
FROM
LONDON
WITH
LOVE

By Joseph Christopher

This zine explores and focuses on some of London's young adults love and stories about the city. These Londoners have all said this is where they see themselves for years to come, and so I'm intrigued by what the reasons are for wanting to stay here and not considering elsewhere. London is one of the greatest cities in the world, but at quite an expense. What is it exactly that makes this city so great, and do the reasons justify London's highly demanding and increasing prices?




ostap



WEST IS BEST

What part of London are you from?

I'm from Ealing, West London.

What is it you love about living in London the most?

Although London is such a huge city, I love how easy it is to get about from one place to another because it has such good transportation links. A lot of people will say how much they hate using TFL, either because of how busy it can be or that it's dirty. I personally love getting on the tube. Even though it's sometimes easier or more convenient to get an Uber or drive. Nothing beats putting in some headphones on a tube journey somewhere.

What do you get in London that you don't get anywhere else?

A place as old and historic as London, but a place that is at the forefront of modern, contemporary style and living. At the same time it still encompasses it's roots and history.

Is there anything in particular that you would change about the city?

There's nothing I'd really change about London. I think there's beauty in it's imperfections, and they are what make London as we know it. Nothing is completely perfect.

Where is your favourite spot in London?

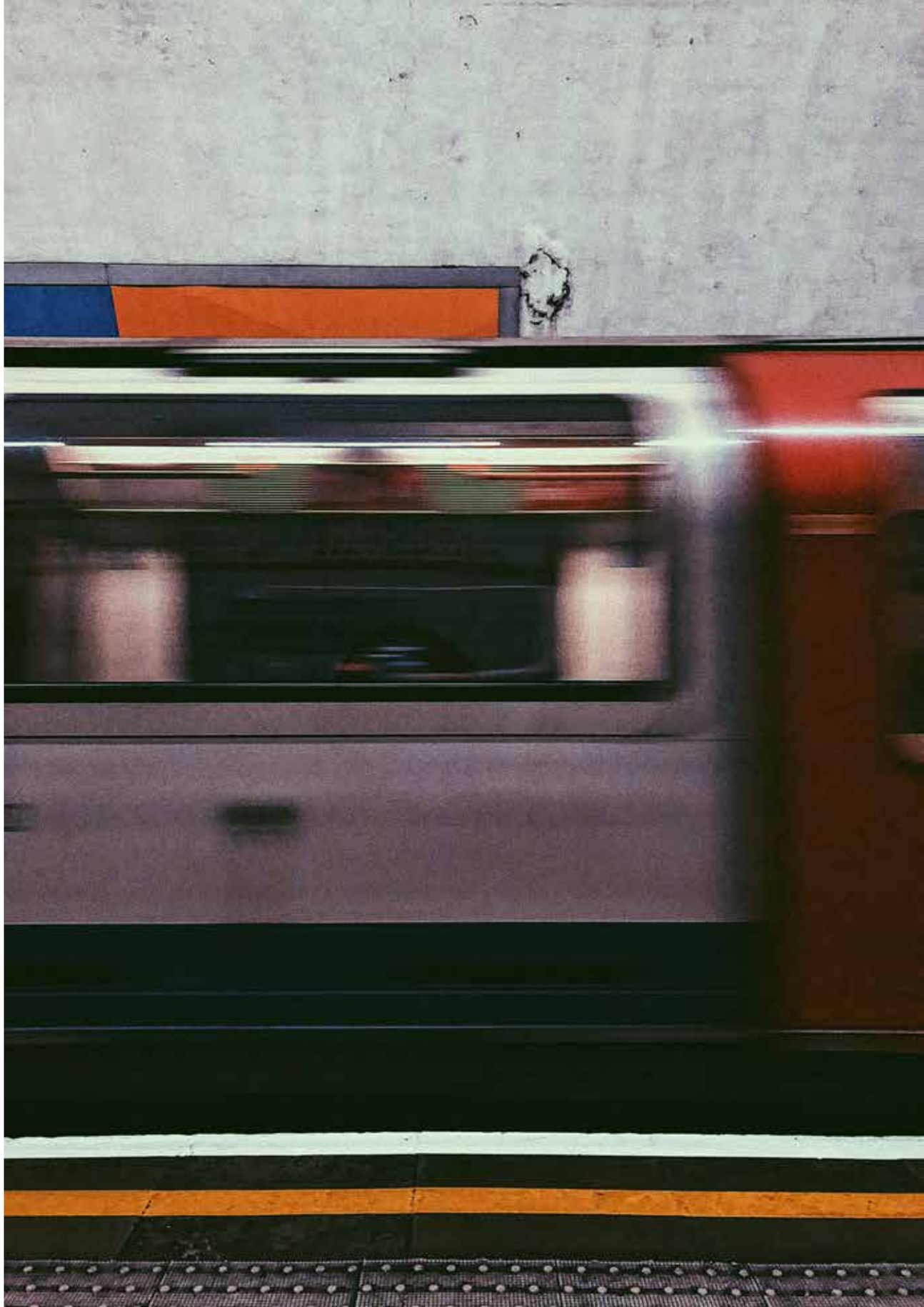
It's tricky, I'd say my favourite place to visit in London would probably be between Regents Park and Holland Park. I think Regents is one of the most beautiful places in London and the best park in London. Even though it's so central, it's a nice quiet pocket to escape from all the madness and have some peace and quiet. It's also a place thriving with nature, so there's always things to see. However I also love Holland Park. It's a similar vibe in the sense that there's lots of greenery and also wildlife. There's also the Kyoto gardens inside which is picturesque and makes it quite unique. Plus it's closer to me so i've definitely visited more.




