

# NEWS FROM THE ROSEBUD CENTRE

## Women of Woolwich Rise!



We were pleased to be a part of the Rise! celebration for the Greenwich and Docklands International Festival which took place last month. Established as a platform to recognise the achievements of women in and around Woolwich, Rise! was a spectacular processional event which profiled various distinguished women in the borough. Rosebud founder Olutoyin Ogunbanjo received a nomination and a plaque which recognised the work of her charity Listening Ears as a non-profit organisation which has provided support to over 1,000 people. The festival which celebrated women's suffrage in the past and in present times, featured giant puppets and a procession, championing women of Woolwich. Visitors also enjoyed music, dance, poetry and the movement of the 30ft figure floating against the skyline of the Royal Arsenal. The centre of attraction was the huge mechanical puppet which was mobilised by a team of puppeteers and performers who paraded it down Woolwich High Street as supporters and nominated figures marched along in celebration. Olutoyin Ogunbanjo expressed her gratitude for the recognition and pledged to continue to support vulnerable people in Greenwich through the various Listening Ears projects. Later this month, our summer scheme will start and will include day trips, a week long residential and a range of skill building and activity based workshop sessions.



