

# Grenfell Support News

## Join the conversation for a stronger North Kensington



You may have seen in last week's newsletter and across our social media channels that the Creating Stronger Communities website has now launched. Along with a series of Council and community run drop-in sessions, this is your chance to let your voice be heard about the future of North Kensington.

### Join one of our drop-ins

**Monday 8 October, 2pm to 5pm** at the **Tabernacle, Powis Square, W11 2AY**

**Tuesday 9 October, 4pm to 7pm** at the **Tabernacle, Powis Square, W11 2AY**

**Wednesday 17 October, 10am to 3pm** at **Everyone Active, Westway Sports and Fitness Centre, 1 Crowthorne Road, W10 6RP**

**Thursday 18 October, 12noon to 4pm** at **Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX**

**Saturday 20 October, 12noon to 3pm, Pavillion Room, Everyone Active, Westway Sports and Fitness Centre, 1 Crowthorne Road, W10 6RP**

**Tuesday 23 October, 6pm to 8pm, Henry Dickens Community Centre, 104 St Ann's Road, W11 4BU**

**Wednesday 24 October, 4.30pm to 7pm, Pavillion Room, Everyone Active, Westway Sports and Fitness Centre, 1 Crowthorne Road, W10 6RP**

**Saturday 27 October, 12noon to 3pm** on **Portobello Green**

**Saturday 27 October, 4pm to 6pm, Everyone Active, Westway Sports and Fitness Centre, 1 Crowthorne Road, W10 6RP**

### What have people been saying?

- "More choice at local colleges for those residents who are on low incomes and who would like to gain a qualification or secure a trade such as plumbing."
- "The borough needs more accessible meeting places that are open for community use."
- "We need to work together to look at how we use community spaces to encourage skills growth and build capacity within our neighbourhoods."
- "More regular meetings with neighbours facilitated by the Council to help tackle isolation."

All of the ideas and news can be found on the website at [strongercommunities.rbkc.gov.uk](http://strongercommunities.rbkc.gov.uk) where you can "like" the ideas other people from the community have shared. If you see something you don't agree with or have another idea, we want to know that too. Let us know how you feel so that we can best represent you.

The website is easy to use and explains everything you need to know. You can

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remain anonymous and answer as many or as few questions as you like about different themes that you have identified.

### Why do we want this information?

We know how important it is that the community is at the heart of all our decisions. We want to hear your ideas so that we know we are working towards goals that North Kensington wants. There will be a community **Ideas Day** on **Saturday 17 November** from **10.30am to 4.30pm** at **Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX** where you can take a look at the feedback and make sure your views have been accurately captured.

After this, the Council will set out a plan based on what you've told us, setting out the steps that need to be taken to improve life in North Kensington.

### How can you get involved?

You can visit the website now at [strongercommunities.rbkc.gov.uk](http://strongercommunities.rbkc.gov.uk) and give us your ideas and suggestions. If you feel more comfortable talking through your ideas in a group setting, or if you need help using the website, drop-in to one of the community sessions.

## Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

### Monday 8 October

- **1pm–3pm** – Healthy Hearts weight management 10-week course. Sign up every Wednesday with Olivia at The Curve from 10am to 12noon or email [olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk](mailto:olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk)
- **2pm–4pm** – Community Contact Team. Drop-in advice
- **5pm–7pm** – Homework Club for ages 11 to 18 with a qualified tutor (drop-in)
- **6pm–8pm** – Functional skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy to book **020 7221 9836** (booking required)
- **6.30pm–7.30pm** – Zumba with Paula for ages 18 plus (drop-in)
- **6.30pm–7.45pm** – Jambi presents Tribo Samba-Reggae Percussion Workshop. All abilities welcome (drop-in)

### Tuesday 9 October

- **10.30am–12.30pm** – CV 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
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – ESOL/English Award in English Skills at level 1 and level 2 from Westway Trust. Accredited course (drop-in)
- **2pm–4pm** – Health and Wellbeing course for ages 50 plus from Open Age. To book, call Maude on **020 8962 5594**.
- **4.30pm–5.30pm** – Shared reading group for adults and children. Contact Erin on **07483 972020** or [erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk](mailto:erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk) to find out more. Open to all reading abilities.



