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The Royal Opera House celebrates ten years in Thurrock The Bunting Challenge

The Royal Opera House celebrates ten years of working with communities across Thurrock in 2017 and it's asking everyone to get involved.

The Royal Opera House Learning and Participation team at the High House Production Park are creating a long line of bunting to decorate the site for the forthcoming summer celebrations and they would like people across Thurrock to contribute pieces to make it a really fantastic display.

Using any fabric and decorated in any personal way: with just a word, pattern, poem or a picture perhaps, everyone is welcome to make one or several pieces of bunting which will be on show from 12 – 15 July at the High House Production Park as the Royal Opera House celebrates its tenth anniversary of working with communities across Thurrock. The bunting could also reflect experiences of working, performing, visiting or learning with the Royal Opera House and High House Production Park. Any piece of bunting should be triangular and have the following dimensions: 21cm width x 31cm length.

Please send your bunting pieces to Bunting Challenge, ROH Learning and Participation,

The Vinery, High House Production Park, Vellacott Close, Purfleet RM19 1AF by Friday 23rd June either by post or in person.

The bunting will be displayed at the High House Production Park for everyone to enjoy from Wednesday 12 until Saturday 15 July. Everyone is welcome to visit the site to see the bunting and join in with the free BP Big Screen event on Friday 14 July at 7.30pm and the free Community day on Saturday 15 July. For more information, please go to www.roh.org.uk/thurrock.

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Notes for Editors

Royal Opera House Learning and Participation in Thurrock

Royal Opera House Learning and Participation in Thurrock has been offering innovative and creative projects and programmes in schools, colleges and across communities in the Thames Gateway since 2006.

Since then, more than 60,000 people have participated in activities ranging from schools' projects to teacher training, from work-based learning to fully-staged community operas. People in Thurrock have both been able to watch special performances at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden and gain a very special insight into the behind-the-scenes process.

The Learning and Participation team runs the Royal Opera House Thurrock Community Chorus which currently has over 140 members of all ages and regularly performs across Thurrock and at the Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. For further information, please go to: www.roh.org.uk/learning/learning-in-thurrock/community-chorus. Details of future performances and taster session for the Community Chorus can be obtained by emailing getinvolved@roh.org.uk or calling 01708 891200.

Regular public tours of the state-of-the-art Bob and Tamar Manoukian Production Workshop where the sets and scenery for the Royal Opera House stage in Covent Garden are built, and the Bob and Tamar Manoukian Costume Centre, which opened in October 2015, are now available. Please go to www.roh.org.uk/visit/tours/thurrock-tours for further details.

In April 2012, the Royal Opera House agreed to become a [Bridge](#) organisation, working to connect children and young people to great art and culture across Essex, North Kent, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire.

The Learning and Participation team is based at the High House Production Park in Purfleet which is supported by a unique partnership including Arts Council England, Creative & Cultural Skills, the Royal Opera House and Thurrock Council: www.hhpp.org.uk