

NATURE VIBEZZZ

# First Overnight Camp

AT TIVOLI PARK - WEST NORWOOD



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*Young children used tools and Forest School techniques learned and practiced in different Nature Vibezzz's sessions such as the 'Healthy Life Skills Summer Camp' or the free 'Forest School After School' sessions at Fern Lodge Estate.*

## Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd

SEPTEMBER 2018



25 local families coming from Natural Childhood Community Group, Fern Lodge Estate and Nature Vibezzz's Fathers & Nature group who have participated in Nature Vibezzz's Project "Memories, Heritage & Community of Knight's Hill Woods and Tivoli Park" booked their spaces and participated in this fantastic urban camping experience.

Participants met each other until evening activities started.

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## First Afternoon

Preparations were set, safety and policies were in place, permission was obtained and notice to residents was given days prior the event.

Park was closed to the public from 2pm and participants started arriving from 4pm.

After registration and receiving a welcome pack families were accompanied and assisted if needed to set up and get ready for the evening.

Older children volunteered helping families to set up their tents.



## Evening activities

### Highlights of the evening:

Night Nature Walk: Families were given a safety talk and gathered by Tivoli Park gates to head towards Streatham Common Woods. Forest School Leaders Douglas Saucedo and John Cannell led the group with the help of volunteers Sky Caesar and Sofia Vidal Martin. The walk entailed entering the woods with extreme care without headlights after adapting all senses to the dark for some minutes, learning orienteering and appreciating night wildlife...for the first time for many of the participants.

Snacks around the fire: A workshop about safety guidelines and policies about lighting fire in public and private spaces and the physics of fire was delivered by Forest School Leader Douglas Saucedo followed by roasting snacks on the fire and hot chocolate before bedtime.



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## Waking Up

Beautiful sunny morning in Tivoli Park; families woke up to gather around a self service roasted breakfast of toasts with vegetable spreads and fruits along with a hot drink.

Families also organised a floor mural drawing to express the feelings of this exceptional experience.

A litter pick was lead by volunteers and children, making sure the park looked even better than upon arrival.

Little by little and with lots of teamwork families set down their tents and camping equipment.

Participants left the park by 10am, the gates were opened to the general public by 11am, and the neighbours didn't even suspect there was wild life that night in their park...!





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## The Families

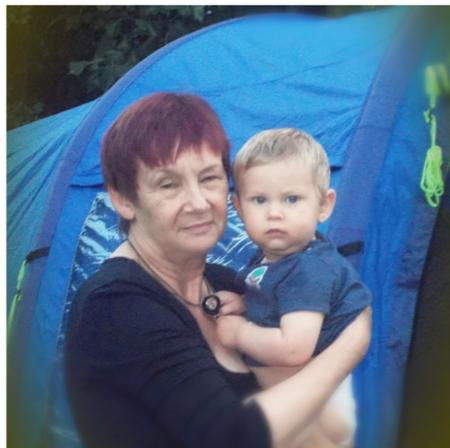
Time for family bonding, team work and neighbours solidarity are the values participants spontaneously practiced during such a propitious and innovative event.

Participants ranged from 3 months old to grandparents.

*"This camping is even better than I thought!" Hannan, 12 years old.*

*"Wonderful, wonderful experience and thank you so much for organising and to the team. Looking forward to the next one" Doreen, mum of 8 years old twin girls.*

*"Thank you so much for organising such a special thing for our children. They loved it! It must have been so much work. Much appreciated." Rebecca, mum of 4 & 6 years old girls.*



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