

Haringey Civic Centre.

Delivering a high-quality refurbishment of a local heritage building at the heart of our community.

Providing modern, open community and civic areas as well as new, flexible office space.

A listed building in a conservation area.

Image of the Civic Centre front entrance and façade.

The story so far.

1938 Designed.

1955-58 Built.

2018 Grade II listed.

2020 Vacated for refurbishment.

Did you know?

The Civic Centre was built on the former site of the Fishmongers and Poulterers Almshouse and was intended to benefit retired members of the Fishmongers' and Poulterers' Companies.

1950s-1960s.

Did you know?

The original plan was to build the Civic Centre in Woodside Park on the site of George Meehan House.

The architects - Sir John Brown, A.E. Henson and Partners - were the winners of a design competition held in 1938, but owing to the Second World War, the submitted design was never carried out.

The borough of Wood Green relocated their town hall to the former almshouses site, making it one of the most stylish town halls to appear in post-war Britain. It was completed in 1958.

Image of 1958 Wood Green Town Hall council chamber.

Image of Mrs Joyce Butler.

Alderman Mrs Joyce Butler, MP was elected chairman of Haringey Council in 1964. She was an eminent MP and was instrumental in introducing the Sex Discrimination Act in this country.

During 1964-65, the borough of Wood Green merged with Hornsey and Tottenham to become Haringey. Wood Green town hall then became the new Civic Centre - the last meeting of Wood Green Borough Council was held on 19 March 1965.

Image of 1965 council chamber meeting.

1970s-1980s.

The civic centre has witnessed many things – allowing a voice for local issues and nationally important issues that have changed the nation's history.

In 1985 Bernie Grant elected leader - first-ever black leader of a local authority in Europe.

Image of Bernie Grant photographed when he was elected leader - first-ever black leader of a local authority in Europe.

Image marking the town twinning of London Borough of Haringey with the parish of Clarendon in Jamaica.

Did you know?

There is a nuclear bunker under the Civic Centre? The original design included an escape tunnel under the High Road, but that was never built.

Gay rights activists - Positive Images campaign in support of Haringey's gay and lesbian community.

Image of the Positive Images campaign and Lesbian and Gay Rights demo 1986.

Image: 1986 An extraordinary council meeting led by Bernie Grant.

1986-87 Member of Parliament Hugh Rossi, receiving a petition from Haringey Women, protesting against government cuts and stating "Defend women's rights. Support women in Haringey now".

Image: Raising the flag to Nelson Mandela with Mayor Cllr Andreas Mikkides 1986.

c1988 Haringey anti-apartheid movement and support for Nelson Mandela.

1988 Bruce Kent - peace campaigner, leader of CND and a Haringey resident - at the borough's declaration of being a nuclear free zone, and the start of Bruce's 'One World Walk' of 1,000 miles.

1990s-2000s.

Image: Haringey Council challenges racism with a month of focus in March.

2000s.

The Civic Centre was home to Electoral Services for around 40 years, supporting Haringey residents to vote in local, national and European elections.

Image of polling station at the Civic Centre.

2004.

UK Citizenship Ceremonies begin to take place at the Civic Centre.

Image of citizenship ceremony setup in the Civic Centre chamber.

Did you know?

The Listing Statement of the building says: It reflects the important influence of Scandinavian architecture in early post-war England and adopts its subtle qualities to achieve the sense of openness and modernity which define the aspirations of the post-war civic centre as a type.

2004.

Image of new council members.

Image of the Civic Centre front entrance.

2018.

In July the building becomes Grade II listed by Historic England.

2020.

The Civic Centre is closed for safety reasons. The decision is taken to undertake a major refurbishment.

Did you know?

Haringey Civic Centre has been used for film and TV sets including season 3 of the Crown doubling up as The Middlesex Hospital and the Guardian offices in a 13-hour film shoot.

Image of sets at the Civic Centre, at the front entrance and a 1960s-era office in one of the rooms.

Haringey Civic Centre future vision.

CGI image of refurbished Civic Centre building and public space from the front entrance.

Providing a modern landmark Civic Centre, the whole borough can be proud of.

For more details about the past and future of Haringey's Civic Centre please visit:

www.haringey.gov.uk/civiccentre