



Merton becomes London's borough of film in 2019 as FilmMerton unites all sections of the community in a unique year-long celebration of cinema with a programme of features and shorts, ranging from sushi to Maya Angelou and K-pop. All have been selected and curated by a range of community groups and guest curators that represent the cultural diversity of the area, with screenings in a variety of pop-up venues. The project finishes in April 2020 with a film festival showcasing immersive technologies and four specially commissioned short films made by up-and-coming local film makers.

FilmMerton aims to encourage cultural engagement through film, particularly in areas of the borough, such as Mitcham, where there is a real divide with its more affluent neighbours in the west, from healthcare to cinema-going and participation in the arts generally.

Funded by the GLA's Cultural Impact Award and Merton Council, the film seasons represent diverse local communities and their concerns/interests, and include older people suffering from dementia, young people's views on gang culture and peer pressure, and black women overcoming trauma and abuse through inspiring female role models. Guest curators include Justine Simons, Deputy Mayor of London, comedian Jo Brand and artist Alison Lapper.

Local people have been thrilled so far to be part of a project which brings cinema to their doorstep. Look out for more exciting films and events popping up throughout the year.

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