appeal to those who wanted to be more creative.

[wecandleit.co.uk](http://wecandleit.co.uk)

## DIGITAL

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[digitalgreenwichconnect.com](http://digitalgreenwichconnect.com)

Digital Greenwich Connect is an exciting partnership aimed at making Royal Greenwich one of the most digitally connected areas in the country. The 21km digital highway showcases a new model for a highly connected world, with the ambition to drive a modern, ethical and sustainable regional economy.

### ALHAJI FOODS LTD

Alhaji Suya London is the UK's largest suya takeaway restaurant chain, renowned for blending authentic Nigerian street food with cutting-edge technology. Starting from humble beginnings in a van in Stratford, the business has rapidly grown, now operating across multiple locations in Greenwich, Peckham, Walworth, and Brixton. Three years ago, we launched our website, and since then, we've become a leader in online suya delivery across the UK, handling hundreds of suya orders every week through our online platform.

[alhajisuya.com](http://alhajisuya.com)

### LEARN FRENCH WITH ALEXA

Learn French With Alexa is a premier online French education provider based in Greenwich. World-famous French teacher Alexa Polidoro delivers her expertise to millions of learners around the world through our online, classroom-style courses, namely the Complete French Course, the TEF course and our new GCSE preparation course. Additionally, we provide speaking masterclass sessions, diverse website resources and regular free content across social media.

[learnfrenchwithalexa.com](http://learnfrenchwithalexa.com)

### PROJECTYOU ACADEMY

ProjectYou is an online health and fitness coaching service that specialises in supporting neurodivergent women, particularly those with ADHD, autism, and more. Our coaching goes beyond workouts and nutrition—it's about helping women remove the barriers that hold them back, whether that's sensory sensitivities or executive dysfunction. With tailored support and the use of digital tools, ProjectYou empowers women to regain control of their physical and mental health.

[instagram.com/projectyouacademy](https://www.instagram.com/projectyouacademy)

### ROON'S CATERING

We are proud to be the first Somali food truck in the UK, bringing the vibrant and rich flavours of Somalia to streets and events nationwide. Our menu celebrates the diversity of Somali cuisine, offering dishes like sambusas, spiced bariis, and suqaar, all prepared using authentic family recipes. Since launching, we've not only introduced a new cultural experience to the UK's street food scene but also gained a loyal following through our strong presence on social media.

[tiktok.com/@roonsc](https://www.tiktok.com/@roonsc)

## ENTREPRENEUR – OVER 30

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[berkeleygroup.co.uk](https://berkeleygroup.co.uk)

Berkeley is proud to support the Royal Borough of Greenwich Business Awards, celebrating the talent, ambition and creativity of small business owners in the borough. Local entrepreneurs and businesses like these create many opportunities and help to make this a really special borough to live and work in.

### ALPHA CHILDCARE

Alpha Childcare is a leading provider of childcare, nurturing children from three months to 11 years across nurseries, preschools, and out-of-school clubs in Eltham, Greenwich, Hackney, Rainham, and Canning Town. Our expert educators use a balanced curriculum of play-based and structured learning to support children's emotional, social, cognitive, and physical development. At Alpha Childcare, our mission is to empower every child to reach their full potential, making us a trusted leader in early childhood education.

[alphachildcare.com](https://alphachildcare.com)

### BLACK EATS LDN

Black Eats LDN, the UK's largest Black-owned food and culture festival, makes Black food cuisines accessible to all. Our events foster community across generations, celebrating Black culture. We accelerate small businesses, offering opportunities to over 500 Black-owned businesses within our 2,000-strong network. In four years, we've provided a platform for emerging talent to build their skills and have become a source for unprecedented insights into Black food culture.

[blackeatsldn.com](https://blackeatsldn.com)

### INCLUSIVE STORIES LTD

Inclusive Stories provide unique subscription boxes filled with diverse children's books and sensory fidget toys specifically designed for families raising autistic children. By providing these carefully curated resources, we aim to support families by providing tangible resources that help children thrive and connect with the world around them. We foster a vibrant, supportive community where parents can share their experiences, find solidarity, and celebrate their children's unique strengths.

