

Government to take responsibility of Grenfell Tower site

Kensington and Chelsea Council has welcomed the announcement that the government will take responsibility for the Grenfell Tower site from the Metropolitan Police. The Council has always maintained that it should have no part in any day-to-day operations.

The announcement comes after the Metropolitan Police confirmed it has completed the forensic investigation of Grenfell Tower, which means the Tower is no longer required as a crime scene.

The government will now make operational decisions on issues such as the site's safety, security and access arrangements, until the future of the site has been determined by the community. A formal agreement will be finalised in the autumn.

As these arrangements are put in place, the site will continue to be managed by the independent Site Management team who have been in place since July 2017.

Led by Doug Patterson, Chief Executive of the London Borough of Bromley, the team is responsible for all aspects of the on-going day-to-day management, such as health and safety and security. This ensures the Council will continue to take no role in making decisions regarding the site.

The local policing team will continue to work closely with the Site Management team and patrol the surrounding area to protect the integrity of the site.

You can find the government's full statement here: bit.ly/2AxGBBZ

The site principles, signed up to by RBKC, can be found here: bit.ly/2HXo5mv

The Council has always been clear that in the long term, it is for the Grenfell community – the bereaved, survivors and residents – to decide on the future of the tower site. The community must have full control to shape the legacy of Grenfell following this tragedy. Earlier this year the Council signed up to a set of principles with the government committing to this and this remains our position.

Meet your neighbours

If you live on the Lancaster West estate or in the surrounding area, you are invited to the Residents Association family event at **The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP** this **Sunday 5 August** from **1pm to 6pm**. The event will be an opportunity for Lancaster West residents come together, get to know each other and build relationships within the community. You will also be able to meet your Residents Association representatives.

The day will feature art therapies, body therapies, a games club and a kids zone with art, music, games and face painting. There will be food and drink provided. Come along and meet your neighbours!



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Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

Monday 6 August

- **10.30am-12noon** – Freestyle dance with James (for ages six to 11) (drop-in)
- **12.30pm-2pm** – Freestyle dance with James (for ages 12 plus) (drop-in)
- **1pm-3pm** – Total Family Coaching – partner support (communication skills, giving and receiving feedback, casual conversations, supporting each other when problem behaviour occurs, problem-solving, improving relationship happiness) (please email info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk to book)
- **2pm-3pm** – Addressing stress and managing change with Andrea (limited spaces, please call **07712 542453** to enquire)
- **2pm-4pm** – Artspace clay puppet making workshop with ACAVA/CNWL for ages 12 to 16 with Matteo Merla and Sally Anderson (drop-in)
- **2pm-4pm** – Grenfell Support Services – drop-in advice and guidance for all

Tuesday 7 August

- **10.30am-12.30pm** – CV workshop and Jobsearch workshop with Jasmine from NOVA (all ages welcome – drop-in)
- **10am-3pm** – Fouzia's Sewing Club – drop-in sewing club for all, grow your skills, knit and natter
- **10.30-12noon** – Performing arts with Nath from Motown the Musical (for ages six to 11)
- **12.30-2pm** – Performing arts with Nath from Motown the Musical (for ages 12 plus)

- **5pm-7pm** – Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (registration is required – please email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

Wednesday 8 August

- **10am-12noon** – World coffee morning – free and open to all for a coffee and a chat
- **10.30am-12.30pm** – CV workshop and job search workshop with Jasmine from NOVA (all ages welcome – drop-in)
- **1pm-2.30pm** – Parenting seminars – open to all parents of children aged two to 16. This week: raising resilient children (book your place at info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk)
- **1pm-5pm** – Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in)
- **4pm-7pm** – Girls youth group for ages 13 plus (emotional health and wellbeing session run by Laura)

Thursday 9 August

- **10am-12noon** – Stay and Play – giving children and their parents/guardians a chance to play, sing, explore and learn together for under-fives – run by Early Years (please email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk to book)
- **10.30am-12noon** – Freestyle dance with James (six to 11 years)
- **12.30pm-2pm** – Freestyle dance with James (ages 12 plus)
- **5pm-7pm** – Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (registration is required, please email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

