

Local charity seeks votes to win funding

Be Enriched, a charity which support communities through food, has been shortlisted in an international photo competition, but needs public votes to win \$1,000 to benefit their work in the area.

The snap of Be Enriched's Healthy Holiday programme has been shortlisted from more than 400 entries in the GlobalGiving 2021 Photo Contest. The picture captures one of the charity's school holiday programmes which, in collaboration with performance group the Flying Seagulls, helps young people to develop new skills, whilst receiving a free, healthy lunch, something that can be a struggle for families. It is just one of a number of projects which the charity organises to train, feed and bring people together.

The winner of the photography contest will be decided by a public vote, and the charity is calling on anyone who can spare a few moments to help them grab top spot, and a \$1,000 prize which will go to supporting other work across Lambeth and Wandsworth.

Kemi Akinola, CEO and Founder, who entered the picture, said: "The holiday programme means a lot to us at Be Enriched, as so many families can struggle to provide healthy meals to young people when they are off school. The work we did allowed many children to get out, do something enjoyable and also have a nutritional meal. For the photo to be shortlisted in this competition is a real honour. We do hope that people will show their support by voting, to help us try and raise some additional funds."

Votes will open between 16 August and 20 August, and can be cast at <https://www.globalgiving.org/poll/vote/?pollOptionId=1615>

Established in 2013, Be Enriched now has three Community Canteens, where volunteers take in surplus food to create meals for anyone from the local area. The team leads Wandsworth's Food Partnership, bringing key players together to support a good food pipeline, and has also setup CooksForce which uses various centres in the area to teach people how to cook healthy meals.

The charity also has The Food Bus, for which it is currently seeking corporate sponsorship for, in return for advertising space, and welcomes any donations or offer of volunteers. Find out more at <https://www.be-enriched.org/>