Sutton’s aim is to make this year’s Take Part, Take Pride a truly diverse summer festival. Council services, community groups, businesses and residents are invited to take part by setting up an activity or event which gives others the chance to get involved.

Take Part, Take Pride is a perfect way to show off what you do, to raise awareness of your group and make new friends. We hope that all areas of the borough’s community will take part, creating a festival of activity throughout the week that highlights excellence, inspires people to try new things and provides fun and interesting ways to take part in local life.

Leading up to the week, residents will be asked to put forward ideas of how they’d like their council to spend a £2000 TPTP Fund to improve their community. On Sun 12 July there will be a great event in Sutton Town Centre where the public vote for the winning idea.

Whatever you want to organise, whether it is a food event, a clean-up of an open space, a tea party for children and elder people, a sports day or an art event, we want to help you to make it a success.

Plans for the Take Part, Take Pride week so far include:

- Activities and events organised by groups throughout the borough, all week.
- A TPTP Info Bus visiting 10 sites Mon-Fri, accompanied by entertainment and a ‘have your say’ space/activity area.
- A marquee in Sutton High Street Mon-Fri for use by community groups and services to promote their work, encourage volunteers and emphasise campaigns.
- A stage in Sutton High Street on Sat-Sun. Programmed with music and dance, to appeal to all ages and launching Team Sutton with the Olympic Forum on Sat.
- On Sun 12 July, members of the public are interviewed about their ideas for the £2000 TPTP Fund and to talk about issues that concern them. The shortlisted projects are put to the public vote, and a winning project decided for the £2000.

The Take Part, Take Pride team at Sutton’s Civic Offices will be:

- providing publicity and marketing for the event overall, including a printed programme of activities
- giving advice to people wanting to get involved
- putting organisations and groups in touch to share activities

The deadline for entries in the printed programme is Monday 4 May.

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