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### Transporter

Harold Offeh

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Part of the following series:



Harold Offeh and young people from Baraka Youth Association and Canalside Activity Centre

The Central line is transformed into an interstellar superhighway in this science-fiction-inspired project. The familiar station symbols on Harry Beck's Tube map have evolved into planets: stopping-off points on the Lunar Express, appearing like notes on a galactic musical score.

Artist Harold Offeh and young people aged 11 to 19 years, from Canalside Activity Centre, part of Epic CiC and Baraka Youth Association, have worked together on a project to mark the 150th anniversary of London Underground. This historic year provided a springboard from which to imagine the next 150 years of the Tube – a vehicle to project the group's interest in popular culture and sci-fi and their visions of the future, whilst allowing an opportunity to reflect on the present.

For Offeh, a regular tube traveller, 'There is wonderment in disappearing into a "black hole" in the ground and being transported and arriving at a completely different location.' This idea of the Underground as an everyday transporter, like the teleportation machine in the Star Trek films, enabled the group to travel together through space and time in both a real and imaginary sense.

The young people travelled with Offeh to discover parts of the Tube and the city that they had never explored before. They visited the V&A Museum of Childhood, the Science Museum and the London Transport Museum, encountering art on the Underground along the way, such as Mark Wallinger's Labyrinth, a unique artwork for every Tube station. At Bethnal Green station, a behind-the-scenes tour by Underground staff gave them a glimpse of how the station operates and how devices like the PA system work.

Find out more about the project [here](#)



Transporter, Harold Offeh and young people from Baral Association and Canalside Activity Centre, Ladbroke Gro  
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## Visiting Information

Artworks for this project are available to visit at the following stations. Where more detailed visiting information is available, page links have been included in the list below.

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