[inclusivestoriesbox.co.uk](https://inclusivestoriesbox.co.uk)

### STUDIA ON\_

Studia On\_ is a vibrant haven for young creatives, offering specialised media, art, and design programs for kids as young as six. We also run a variety of design clubs and courses in Royal Greenwich schools, teaching students about creating, designing, and upcycling. Studia On\_ is more than a school; it's an incubator for innovation and imagination. We are dedicated to cultivating the next generation of creative thinkers and makers, as evidenced by the transformative impact we have on our students' lives.

[studia-on.media](https://studia-on.media)

## ENTREPRENEUR – UNDER 30

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[gre.ac.uk](https://gre.ac.uk)

The University of Greenwich champions education without boundaries, collaborating with partners in the UK and globally to create opportunities for students. Organisations benefit from our expert staff, impactful research, and extensive facilities. We're committed to nurturing talent and are proud to sponsor the new Entrepreneur – Under 30 award. It's a fantastic way to support the next generation of business leaders.

### BLOSS.M

bloss.m is a girls and women specialist social enterprise, founded by Lola Olaore. Through her own lived experiences, Lola was frustrated by the scarcity of opportunities for young people from low-income families and those from difficult homes. blossom's mission is to empower every girl and woman to thrive in their personal, academic, and professional life by delivering evidence-based interventions at critical points in their life. Since its inception blossom has impacted the lives of over 4,000 girls and women through our three intervention programmes.

[bloss-m.com](https://bloss-m.com)

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[instagram.com/projectyouacademy](https://instagram.com/projectyouacademy)

### RISE COACHING AND MENTORING

At RISE Coaching and Mentoring, we empower individuals to unlock their potential and elevate their careers while helping organizations cultivate talent through tailored upskilling solutions. RISE specialises in one-to-one coaching sessions, group workshops, and ongoing support, ensuring each client receives the guidance they need to navigate challenges and achieve their goals. The award-winning ELEVATE Youth Mentoring Programme has supported over 20,000 young people since 2019 to get work ready.

[rise-coaching-and-mentoring.com](https://rise-coaching-and-mentoring.com)

### TULASI

TULASI is a luxury womenswear label that specialises in digital fashion, creating garments to wear in-real-life and on digital avatars, inspired Kenyan-Gujarati heritage. With Londoners generating 155,000 tonnes of new clothes yearly, contributing to over two million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, TULASI champions sustainability by incorporating digital processes. By draping garments on 3D models, we reduce physical prototypes, minimising waste. Our physical garments come with a digital NFT, integrating cutting-edge technology before mainstream adoption.

[tulasistudio.com](https://tulasistudio.com)



## GREENER GREENWICH

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[theo2.co.uk](http://theo2.co.uk)

The O2 is pleased to be returning this year to sponsor these awards which champions sustainable practices in our local community. As the world's most popular live entertainment, leisure, and retail destination, our mission is to reduce our environmental impact, achieve net zero and manage a sustainable and responsible venue.

### 4YAPARTY WEDDINGS AND EVENTS

4YaParty is an event décor service with a difference. We are on a mission to make weddings and events sustainable by not using single use plastic or balloons, encouraging smaller, zero waste events and building props ourselves using reclaimed wood. We have been carbon neutral for three years and are on track to be net zero by 2030. We deliver beautiful events around Royal Greenwich and a strict 45-mile radius in our second-hand electric van and plant a tree for every new booking.

[4yaparty.co.uk](http://4yaparty.co.uk)

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[studia-on.media](http://studia-on.media)

### UMTHI LTD

Umthi is a pioneering black-owned organic hair care brand born from personal struggle. Our founder's experience with medication-induced hair loss led to the creation of a holistic, clean beauty solution for waves, curls, and afro-textured hair. We harness nature's power through carefully selected ingredients like amla, aloe vera, and shea butter, crafting products free from microplastics and toxins. We're not just selling products; we're offering nature's kiss for your hair – a promise of restoration and nourishment that resonates with conscious consumers seeking effective, ethical hair care solutions.

