

Brought to you by the Resident Involvement Team

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Welcome

Hi. This month's bulletin offers a range of updates, information, and ways for you to get involved. If anything catches your eye, or you would like to find out more please feel free to contact the Resident Involvement Team below.

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My name is Dami Segun and I have recently joined the team as Community Engagement Officer for the north of the borough. I'll be working with the TRAs to grow, take ownership of their own communities, whilst also helping with other resident involvement initiatives. I've been in housing and community all my working life and I'm excited by the opportunity to again get to know new people and the unique challenges that LBHF will provide



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Hall Hire Opportunity

I have received a request from a new organisation who have secured a contract with Hammersmith and Fulham to deliver mentoring for lone parents and carers. The organisation would like to set up a hire agreement for a hall in the north of the borough. Although their preference is for a hall located within the Hammersmith area, the group are also open to discuss other opportunities within the Shepherds Bush or Hammersmith areas. The initial booking will be for 2 days a week 9.30- 3pm. Please contact Sharon Watkins email address sharonw@gspace.wlc.ac.uk to register your expression of interest.

Training Update

Fire Safety Awareness Training Friday 15 th April 10am – 2pm (for TRAs with Hall or Room Responsibility)	Committee Room 1 (2 nd Floor) Hammersmith Town Hall King Street Hammersmith W6 9JU
Chair Skills Training Saturday, 16 th April 11am – 5pm (All committee members)	Committee Room 1 (2 nd Floor) Hammersmith Town Hall King Street Hammersmith W6 9JU
Damp and Condensation Thursday 21 st April 9.30pm – 4.30pm (Committee members and Residents)	Hammersmith Town Hall Extension (4 th Floor, Room 2) King Street Hammersmith W6 9JU
Financial Training For TRAs Wednesday, 27 th April 6.30pm – 9pm (All committee members)	Committee Room 4 (2 nd Floor) Hammersmith Town Hall King Street Hammersmith W6 9JU
Equality and Diversity Training Friday, 6 th May 1pm to 4pm (All Residents Group Members)	Hammersmith Town Hall Extension (6 th Floor, Room 1) King Street Hammersmith W6 9JU
Minute-Taking Training for TRAs and Resident-led groups Thursday, 19 th May 6.30pm – 9pm (TRA Committee Members and Residents)	Committee Room 3 (2 nd Floor) Hammersmith Town Hall King Street Hammersmith W6 9JU

Please contact Michelle Samuel for bookings and further information using the above contact details.

Health and Safety Update

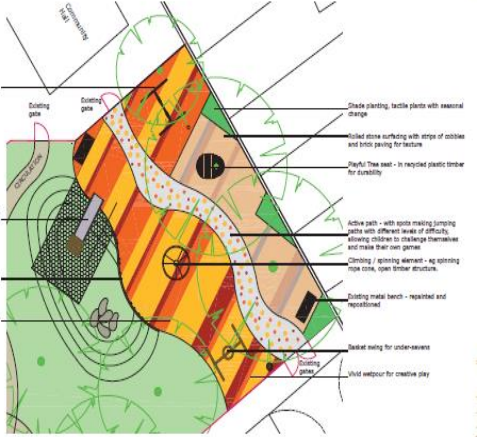

The Health and Safety Team (LBHF) is currently working in partnership with our Resident Involvement Team, in their ongoing review of processes, procedures and protocols, for good governance of all TRAs.

The Housing Health and Safety Officers have started TRA presimses inspections, as part of this ongoing inspection programme. If you have responsibility for a hall or room, you will be hearing from us over the next few months. Officers will be arranging for both an audit and inspection to be conducted.

Summer Events:

Please be aware that the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham 2016/17 Liability Insurance has been updated. Insurance will continue to cover events being held on Council property, however it will not cover third parties hosting activities at these events. Any third party must have their own cover and will be required to hold a minimum of £5 million worth of cover

Investment Group

<p>The Investment Group met on Tuesday 22nd March to decide on the allocation of funding to the 13 short-listed applications.</p> <p>Residents from the majority of proposed estates and blocks presented their projects to the Investment Group.</p> <p>This year the following projects were awarded funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Ken and Gibbs Green • Maystar and Cheesemans Terrace • Edward Woods • Askham Court (Sheltered) • Aldine Court • Lugard House <p>Short-listed applicants were: Lugard House, Griffin Court, Aldine Court, Askham Court, Maystar & Cheesemans Terrace, Queen Caroline, Wood Lane, Bayonne/Twynholm, West Kensington, Batman Close, Sullivan Court, Lytton Estate and Edward Woods</p>	<h3>HEIP Funding 2015/16 Sketch Design</h3> <p>PHILPOT SQUARE Sketch Design</p> <p>Site plan</p>  <p>Ideas</p> 
<h3>HIP Funding Update</h3> <p>The HIP Awards Meeting scheduled for 26th April 16, has now been cancelled, with a view to reconvening in May. In the meantime, we will continue to encourage residents and groups who have not already submitted an application to do so by the first week of May.</p>	<h3>Consultation</h3> <p>Being able to provide evidence of resident consultation is important, when placing funding applications (i.e. Internal and External Funding). The Community Engagement Officers recognise this, and will be developing a consultation toolkit to support residents to conduct their own consultations.</p> <p>Did you know? H & F can produce detailed estate profiles for estates with over 100 properties. Data evidence can be used to support internal and external funding applications.</p>