The Royal Borough of Kensington
and Chelsea
HOLLAND
PARK. W.11
NOS 37-57




UNDERGROUND
HELLO!



jamie

“ A city that’s sports crazy. ”

What part of London are you from?

I’m from Wembley, North West London.

What is it you love about living in London the most?

I love how much of a social hub London is. Whether it’s personal of business related, there’s so many different interesting people to meet. I feel there’s never really a dull moment as there’s so many different amenities and different things to experience. It’s also a city that’s sports crazy. Me being a huge football fan and Arsenal supporter, it’s interesting to live in a city which is home to so many famous football clubs. It just means there’s constant discussion and rivalries between friends which is always interesting. As I live in Wembley also, I have Wembley Stadium down the road from me so it’s easy to go and watch England play.

What do you get in London that you don’t get anywhere else?

Being able to get a salt beef bagel after a night out in Shoreditch. On Brick Lane there’s a place called ‘Beigel Bake bagel shop’ that’s open at all hours and it’s the best thing ever. An absolute cure.

Is there anything in particular that you would change about the city?

There’s nothing I’d change about London characteristically. However like any other city, London has it’s problems and issues. I think the government should provide better funding to the areas that need it most. There is a clear socio-economic divide in areas across London. There are areas riddled with crime due to lack of opportunity and other factors. If there was increased funding to help these places, then I believe it would help bring equity and help resolve some of these issues.

Where is your favourite spot in London?

I wouldn’t say I have a stand out favourite but I love walking along any of the bridges in central that take you across the Thames. Especially at night time when the city is lit up. It just hits different.










HAO

weronika



“ In London you feel connected to the world. ”

What part of London are you from?

I am from North West London - Currently the Brent Cross/Hendon area

What is it you love about living in London the most?

I think what I like most about living in London is that there is always something happening. The diversity and culture London has is also amazing. I feel like I can always find something to do or people to interact with. London is one of fashion capitals and since fashion is my main interest, it’s a perfect place to be to seek opportunity.

What do you get in London that you don’t get anywhere else?

Personally, for me London has this certain atmosphere and feeling that makes me feel comfortable and at ease. I feel a real sense of belonging. In London you feel connected to the world, which I don’t think I’d get living in the countryside for example. There are so many things to do and places to explore in a capital which I don’t think you’d get outside of the area.

Is there anything in particular that you would change about the city?

I see myself living in London for the foreseeable future and possibly the rest of my life, so if I could change one thing it would be the extortionate living costs! Housing costs/living costs in general are too expensive and almost unachievable. As a young individual who is about to graduate from university I don’t want to have the worry of income and living. If places in London were to become more accommodating or simply adjusted to suit to peoples actual incomes, my future in London would be guaranteed.

Where is your favourite spot in London?

I have many spots in London that are my favourite, there’s almost too many to pick! Any of the art or photography galleries I love. The ‘Saatchi’ or The ‘Photographers Gallery’ to be more specific. As a kid I lived around the Golders Green/Hampstead area, which I have very fond memories of. One of my main places would have to be ‘The Old bull and Bush’ pub in Hampstead. It just holds so many memories, as my family and I would go during the weekends and now that I’m older I enjoy going there with my own friends occasionally.




dev
THE NORTH FACE



“ Living in a place like London really helps to inspire your attitude and mindset. ”

What part of London are you from?

I’m from Harrow, North West London.

What is it you love about living in London the most?

A thing I love about London, is how culturally diverse it is. I’ve made friends with people who are all from different parts of the world. There’s communities built up of these different nationalities which is something I don’t really think you get anywhere else, not to the same extent at least. All these different communities are what help make up London’s influential and iconic cultural identity. It really is a melting pot. It’s not until you leave London that you realise how diverse London is in comparison to the rest of the country.