[umthi.co.uk](http://umthi.co.uk)

### UNIVERSITY OF GREENWICH

University of Greenwich has a proud 130-year history of providing high-quality education to our students. We believe in education without boundaries, supporting our students to achieve their ambitions because of, not despite, their background. We are focused on tackling climate change and are voted the second-best university for sustainability (Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024).

[gre.ac.uk](http://gre.ac.uk)

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

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[better.org.uk](http://better.org.uk)

At the heart of Royal Greenwich since 1993, GLL are a worker-owned co-operative operating under the brand, Better, delivering leisure, health and community services across the UK. As the largest operator of public leisure centres in the country, we're passionate about giving everyone the opportunity to lead an affordably healthy lifestyle. Our not-for-profit business model allows us to reinvest our surplus back into our facilities and the communities we serve.

### CLEARCUT PHYSIOTHERAPY

Clearcut Physiotherapy are dedicated to serving the local community by providing expert care for common aches and pains, as well as specialised support for neurological conditions and community physiotherapy. Working in tandem with the NHS, we play a vital role in mitigating its load, offering timely and effective treatments that ease the burden on public healthcare services. Our mission is to deliver personalised, high-quality care that improves the well-being of our patients and contributes to a healthier, stronger Royal Greenwich.

[ccphysiotherapy.com](http://ccphysiotherapy.com)

### PAUSEFULLY

Pausefully provides endometriosis coaching and workplace training and support for individuals and organisations. Our mission is to ensure endometriosis never defines a person's quality of life or career success. Pausefully partners with companies to build supportive workplaces, reducing absenteeism, enhancing wellbeing, and boosting reputations. We equip teams to foster open conversations, prioritise employee welfare, and promote inclusive cultures. For individuals, our personalised one on one coaching helps manage pain, emotional stress, fertility concerns, and career challenges.

[pausefully.co.uk](http://pausefully.co.uk)

### THE COMMUNITY HOSPICE

Dying is part of life. But that doesn't mean it's easy to deal with, or easy to accept – for patients, their families and their loved ones. We're here to help them make their journey as smooth as possible. Our team of clinicians, social workers, occupational health therapists come together to support people to have those difficult conversations, to make sure paperwork is in order, and to help make tough decisions. We help people to manage their physical pain whilst supporting their emotional wellbeing.

[communityhospice.org.uk](http://communityhospice.org.uk)

### WOOLWICH SERVICE USERS PROJECT (WSUP)

Woolwich Service Users Project (WSUP) is an open access drop-in centre in Woolwich, dedicated to supporting vulnerable individuals. We currently run ten health-related micro-services, with plans to expand. Our co-design approach ensures that those with lived experience shape the services we provide, from mental health support and addiction recovery to healthcare and wellbeing activities. By working closely with NHS professionals, we help prevent health inequalities by ensuring timely referrals for those most at risk.

[wsupwoolwich.org](http://wsupwoolwich.org)

## HIGH STREET BUSINESS

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Established in 1886 in Greenwich, Hindwoods is a premier firm of chartered surveyors and property professionals offering expert commercial and residential property services. With local offices in Greenwich, we're dedicated to meeting all your property needs, ensuring your business thrives through professional guidance and tailored solutions.

### ONESIXSIX VELO

Recognising the lack of independent bike shops in the area, we opened Onesixsix Velo to fill that gap, providing personalised, expert care that big chain stores are unable to match. Our independent bicycle store offers high-quality sales and bicycle services and repairs. Beyond the shop, we're passionate about fostering a vibrant cycling community and host regular Sunday Social Rides. We're passionate about promoting cycling as a fun, healthy, and eco-friendly lifestyle.

