



# Your new Civic Centre

## Your guide to the Opening Ceremony

**Sunday 6 October  
12noon to 7.30pm**

A **FREE** event for  
the whole family

We are celebrating the opening of the Brent Civic Centre with a grand spectacle of music, dance, arts and performance.

Come along and enjoy a lively day of family activities, a fun run and walk, a mass Zumba class, ballet fusion, African dance, storytelling and many more workshops and performances for all ages.

There will also be guided tours of the building.



Supported using public funding by  
**ARTS COUNCIL  
ENGLAND**

# Your Opening Ceremony

## Highlights



### Poetry Slam: Chill Pill Collective and Simon Mole

The event is hosted by Simon Mole, Brent's Poet Laureate and Chill Pill, one of London's coolest poetry collectives. Join in or listen to some great poetry and spoken word and decide for yourself who you think should win.

### Fun Run and Walk

Run or walk around the perimeter of the iconic Wembley Stadium. Starts at 12noon, so put your trainers on and see how far you can go or how fast you can do it! Prizes will be given. Do it in fancy dress or for charity to make it even better.

### Ballet:Fused

English National Ballet and Brent Council present Ballet:Fused, an innovative dance fusion performance project to celebrate the opening of the civic centre.

This collaboration fuses the classical forms of ballet and classical Indian 'kathak' dance with contemporary choreographic techniques. The choreography will explore themes of civic pride, citizenship and 'the drum' (inspired by the civic centre's community space). Brent Music Service, an ensemble of young musicians from Brent, will provide live music for the performance.



### Adanta

Innovative African dance and theatre company, Adanta, will be performing 'Amazing Feet', a showcase of exciting dance, drumming and acrobatics fusing dances from Ghana, Nigeria, Guinea and South Africa with hip hop moves. A vibrant celebration of movement and rhythm performed in traditional costume that is not to be missed!



### Opening Ceremony- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

The Leader of the Council and the Mayor of Brent will be officially opening the civic centre alongside 21 young people representing each ward in Brent. These young people have been selected after winning a borough-wide competition to depict what they love about where they live.

Don't miss!



# programme

## A whole day packed full of fun

There will be a wide range of FREE performances and workshops throughout the day for the whole family to enjoy starting from 12pm to 7.30pm including:

### Foyer (Ground Floor)

Brent Music Service  
St Michaels Steel Band  
Rhythm Studios  
Grupo Esporao Capoeira  
Elders Voice Choir  
Nutkut  
Eastern Illusion  
Frisco Rose  
Mahogany Carnival Arts

### Library (Ground Floor)

Spoken word and workshop for young people  
Fiction writing for 55+yrs  
Fiction platform hosted by Aoife Mannix  
Spread the Word writing activities for all  
Henna art and back massage  
Hopkins architectural tours

### Outdoor gardens

Bang On junk percussion duo

### Grand Hall and Winter Garden (Floor 1)

Hartbeeps under 5's  
Ballet:Fused – ENB  
London School of Samba  
Ballroom dancing demonstration

### Conference Hall (Floor 3)

Poetry Slam with Chill Pill  
On the Level Productions graffiti collage  
TMAanimate animation popping workshop  
DJ Workshops

### Upswing's Grand Finale Performance

Upswing is a circus company with a difference that will be bringing the Brent Civic Centre to life in a spectacular finale performance at the Opening Ceremony. There will be some dance, aerial work, brilliant music and a few surprises thrown in.

Vicky Amedume, Artistic Director of Upswing said: "Our work is always a little unexpected and surprising which you can definitely look forward to seeing at the Opening Ceremony. We will be bringing something spectacular that makes people look at the civic centre differently and makes them feel like the building belongs to them."

Full programme at [www.brent.gov.uk/civiccentre](http://www.brent.gov.uk/civiccentre)

Don't miss!







# A state of the art wedding venue

If you are searching for the perfect venue for your wedding or civil ceremony, then the brand new Brent Civic Centre could be the answer to all your dreams!

The civic centre is in a remarkably breathtaking setting, surrounded by two iconic landmarks Wembley Stadium and Wembley Arena.

The venue boasts:

- a choice of nine different licensed wedding venues
- capacity of up to 1000 guests
- licensed bar
- outdoor terrace and landscaped garden
- state-of-the-art audio-visual technology
- live streaming of your wedding on the internet
- catering services
- excellent transport links
- disabled access.

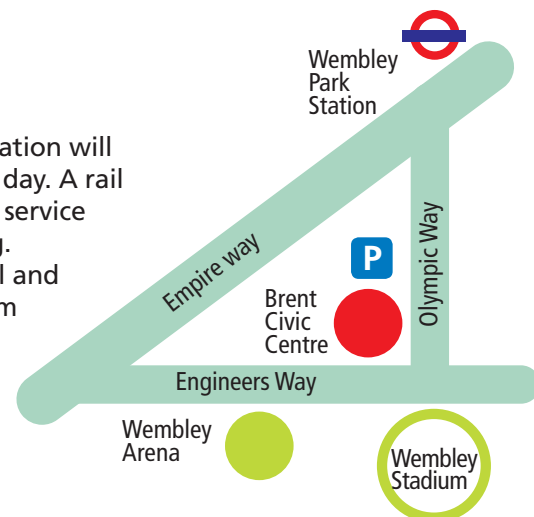
Come along to the Opening Ceremony for your chance to talk to the dedicated team of highly experienced and professional staff.

Meet the Registrars, Conference and Events Team and caterers from 12pm-5pm. You will be able to take a tour of the marriage rooms and gardens, see the rooms dressed up for a wedding and meet Shanice, Brent's virtual assistant who will be on hand to greet visitors. You will also be able to make a booking on the day!

For enquiries email [events@thedrumwembley.com](mailto:events@thedrumwembley.com) or call 020 8937 4340.

## How to get there

Wembley Park station will be closed on the day. A rail replacement bus service will be operating. Wembley Central and Wembley Stadium stations will be open. Buses 83, 182, 92, 297, 206 and 223 stop nearby.



Please check [www.tfl.gov.uk](http://www.tfl.gov.uk) for up to date travel information. Bicycle spaces are available.

**Brent Civic Centre**  
Engineers Way  
Wembley HA9 0FJ