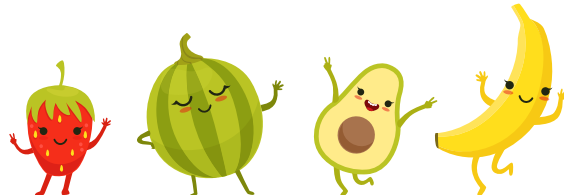


Friday 10 August

- **10.30-12noon** – Performing arts with Nath from Motown the Musical (for ages six to 11)
- **12.30-2pm** – Performing arts with Nath from Motown the Musical (for ages 12 plus)
- **2pm-4pm** – Artspace clay puppet making workshop with ACAVA/CNWL for ages 12 to 16 with Matteo Merla and Sally Anderson (drop-in)

Saturday 11 August

- **11am-1pm** – Artspace clay puppet making workshop with ACAVA/CNWL for ages 12 to 16 with Matteo Merla and Sally Anderson (drop-in)
- **12noon-2.30pm** – Byron's Steel pan orchestra workshop run by Metronomes – Learning to read and play music and encouraging families to preform together. (For ages six plus, limited spaces available. Email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk to book)



The Curve creche times are provided by The Curve each week. Details are still being finalised for the forthcoming week. For next week's creche times, please call **020 7221 9836** or email TheCurve@rbkc.gov.uk. We will publish opening times at the creche on our social media channels once we have the details from The Curve.

The Curve to be closed over Carnival

The Curve will be closed to the public over the Carnival/Bank Holiday weekend (**Saturday 25 August to Monday 27 August**). Normal opening hours will return from **Tuesday 28 August**.

The Curve Community Centre opening hours are **10am to 8pm Monday to Friday** and **11am to 6pm** on weekends.

The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, London W10 6TP

Some sessions need to be booked in advance to secure your place, so email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk and they will confirm your reservation by return.



For a full list of events visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events

This information is provided weekly by The Curve Community Centre. For more information call **020 7221 9836**

Council responds to government announcement on fire doors

Kensington and Chelsea Council has responded to the government's announcement earlier this week that fire doors from five different suppliers have been identified as failing to meet requisite fire performance standards.

You can find the government's full announcement on the gov.uk website:

bit.ly/2Ox2S5T

The announcement states that the fire doors failed due to not being tested on both sides, as the regulations stipulate. All councils, landlords and anyone in charge of buildings anywhere in the country will be

asked to take action if these doors have been used or installed.

The Council knows that this will be concerning for residents. It is constantly reviewing the fire safety of its housing stock, and checks will continue to see if any of the named doors have been fitted to homes and urgent action will be taken where necessary.

The new homes for Grenfell Tower families have been checked and the Council can confirm that it has not fitted any of the named doors to the new permanent homes of Grenfell survivors.

It is also embarking on a programme to replace 4,000 fire doors across its estates, at a cost of £3.5m. The Council has been clear, it will only put in doors that have passed all safety checks and if it is confident they are tested to the very highest standards.

The Council is also liaising with housing associations to ensure blocks are either not affected or to ensure that urgent changes are made. Temporary homes and general housing stock will also be checked.

Have your say on overnight support services

The Grenfell Night Support Service that has been provided from Notting Hill Methodist Church will remain fully operational in its current location until further notice.

Meanwhile, the Council and Central North West London NHS are working with the community to assess what they need in terms of overnight health and emotional support.

In addition to this review of community based overnight support, the Council's Community Engagement Team will be undertaking a community consultation exercise over the summer, the results of this will help guide and inform our work with the wider community to support recovery. More information on this will follow soon.



Free swimming and tennis sessions for local children

Kensington Leisure Centre is offering free swimming for children under eight during the summer holidays. The offer is available during all public swimming sessions. No need to book, simply turn up and join in during any public swimming session.

To find out when the sessions are taking place, take a look at the Kensington Leisure Centre swimming timetable: bit.ly/2LjdR52

Free swimming for under eights is available to all – non-members, pay and pre pay members – simply access the offer at the reception of the centre. Whether you're learning how to swim or you're a seasoned swimmer, please take some time to read through Kensington Leisure Centre's swim safety rules (better.org.uk/swimsafetyrules)

If you prefer getting sporty out of the water, Kensington Leisure Centre is offering free two day Mini-Tennis sessions in partnership with Give It Your Max for local children. Why not pick up a racket and get active with one of the nation's favourite sports? Two day camps are available on the following dates:

Mon 6 to Tue 7 August
Thur 9 to Fri 10 August
Mon 20 to Tue 21 August
Thur 23 to Fri 24 August

Sessions will run from **1pm to 3pm** and are for children aged five to 10. To get involved with any of the activities available, contact phil.kemp@gll.org with your child's name, date of birth and parent/guardian contact number, as well as the dates your child would like to attend.