[onesixsixvelo.com](http://onesixsixvelo.com)

### PRAMAS TRADING LIMITED (TRADING AS RED LION NOODLE BAR)

Red Lion Noodle Bar opened in 2006, making it one of the oldest restaurants on Plumstead High Street. Pramas Trading Limited took over the business in 2013. Our affordable menu is available for dine in, take away or delivery and we have hundreds of orders every day. We are exclusive partners with Uber since 2021 and offer various deals so everyone in the area can enjoy delicious Cantonese food.

[facebook.com/RedLionNoodleBar](https://facebook.com/RedLionNoodleBar)

### THE COFFEE STUDIO

The Coffee Studio is a speciality coffee business dedicated to creating an exceptional coffee experience for every customer. At The Coffee Studio, we focus on delivering high-quality, carefully crafted beverages made from ethically sourced beans, with attention to detail in every cup we serve. Our space is designed to be more than just a café; it's a community hub where people can connect, work and relax.

[thecoffeestudioldn.com](http://thecoffeestudioldn.com)

### VILLAGE GREENGROCERS

Village Greengrocers is an award-winning business that celebrates the community, fresh produce and local supply chain. We are a unique business set on the ethos of people before profit. With a 4.9 Google rating and 144 reviews Village Greengrocers is an ever-growing business, implementing innovative ideas and a focus on sustainability. The shop derives its consistency from a strong inbuilt local supply chain and a great support from the community. We are passionate about growing local economy.

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### AI ACCELERATOR

AI Accelerator is a pioneering consultancy based in Greenwich, revolutionising how small to medium sized enterprise (SMEs) use artificial intelligence. We offer one of the first CPD-certified AI courses, developed through extensive real-world workshops with local businesses. Our unique methodology focuses on the practical, affordable use of AI, demystifying complex concepts for entrepreneurs and SMEs across diverse sectors – from well-funded startups to community interest companies and charities.

[aiaccelerator.uk](http://aiaccelerator.uk)

### CHAMPION 3D

Champion 3D provides sustainable 3D design and printing services. We offer end-to-end solutions, from concept design and development to manufacturing and hand-finishing, all done in-house at our state-of-the-art studio in Greenwich. What sets us apart is our commitment to sustainability, using only bio-based materials and offering a full-service model from design to prototyping, production, and repair.

[champion3d.com](http://champion3d.com)

### CHRONOS ONE ESCAPE ROOMS

Chronos One Escape Rooms (formerly Eltham Escape Rooms) delivers 60-minute experiences for teams of all ages, starting at just ten years old. Our themed experiences include puzzles, challenges, clues and hidden secrets that are the perfect mixture to bring excitement, team building and enthusiasm to anyone who plays.

[chronosoneescaperooms.com](http://chronosoneescaperooms.com)

### TULASI

TULASI is a luxury womenswear label that specialises in digital fashion, creating garments to wear in-real-life and on digital avatars, inspired Kenyan-Gujarati heritage. With Londoners generating 155,000 tonnes of new clothes yearly, contributing to over two million tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions, TULASI champions sustainability by incorporating digital processes. By draping garments on 3D models, we reduce physical prototypes, minimising waste. Our physical garments come with a digital NFT, integrating cutting-edge technology before mainstream adoption.

[tulasistudio.com](http://tulasistudio.com)



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### CRAFTY WIZARDS CHILDCARE

Since 2011, Crafty Wizards Childcare has expanded to seven sites, six in Royal Greenwich, all focused on providing high-quality, family-style childcare. By now offering year-round, term-time and ad hoc childcare, Crafty Wizards Childcare ensures local families receive the flexible, high-standard care they deserve, making a lasting impact on early years education in Royal Greenwich because learning should be magical!

[craftywizards.com](http://craftywizards.com)

### GATHER

We are Gather, a fitness and wellness studio located in the heart of Greenwich, proudly celebrating nine years of serving our community. With a second site opening in January in North Greenwich, we continue to offer tailored programmes for all ages. Unlike traditional gyms, we focus on creating a supportive, community-driven environment. Our small group sessions, affordable one to one coaching, and tailored programmes provide personalised attention to those who might not otherwise afford personal training.

