

## SUPPORT OUR FUTURE – WRITE TO YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Next May, there will be Council elections. We are concerned about what might happen then to our work at the David Lean Cinema and in the community.

We'd like to see the two parties on Croydon Council – Labour and Conservative – pledge themselves in their election manifestos to keep the David Lean Cinema open and maintain the fabric and equipment of the Cinema to current standards.

Therefore we are asking our supporters to write to one of your local Councillors on these lines:-

Since 2014, the Save the David Lean Cinema Campaign has been showing films three or four times a week in the David Lean Cinema in the Clocktower in Katharine Street. Last year over 100 films were shown and over 9,500 tickets sold– well over 70% of the seats on offer. Many of the films shown had not been shown in Croydon previously.

The Campaign reaches out to a wide cross-section of the population. There is wheel chair access, free seats for carers, special screenings for the hard of hearing and for carers of babes in arms, at times to suit everyone. It marks events such as Black History Month and Holocaust Memorial Day. The Campaign helps other organisations which show films at the David Lean Cinema by supplying projectionists. It also participates in local events like the Croydon Heritage Festival and Purley Festival. It has secured outside funding to improve the Cinema.\*

[I/we] want this work to go on after the next Council elections in May. [ I am/We are] therefore writing to you as [my/our] local Councillor to ask that your party pledges in its manifesto for the May elections, to keep the David Lean Cinema open - and to maintain the fabric of the Cinema and its equipment to current standards - so that the work of the Campaign (and other organisations which use the David Lean Cinema) can continue.

[I/we] hope that [I/we] can count on your support.

\*For further information about the Campaign see its website – [www.davidleancinema.org.uk](http://www.davidleancinema.org.uk).

You can adapt this letter as you wish but make sure that you ask for a pledge in the election manifesto to keep the David Lean Cinema open. Send it by e-mail – with the first name and surname of the Councillor – eg [Joe.Bloggs@croydon.gov.uk](mailto:Joe.Bloggs@croydon.gov.uk) (If you don't know the name of your local Councillor, go to the Croydon Council website – [www.croydon.gov.uk](http://www.croydon.gov.uk) and follow the links to 'Find Your Councillor'.)