What do you get in London that you don’t get anywhere else?

I think living in a place like London really helps to inspire your attitude and mindset. That city work ethic just helps motivate you to be successful, at least for me anyway. London being one of the financial centres of the world, there’s a great deal of opulence which in a way makes you want to strive for more.

Is there anything in particular that you would change about the city?

I wouldn’t really change anything. Maybe helping to clean up the streets more often and making it more presentable. It’s evident when the council doesn’t care about a particular area.

Where is your favourite spot in London?

London has many nice spots but one that sticks out for me is St. Johns Wood for some reason. The roads and houses are just pleasant and so nice to see and walk about. It also just has this iconic London look about it that I really like. It’s located in North West London and very close to Central.





aaron



SOUTH OF THE RIVER



What part of London are you from?

I'm from Brixton, South London.

What is it you love about living in London the most?

I think what I love about living in London the most, and I'm sure a lot of other people will say the same thing, is the culture and the diversity. One of the many things it's diverse make up of people brings is amazing food, because there's so many different cuisines from all parts of the world, which means it's the place to be if you love food like I do. The iconic culture is also one of the best things about London and what makes it one of the best cities in the world. The style, the banter, the slang, the music. Everything about it is untouched. London is an influential hub.

What do you get in London that you don't get anywhere else?

Notting Hill Carnival. There is no better motive than carnival. It's a huge street party that everyone looks forward to each year. It's always the best vibe and is the highlight of summer. Good music, good food, good weather, and it's free. You really can't go wrong, there's nothing like it. Unless you live in like Brazil ha-ha. But yeah theres nothing as good as it in the UK at least.

Is there anything in particular that you would change about the city?

There isn't really anything I would change about London. I believe its fine just the way it is.

Where is your favourite spot in London?

For me the place I like to visit most is Carnaby Street. Anything you retail related that you need, it has. Best place to go if you're trying to pick up fresh garms for a new outfit or if you're out to get some food. It's also a sick vibe around christmas time.



shania





“ It’s a place which allows people to be themselves and to be as expressive as they want. ”

What part of London are you from?

I’m from Willesden, North West London but I now currently live in Mile End, East London.

What is it you love about living in London the most?

I think London has a thriving scene for creatives. Whether it be fashion, music, or photography. It’s a place which allows and encourages people to be themselves and to be as expressive as they want. It’s a city full of open minded people, and that’s why it’s such a cool place to be - it’s full of so many intriguing people.

What do you get in London that you don’t get anywhere else?

Every different part of London possesses a distinct feel and aesthetic, which allows them to have their own character. You can easily get a sense for whereabouts you are just through the architecture for instance. There are so many different examples of various architectural eras and styles such as Edwardian, Georgian, and contemporary which you see a lot of in the more central, metropolitan areas of London. And then mostly Victorian and 1930’s style throughout the suburbs.

Is there anything in particular that you would change about the city?

If I could change something about London it would most likely be the cleanliness of the city, because there is a lot of waste and littering. I would also want it to be more cycle-friendly as cycling around London can be pretty fun, but also dangerous due to a lack of cycle lanes and awareness for cyclists. This would also help with pollution levels as it would encourage more people to cycle.

Where is your favourite spot in London?

My favourite part of London is probably around London Bridge. This is because there is so much to do and see in the area such as the architecture, monuments, history and galleries - Tate Modern being one of them.






CONNAUGHT
PLACE W2
CONNAUGHT MEWS



STANHOPE
PLACE W2
CITY OF WESTMINSTER






tijan


KODAK 5063 TX
KODAK 563 TX

KILBURN TO THE WORLD

What part of London are you from?

I'm from South Kilburn, North West London originally but I now currently reside in Islington, North London.

What is it you love about living in London the most?

What I love most about London is the fact that there is a place here for everyone. It's a city that is easy to get lost in, but it is also very easy to find one's self in. It's such a huge place, but it just means you never really stop exploring, and there's always something new to see and discover.

What do you get in London that you don't get anywhere else?

London, has a mixture of cultures that is hard to find anywhere else in the world and certainly in the UK. London for me is the great Odyssey, constantly changing and growing.

Is there anything in particular that you would change about the city?

The only thing I would change about this city is to make it cheaper ha-ha, gentrification is killing my city and my people. You see it everywhere now. And unfourtunately it's stripping these areas of their roots and pushing out it's true residents, which leads to displacement. London's becoming a land just for the rich and wealthy, and it's sad to see.

Where is your favourite spot in London?

My favourite spot in London... I'd have to say Richmond park. In the summer, it is the only place I want to be. Surrounded by deers, beers and my boys.