[gather.training](http://gather.training)

### HANEKER

Haneker is a specialist in architectural joinery and cabinetry, delivering bespoke solutions across London and the South East. With over 100 years of heritage, passed through four generations of master carpenters, we merge traditional craftsmanship with modern technology to create high-quality, tailored designs. Our projects include custom furniture and cabinetry as well as large-scale commercial joinery, always ensuring meticulous attention to detail.

[facebook.com/haneker.co.uk](https://facebook.com/haneker.co.uk)

### LUCA SILVESTRINI'S PROTEIN

Luca Silvestrini's Protein is an award-winning dance theatre company best known for combining choreography, music, spoken word and social commentary. The company's mission is to connect people and everyday life through dance. In the last 12 months, Protein's production En Route Together, an outdoor promenade experience from St George's Garrison Church to Royal Arsenal Riverside, engaged over 8,000 people, promoting local businesses, boosting social cohesion and celebrating local people.

[proteindance.co.uk](http://proteindance.co.uk)

## MARKET OR MOBILE TRADER

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[brighterfuturesproject.co.uk](http://brighterfuturesproject.co.uk)

Brighter Futures Foundation transforms lives through innovative support and people-centered programs for adults with learning disabilities, delivered at our Life Skills Hub, college, and via community initiatives. We empower individuals to achieve independence, unlock their potential, and build meaningful futures. We are proud to sponsor the Market or Mobile Trader Award.

### BUTTER ME UP

We are the preferred destination for hot, fresh samosas and baajies since 2020. We are a family run business born out of necessity during the pandemic. Having experienced poverty, we empathise with community struggles, therefore like to empower others to achieve. We've partnered with a local CIC Curecomm to deliver a program to assist with mental health and suicide prevention. We promote the Good Food in Greenwich network and are a charter awardee. We advocate supporting local and promote the importance of sustainable networking.

[instagram.com/buttermeupra](https://instagram.com/buttermeupra)

### DEMEC LTD - TRADING AS DEMEC JEWELLERS

DeMEC Jewellers have proudly traded at Greenwich Market for 22 years, offering handmade, eco-friendly jewellery crafted from vegetable ivory, a sustainable alternative to animal ivory. We are a conceptual jeweller; all our pieces have names and tell stories, and each design celebrates nature's beauty while promoting ethical consumption. Over the years, we have had the privilege of training over 60 individuals in sales and jewellery making, empowering them with new skills and fostering a love for sustainable fashion.

[greenwichmarket.london/meet-the-maker/demec-jewellers](https://greenwichmarket.london/meet-the-maker/demec-jewellers)

### ELEDEL MG - MICROGREENS

Eledel MG - Microgreens is an urban indoor farm dedicated to making fresh, nutrient-packed microgreens available to everyone. Microgreens are young, edible plants harvested just after the first true leaves have developed, known for their intense flavours and high nutrient content. We engage with the community through farmers' markets, events, and social media platforms such as Instagram and Facebook. We grow our microgreens in organic compost to enhance their nutritional value while implementing a closed-loop system to minimise waste.

[facebook.com/Eledel.MG](https://facebook.com/Eledel.MG)

### RICHARD CHOWN JEWELLERY

We make bespoke, hand-carved jewellery using silver, gold, platinum and palladium since 2009 and have been working at Greenwich Market for 14 years. We specialise in tactile, chunky silver rings of animals, hugs, mermaids, flowers, insects and more. We use a range of stones, engrave detailed designs; use techniques such as mokume gane and reuse family or antique jewellery into new pieces. Recently, Richard worked with Johnny Depp, sculpting his paintings into jewellery.

[richardchown.co.uk](http://richardchown.co.uk)

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Lifeforce Security Limited proudly sponsors the Professional Service Award at the 2024 awards. As a local security company, we are committed to supporting and celebrating businesses that excel in serving our community, reflecting our dedication to helping local people thrive and feel a sense of belonging.

