

RUSSIAN CIRCLE

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CHARLIE CHAPLIN COMES ALIVE AGAIN AT HANWELL!

Thanks to a grant of **£24,800** from the Heritage Lottery Fund, the renowned Author, Comedian, Actor, Director and Composer, **Sir Charles Spencer**, known throughout the world as "**Charlie Chaplin**", will come alive again, twenty three years after his demise, at the Hanwell Community Centre, where he was once a student when the building was known as the London District Poor Law School for socially deprived, income disadvantaged and orphaned children

The Project was conceived and will be run by the Russian Circle as part of coordinated efforts, which include the establishment of a Nursery, all designed to make the property more user friendly and serviceable to the greater Community in the wake of the Ealing Council's refurbishment of the Building

The Russian Circle is Hanwell based and has been associated with the Property for eight years as a main user and service provider to the Eastern European Migrant communities of both Hanwell and Ealing

The project will focus on the history of the Hanwell Community Centre and its services to the Residents of Hanwell and environs from 1856 to date chronicling the changing times and circumstances of the Building including what is now known as the Cuckoo Park, on which the demolished parts of the building once stood.

A group of 20 child volunteers will be selected and trained in research, recording of oral histories, radio interviewing, digital photography and museum display of historic information.

Information gathered will be used to create a permanent educational resource to be mounted and displayed at the building for adult visitors and children from the neighbouring schools as well as families from the area

Partners to the project include the London Metropolitan Archives, the Ealing Library, the Southall Alliance and the Friends of Hermitage and last but not the least the Hanwell Community Centre, Limited

The project will be concluded by an exhibition at which participants will engage with the public and give supportive answers to any questions regarding the process of the journey and provide general information about the display

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Speaking on the Project, AINA SHAREEFY the Chair Person of the Russian Circle said:

"This project has various dimensions. To the Migrant children at risk of inclusion, it gives hope through the story of Charlie Chaplin; to the Migrant and Greater Community, inclusion, pride and reconnection with the Centre; to the Centre, a revitalisation as a fulcrum of activity and to the Heritage Lottery Fund, ensuring that children receive heritage education and skills for life whilst preserving the history and Culture for the future. So it will encourage cohesion and inclusion!"

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Ealing is a priority Borough for the Heritage Lottery Fund which has been encouraging local organisations to come forward with heritage projects.

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