PARKING UPDATE

Sharon Schaaf, Head of Estate Services would like to progress onto the next stage of the parking control consultation meetings. These meetings are specifically to initiate the consultation about parking control and not about the problems with the current schemes. Dates offered on a first come basis are April 27th, May 4th, 5th, 17th, 18th, 23rd and 24th. Please contact your Community Engagement Officer to book meetings.

Estates and blocks targeted for this phase are:

North

- Becklow Gardens
- Emlyn Gardens
- Kelmscott Gardens
- Linacre Court
- Wengham, Hayter and Orwell
- Conningham/Stowe, Conningham Road

South

- Arthur Henderson William Banfield
- Townmead Estate
- Robert Owen
- Bulow/Pearscroft Estate
- Philpott Square
- John Dwight House

- Carnwath House
- Kier Hardy House

Governance

Insurance

For TRAs with a community hall or room, please check that your insurance schedule states the community hall or room as the insured space and not a resident's address as per invoice or billing address.

Council Stock Transfer Proposal

Is your TRA or Group looking at holding an event between now and the end of September 2016?

Starting 9th March 2016, the Resident Involvement Team will initiate a new estate engagement programme to support the awareness of both the council stock transfer proposal and to promote the opportunities for residents to get involved. We will initially be engaging with residents from small blocks and street properties through door-knocking. We are keen to join you at your events and activities, where possible. Please contact Michelle Samuel to register your events.

Councillor Lisa Homan, Tom Hopkins and Alethea Dougall will be available to attend TRA General Meetings across the borough. Please inform your Housing Manager or Community Engagement Officer to arrange for their attendance at your meetings. Councillor Lisa Homan will be happy to attend TRA meetings following the end of PURDAH from 10th May 2016.

For further information with regard to the Council Stock Transfer Proposal please contact Tom Hopkins TPAS Independent Tenant and Leaseholder Advisor as follows:

Email: lbhfita@tapas.org.uk Website: www.tpas.org.uk Telephone number: 0800731 1619

TRA Hall & Room Licences

The Resident Involvement Team has been working with the Area Housing Teams, Health & Safety Team, Environmental Health, and the Legal Team to develop an updated TRA Hall and Room licence that is fit for purpose and meets current legislation and guidelines.

The reason for updating the TRA hall and room licences is that the previous one that TRAs are operating under dates back to 1998. In drafting this licence we have aimed to:

- Make the information clear and easy to understand
- Promote the correct uses for the community spaces
- Increase access to community facilities
- Clarify the management arrangements for halls and rooms
- Promote a focus on self sustaining TRAs
- Provide a defined period for the licence agreement

We are consulting with all TRAs who manage either a hall or a room. We will be undertaking 2-3 consultations a month. At the moment, we are in the process of agreeing meeting dates with White City, Queen Caroline, and Aspen Gardens TRAs.

Fulham Court and Tea Wharf TRAs have already signed up to the new licence.

Other Activities in the Borough

Harlow Old Oak Children and Community Centre:

Old Oak is a community hub that offer a range of activities and services for families, children and young people. Services include early year's provision, education and back to work initiatives, legal and financial advice, health services, sports and recreational activities.

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- Get through pregnancy more comfortably
- Prepare for birth & learn labour techniques
- Strengthen your body & mind, increase confidence
- To register call the Centre on 020 8740 8008

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Old Oak Community & Children's Centre
76 Braybrook Street East Acton W12 0AP
020 8740 8008 | carmella.obinyan@familymosaic.co.uk



www.oldoakcentre.co.uk

Old Oak Community & Children's Centre is at 76 Braybrook St, London, W12 0AP. For more information and how to access their many services, contact 0208 740 8008 or email oldoakcentre@familymosaic.co.uk

Resurgo:

Resurgo Trust was founded through St Paul's church in Hammersmith in 2003. Its focus is to create social transformation in local communities by helping people facing serious social disadvantage to transform their lives. Since 2004, Resurgo's flagship initiative Spear, has helped over 3,000 young people into employment or education.

SPEAR: Are you 16-24? Want to find a great career?