Kensington Leisure Centre is located on **Silchester Rd, London W10 6EX** and is open from **6.30am to 10pm Monday to Friday** and from **8am to 8pm on Saturday and Sunday**.



Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the Grenfell tragedy is asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

Important Contacts

Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email helpline@cruse.org.uk. The helpline is open **Monday-Friday** from **9.30am-5pm**. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 8pm.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call the Home Office advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, see your GP and mention Grenfell, they will be able to direct you appropriately.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

The Grenfell Muslim

Response Unit also offers additional support. Find out more by emailing info@gmru.co.uk

You can also get physical and mental support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **020 7221 9836**.

Hestia, Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, and the Drug and Alcohol Service are based overnight at the **Notting Hill Methodist Church, Lancaster Road** from **10pm to 8am**. Pop in for a chat and support.



Upcoming meetings

Residents welcome to attend.

Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday 19 September, 6.30pm
Kensington Town Hall

Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee

Monday 15 October, 6.30pm
Kensington Town Hall

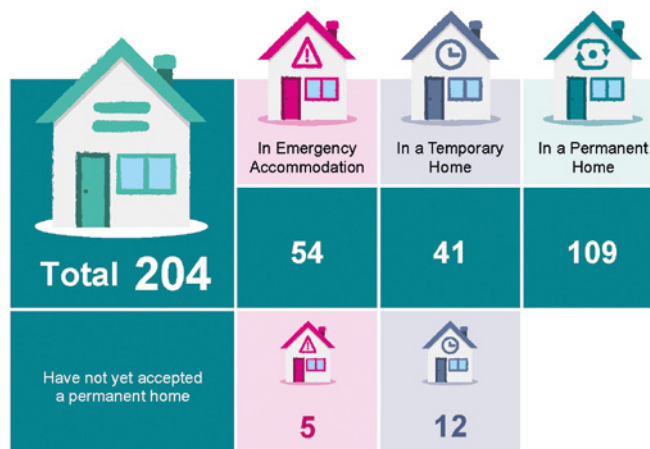
Full Council

Wednesday 17 October, 6.30pm
Kensington Town Hall

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update



These are the figures for
2 August 2018



New leaflets to support children affected by Grenfell

The Central North West London NHS (CNWL) has published two new leaflets on the support available to children and young people affected by the Grenfell tragedy. The leaflets have been produced by the team of psychological therapists at the NHS Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service. In the 'Trauma Clinic for children and young people' leaflet you can find out how the team screen, assess and support young people by providing trauma-focussed therapy, and how to get a referral to the clinic.

The leaflet 'Supporting your child following the Grenfell fire' explains to parents how

children might react after the Grenfell tragedy, and offers practical advice for supporting them. You can also find out how to get in touch with the team who specialise in supporting children and adolescents who have experienced trauma.

You can read and download them here: bit.ly/2LteKU5.

Copies of the leaflets will be available at **The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP** soon and will be handed out in schools and at community meetings by the CNWL team.



'An Audience with Inspirational Londoners' event for young people

'Together We Rise London' is a series of inspirational speaking and educational events which are set up to empower, educate and motivate young people living in the Ladbroke Grove area.

'An Audience with Inspirational Londoners' is a free event featuring a variety of inspirational speakers. The event takes place on **Wednesday 8 August** at **Notting Hill Methodist Church, Ladbroke Grove, W11 4AH**, between **12noon** and **3.30pm**.

The exciting event has been organised to inspire young people to realise their

ambitions and goals by hearing individual stories from other successful Londoners. Speakers on the day include middle-weight professional boxer, Umar Sadiq; the global creative director of Ralph Lauren, Wanita Bardouille; grime music producer, Marlon Nicholas; rap artist Mr10Gears; author, Andrew Muhammad; and others on the day. Free refreshments, prizes and goody bags will also be available.

Please visit Eventbrite: bit.ly/2006AnF to get your free ticket. Tickets must be ordered in advance.

The newsletter is also available in Arabic and Farsi languages.