

## **MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS – 27 February 2017**

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Since I became Mayor on 16 May 2016, I have now attended to date 164 events and functions throughout the borough and City of London with my Deputy and Former Mayors covering a further 94 engagements. I would like to thank my Deputy Mayor and the Former Mayors for their support and their commitment to the Borough.

Below are a few of my engagements since the last Full Council meeting in November:

On **Wednesday 23 November**, I attended the “Safe Drive Stay Alive” event held in the Bernie Grants Centre which targeted pre-drivers and vehicle passengers who were students aged 16 years. We heard some powerful and empowering personal testimonies from emergency services, a bereaved parent and collision driver detailing the tragedy and suffering of road accidents.

**Thursday 24 November**, I attended a “Stop Smoking Turkish Community” clinic awareness event held in Bruce Grove which was sponsored by Tottenham Hotspur, represented by Ledley King, and this event also included a health screening programme.

On **Friday 2 December** I was invited to Bernie Grant Centre and I felt so moved by the play called “So you think I’m Crazy” produced by a community theatre group highlighting mental health issues from the perspective of service users and carers.

**Monday 5 December**, I attended the Outstanding for All Awards at Alexandra Palace celebrating excellent teaching and learning in Haringey schools.

**Thursday 8 December**, I held a sponsored walk for my charity “Lymphoma Association” collecting donations along Green Lanes and inside of Wood Green Shopping Centre and I was able to raise £4,778 for my charity and I am expecting a further £1,200.

**Friday 9 December**, I was invited to the Community Safety & Wellbeing Day in partnership by the Council and the Bridge Renewal Trust, it was an opportunity for residents of Northumberland Park to get together and identify ways they can make a positive difference, health inequalities.

Then on **Saturday 10 December**, I attended Rabbi David Mason’s Civic Service held in the Muswell Hill Synagogue and with various religious leaders.

On **Tuesday 13 December**, in the morning I attended a Poetry Competition at Earlham School and then went on Coppetts Road to attend the London Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy and see the children perform their Christmas play.

On **Friday 16 December**, I was invited to visit Diamond Education Service and to meet the staff who provide a range of specialist and professional services to schools, colleges etc

**Saturday 17 December**, I attended a Carols by Candlelight event at the Gardens Community Garden in Doncaster Road.

**Sunday 18 December**, I was invited to attend the Carol & Crib Service of Nine Lessons and Carols at The Parish Church of Holy Trinity in Tottenham.

**Sunday 1 January**, I attended the London New Year’s Day Parade in Westminster and saw so many colourful performances from around the world.

On **Monday 2 January**, I attended The London International Choral Festival in Westminster.

On **Thursday 5 January**, I was invited to the opening of 3 Tribes a new small businesses opening in Muswell Hill, supporting the promotion of health and well being.

**Friday 6 January**, I attended “Learn together, achieve” event supporting engagement of Kurdish & Turkish parents.

**Thursday 12 January**, I attended the London Government Dinner at Mansion House with the Leader and CE.

**Saturday 14 January**, I attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of SC. Cause (which stands for ‘Sickle Cell Care, Advocacy, Unity, Support with Empathy’ Sickle Cell Cause) I was very impressed with the quality of work and information this group of volunteers are providing sickle cell patients and their families from advice and support on family welfare, housing, awareness, wellbeing, education etc. so many areas.

On **Friday 20 January**, I attended St Mary’s Priory Catholic School where in their school’s assembly I heard some very well prepared points from some of the children who had been working with UCL students to investigate how poor housing impacts on children’s learning.

On **Monday 23 January**, I was invited to attend an annual ceremony to mark the Holocaust Memorial Day at City Hall and then in the evening I attended a fundraising event for the Speaker of Hackney.

On **Thursday 26 January**, I attended Muswell Hill’s Holocaust Memorial Day Forgiveness Project.

On **Friday 27 January**, I was invited to attend the Mayor of Southwark’s Holocaust Memorial Day at Imperial War Museum.

**Saturday 28 January**, I visited Al Najah Arabic Supplementary School in Hornsey School for Girls.

On **Sunday 29 January**, I attended the Holocaust Memorial Day event at Bruce Castle

**Tuesday 31 January**, I was invited to present certificates and prizes at the Haringey Regional Final of Jack Petchey’s “Speak Out” Challenge at Northumberland Park Community School and the organiser invited my Consort, Ms Zubeyde Simsek, to sit on the judging panel.

On **Saturday 4 February**, I attended the Sea Cadets Cocktail Party in White Hart Lane.

**Sunday 5 February**, I attended the Kurdish Community Breakfast Meeting in Portland Gardens.

**Tuesday 7 February**, I welcomed a group of school children from St Mary’s Primary School who had requested to visit the Mayor’s Parlour.

**Saturday 11 February**, I attended a Sickle Cell Cause 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting in the morning and then in the afternoon attended QLMC (Quality of Life Medical Centre) Opening Ceremony in Green Lanes.

On **Thursday 16 February**, I attended Turkish Cypriot Community Association 40th Anniversary Celebration in Green Lanes.

On **Saturday 18 February**, I attended a book launch for the Limassol Turkish Association UK in Green Lanes.

On **Thursday 23 February**, I attended the Citizen Advice Bureau Job Fare event in Waltheof Gardens where health checks were included in their event.