SPEAR is a FREE interactive programme to help you enter work and progress in your career. It offers 6 weeks of coaching workshops to get you ready for work. Receive an impressive CV and cover letter, interview training, customer service qualification, job skills matching, job application support, increased confidence and improve your communication skills.

Course dates are:
Tuesday 3rd May and Monday 20th June 2016
2-5pm

Register at www.resurgo-spear.org or email info@resurgo-spear.org

Resurgo is at St Paul's Place, Macbeth Street, London W6 9JJ. For more information on SPEAR and other Resurgo services, contact 0203 327 2070 or email info@resurgo.org.uk

Latest News & Updates

- **Residents' Conference Planning Group:**

The Residents' Conference planning group has held two meetings since the last Inclusion Bulletin and the group is making good progress towards organising and developing this year's Residents Conference. The finishing touches are being put on the conference programme and promotional material. Expect a flyer with information on the conference and details on how you can book your place, coming your way soon!

In case you missed last month's update the themes for the conference are:

- The Future Of Council Housing in H&F
- Better Services
- Better Communities

The agreed strapline for the conference is ***Your Home, Your Future***

The Residents' Conference Planning Group is keen to hear your ideas and feedback. If you are interested in giving your input please feel free to attend the next planning group meeting on Thursday 21st April 6:30pm, Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, London W6 9JU. You can also get in touch by calling 0208 753 2951 or by emailing Getinvolved@lbhf.gov.uk.

- **LBHF Healthier Homes:**

If you, or residents in your area have concerns paying for their energy bills or are worried about your living conditions (damp, cold, draughts) , support and advice is available through the Healthier Homes initiative. The scheme is delivered in partnership by LBHF and the Citizens Advice Bureau, the next appointment slots are on 18th April and 16th May 9am-12pm at the Old Oak Housing Office, 43-45 Erconwald Street, W12 0BP. For more information contact 020 8743 5468.

Selected Events & Activities

- **Summer Confident Parent Happy Child Programme:**

This is a FREE programme offering parents and families support and advice on positive parenting skills. Courses start on Monday 18th April.

Summer programmes include the Triple P and Teen Triple P (Positive Parenting Programme). These are held at the Masbro Centre, 87 Masbro Road, W14 0LR (see flyer attached). For more information contact Nia Bellot, Parenting Craft Services Officer on 0207 605 0111.

- **Askew Road Library Big Book Sale:**

Come and get a bargain! Items for sale include Children's and Adult fiction, non-fiction books, DVDs and talking books. Friday 15th, Saturday 16th and Monday 18th April. Askew Library is at 87-91 Askew Rd, London W12 9AS. For information contact 020 8753 3863.

Digital Inclusion

You may already be aware that Queen Caroline Estate, Fulham Court and Waterhouse Close are earmarked for digital inclusion pilot projects. I am happy to inform you that since announcing the pilot projects, TRAs from these areas have been compiling their funding bids to obtain grants for obtaining, equipment and training.

We have also been linking in with third sector organisations and partners to provide support and training for people wanting to improve or learn IT skills



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- educational and study skills
- confidence in using a computer
- teaching and homework skills

@ The Masbro Centre
rosemarie@upg.org.uk
020 7605 0800

Masbro Centre, 87 Masbro Rd, London W14 0LR

Coach Trip scheme for Local Groups (including TRAs)

Hammersmith & Fulham Council has announced it will, once again, be offering groups based in the borough a contribution of up to £300 towards the costs of hiring transport to take their users out on a well-deserved day trip. In order to be eligible to apply, organisations:

- must be based in H&F and be mostly made up of people living in the borough
- should have a local management committee (of at least 3 members) and have its own governing document
- must be able to show they support residents from all communities
- should have an annual income of less than £10,000.

Priority will be given to older peoples' groups which are currently not funded by the council. Application packs will be sent to any organisations that have applied in the past. If you would like to request an application pack, or want more details, please call Sacha Mortimer on 020 8753 5009 or email: sacha.mortimer@lbhf.gov.uk.

Inclusion Group

The Inclusion Group held its first meeting in December 2015 and has subsequently held three workshops. The group includes H&F council housing residents and representatives from third sector organisations. To date, we have hosted representatives from Age UK, Citizens Advice, Sands End Associated Project in Action, Turning Point, Community Accountancy Self Help, Let Me Play, Brunswick Club for Young People, and Good Effort for Health & Wellbeing and H&F Citizens Advice Bureau.

A big thank you to those of you who have been involved, we will be featuring the Inclusion Group at the Residents' Conference on 18 June 2016 to raise the profile of the group and generate increased membership.

If you would like to get involved in the Inclusion Group, or learn about other ways you can get involved as a resident, please contact the Resident Involvement Team on 0208 753 2951, or email getinvolved@lbhf.gov.uk