### BESBIKE

At Besbike, we specialise in converting electric bikes, mobility scooters, disability aids, trikes, cargo bikes, and motorcycles, providing sustainable and eco-friendly transportation solutions. We offer fully customised packages to suit every requirement, and our professional repair and rebuild services have helped hundreds of e-bikes get back on the road, significantly reducing industrial waste and saving our environment.

[besbike.co.uk](http://besbike.co.uk)

### CLEARCUT PHYSIOTHERAPY

Clearcut Physiotherapy are dedicated to serving the local community by providing expert care for common aches and pains, as well as specialised support for neurological conditions and community physiotherapy. Working in tandem with the NHS, we play a vital role in mitigating its load, offering timely and effective treatments that ease the burden on public healthcare services. Our mission is to deliver personalised, high-quality care that improves the well-being of our patients and contributes to a healthier, stronger Royal Greenwich.

[ccphysiotherapy.com](http://ccphysiotherapy.com)

### GINKGO FINANCIAL LTD

Ginkgo Financial is a thriving local business serving over 350 clients, including extended families and small businesses, in Royal Greenwich and beyond. Our mission is to provide expert, jargon-free financial advice and exceptional customer care in a friendly and approachable package. From our welcoming office in Blackheath Standard, our diverse team of dedicated professionals, including talented locals, apprentices, and advisers, work tirelessly to help clients navigate every stage of life's financial journey.

[ginkgofinancial.com](http://ginkgofinancial.com)

### URBANIST ARCHITECTURE

Urbanist Architecture is a town planning and architecture firm based in Royal Greenwich that primarily works on residential projects. We offer town planning, architecture, urban planning, interior design, and project management services, all under one roof. While we're a small team, the multidisciplinary nature of our practice means we're able to offer the premium experience of working with a much larger firm but with the personalised care of a smaller one.

[urbanistarchitecture.co.uk](http://urbanistarchitecture.co.uk)

## STAFF DEVELOPMENT

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London South East Colleges is a further and higher education college with campuses across Bromley, Bexley and Royal Greenwich. We are committed to helping people of all ages and from all backgrounds fulfil their potential. We are responsive to industry; working closely with employers to meet skills needs.

### CAMP ELITE

Camp Elite is a holiday camp for children aged four to 12, offering dynamic hourly sessions in sports, cookery, arts, PSHE, and music. Our mission is to spark new interests and talents, encouraging children to stay active through diverse activities. Since 2022, we've provided free childcare to over 270 families in Royal Greenwich, with special events like Wow Wednesdays, Friday trips, and Parent Showcases. We also provide aspiring educators with valuable hands-on opportunities to develop their teaching skills in a fast-paced, child-focused environment.

[campelite.co.uk](http://campelite.co.uk)

### HOME-START GREENWICH

Home-Start Greenwich is a family support and early years charitable organisation. Over three decades, we've supported more than 30,000 families in Royal Greenwich. Annually, we assist over 5,000 children and parents with advocacy, befriending, food, fuel, clothing, childcare, and emergency aid. Through volunteer training, student placements, and community outreach, we provide over 7,000 hours of added voluntary support annually, with 200 families receiving intensive in-home help from trained volunteers.

[homestartgreenwich.org.uk](http://homestartgreenwich.org.uk)

### MORE2 NURSERIES

Launched in 2016, More2Nurseries is a pioneering group of community-focused nurseries in Royal Greenwich. Established by three local mums and businesswomen, our mission is to support families and drive social change through high-quality early education. With a capacity to care for 160 children daily, we have prepared hundreds of young learners for primary school, while also offering families access to training, counselling, and expert support.

[more2nurseries.com](http://more2nurseries.com)

### THE COMMUNITY HOSPICE

Dying is part of life. But that doesn't mean it's easy to deal with, or easy to accept – for patients, their families and their loved ones. We're here to help them make their journey as smooth as possible. Our team of clinicians, social workers, occupational health therapists come together to support people to have those difficult conversations, to make sure paperwork is in order, and to help make tough decisions. We help people to manage their physical pain whilst supporting their emotional wellbeing.

[communityhospice.org.uk](http://communityhospice.org.uk)



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### ART AND CRAFT GREENWICH MARKET (GREENWICH HOSPITAL)

Greenwich Market is a historic cultural hub where artistry, craftsmanship, and community come together. For over three centuries, we've celebrated both tradition and innovation, offering a dynamic space for artists, artisans, and street food vendors. We feature a diverse array of art—from painting and pottery to contemporary jewellery and textiles—ensuring high-quality, one-of-a-kind creations. We stand out for our rich blend of history, creative diversity, and a vibrant, welcoming community atmosphere that keeps both locals and tourists returning.

[greenwichmarket.london](https://greenwichmarket.london)

### ARTS TRUST PRODUCTIONS

At Arts Trust Productions, we specialise in bringing culture into public spaces through collaborative partnerships with local communities and businesses. Since 2012, we've focused on engaging low socio-economic and marginalised communities, fostering connection and inclusivity. Our work aligns with four key goals: reducing loneliness and isolation, creating a sense of belonging through place-making, improving health and emotional well-being, and offering career opportunities through skills development. Our projects offer unique, immersive experiences that encourage community engagement.

[artstrust.co.uk](https://artstrust.co.uk)

### BLACK EATS LDN

Black Eats LDN, the UK's largest Black-owned food and culture festival, makes Black food cuisines accessible to all. Our events foster community across generations, celebrating Black culture. We accelerate small businesses, offering opportunities to over 500 Black-owned businesses within our 2,000-strong network. In four years, we've provided a platform for emerging talent to build their skills and have become a source for unprecedented insights into Black food culture.

[blackeatsldn.com](https://blackeatsldn.com)

### BOB HOPE THEATRE

Bob Hope Theatre (BHT) is a thriving self-supporting theatre, central to the cultural life in Royal Greenwich. It is staffed by volunteers, puts on its own productions, is a venue for other amateur companies and touring professionals and has its own youth company. It is an inclusive organisation offering opportunities to people of all ages to participate in the arts. The theatre provides an invaluable service to the local community, staging around 30 productions per year.

[bobhopetheatre.co.uk](https://bobhopetheatre.co.uk)

## MAYOR'S RAFFLE

A staple of our Business Awards every year is the Mayor's raffle, raising funds for the Mayor's charities.

**A big thank you to Lovell who sponsored some fantastic raffle prizes for us again this year.**

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Lovell has over 50 years' experience partnering with the public sector providing much needed homes and is a development partner with the Royal Borough of Greenwich in Woolwich on a number of developments. Wherever we partner, we seek to provide homes that build a sustainable community and leave a long-term legacy for all. **lovell.co.uk**

**The prizes are:**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIZE** A one night stay at the InterContinental London – The O2 hotel for two (includes a suite, dinner and breakfast)
- 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE** A spa experience at the InterContinental London – The O2 Hotel for two
- 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE** Chai afternoon tea at the InterContinental London – The O2 Hotel for two
- 4<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** One year GLL gym membership
- 5<sup>TH</sup> PRIZE** Magnum of Davy's Champagne

### THE MAYOR'S CHARITY

The Mayor's charities this year are the **Commonwealth and Gurkha Garden Project** and **Bowel Cancer UK**. The Commonwealth and Gurkha Garden Project plans to transform the land around St George's Garrison Church in Woolwich into a community garden. Bowel Cancer UK is dedicated to save lives and improve the quality of life of everyone affected by bowel cancer.

[stgeorgeswoolwich.org/garden/Commonwealth-and-Gurkha-Garden-Project](https://stgeorgeswoolwich.org/garden/Commonwealth-and-Gurkha-Garden-Project)

[bowelcanceruk.org.uk](https://bowelcanceruk.org.uk)

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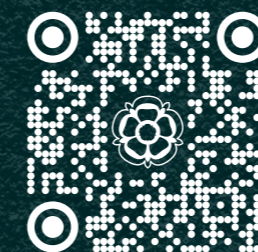
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