The opening times for the creche at The Curve are:

**Monday and Tuesday: 10am to 3pm**  
**Wednesday and Friday: 10am to 5pm**  
**Thursday: 10am to 12noon**

To book a place in the creche, call **020 7221 9836** or email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

- **5pm–7pm** – Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (booking required, email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk))

### Wednesday 10 October

- **10am–12noon** – The Curve coffee morning. Come along for a coffee and a chat
- **10am–12noon** – Learn new ICT skills with a qualified tutor from Age UK. Enrol to attend all sessions. For more info and to book, call Maude on **020 8962 5594**
- **10am–12noon** – Circle of Security parenting programme from Total Family Coaching and Parenting. The Circle of Security is an eight-week relationship-based early intervention programme designed to build attachment between parents and children. To enrol, contact [info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk](mailto:info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk) or call **020 8969 5554** or **07397 871877**
- **12noon–2.30pm** – ICT classes for beginners from NOVA. Contact Chrissy to book **020 7221 9836** (booking required)
- **1.15pm–3.15pm** – Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in)
- **4pm–7pm** – Girls youth group for ages 13 plus (run by Laura for emotional health and wellbeing)
- **6pm–8pm** – Functional Skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **0207 221 9836**

### Thursday 11 October

- **10am–4pm** – Clarion Housing Group. Job search sessions open to everyone to help with job applications and CV writing (drop-in)
- **10.30am–12.30pm** – Job search workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **11.30am–2pm** – Creative arts with Jay for adults. Creative class with jewellery making, upcycling and fabric

design activities including African head wrapping (drop-in)

- **2pm–6pm** – Home Office. Help with immigration and passport issues (drop-in)
- **3pm–5pm** – One Digital at The Curve. Learn how to access and enjoy the internet. For all abilities (drop-in)
- **4pm–6.30pm** – Creative arts with Jay for ages seven plus. Younger children must be accompanied by an adult. Sessions will consist of painting, drawing and mask-making (drop-in)
- **5pm–7pm** – Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (registration is required, please email [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk))

### Friday 12 October

- **11am–12noon** – Zumbini. Zumba for children (drop-in)
- **5pm–6.15pm** – Dance class with James for ages seven to 12. Beginner's workshop (drop-in)
- **6.15pm–7.30pm** – Dance class with James for ages 13 to 18. Beginner's workshop (drop-in)

### Saturday 13 October

- **11am–1pm** – ICT classes for beginners from NOVA. Six-week course. Contact Chrissy booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **2pm–4pm** – Jambi presents Tribo Samba-Reggae percussion workshop. All abilities welcome (drop-in)
- **2pm–5pm** – Music studio workshop with Moss. Moss specialises in beat making, songwriting, recording and live performance skills (drop-in)
- **3pm–5.30pm** – The Abbey Community Centre & Association's youth club. Games, emotional wellbeing support and other activities will all be provided throughout the day (drop-in)

**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](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk) and they will confirm your reservation by return.

 For a full list of events visit [grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events](http://grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events)

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



## New boxing club and community centre open their doors

Last week saw the grand opening of the now famous Dale Youth Boxing Club at its new home in Bay 20 and marked a new beginning for the club.

For over 85 years "The Dale" has been a staple of North Kensington, building not only boxing and fitness skills, but strength and solidarity within the community.

Producing two world champions, an Olympic champion as well as countless other award-winning competitors, Head Coach at Dale Youth, Mick Delaney, described the club as 'The Factory of Champions'.

Alongside the new boxing club, a new community centre has also opened its doors at Bay20.

The centre was built by the BBC DIY SOS team earlier this year along with the boxing club. The centre is now accepting bookings through the Westway Trust, who can be reached on 020 8962 5720. Get in touch if you would like to enquire about booking a space at the centre.

Dale Youth Boxing Club and Bay 20 Community Centre are located under the Westway at **71 St Mark's Road, W10 6JG**.



## NHS Outreach at the Curve

The Grenfell NHS team no longer have a permanent desk on the ground floor of the Curve.

If you need to talk to a member of the team, they can easily and quickly come round to the Curve to see you. Just speak to a member of the Curve team, pop up to the NHS space on the second floor, or call the service on **020 8962 4393**.

## Secretary of State statement on combustible cladding

The use of combustible cladding is to be banned on all new residential buildings above 18 metres, as well as schools, care homes, student accommodation and hospitals. The announcement was made this week by James Brokenshire, the Housing, Communities and Local Government Secretary.

Deputy Leader of Kensington and Chelsea Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith, responsible for housing and Grenfell policy, said:

'We support any initiative that will help ensure that the tragedy of Grenfell can never be repeated. We must learn the lessons of Grenfell and apply them across the country. We welcome this announcement and look forward to further details.'

## Notice: Fire drill at the Grenfell site

Between **11am** and **12noon** on **Tuesday 23 October**, a fire drill will take place at the Grenfell Tower site. This is a routine process, designed to make sure those working on site remain safe. It is not in response to any issues with the Tower, which continues to be monitored and remains stable.

You may hear a siren and see teams working inside the building evacuate and assemble within the site. The site management team apologise in advance should you experience any disruption.

No action is required from members of the local community.



## 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

### Grenfell Enquiries service

A one-stop-shop for support, advice and guidance around Grenfell. For more information visit [grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries](http://grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries) or call **020 7745 6414**

### Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email [helpline@cruse.org.uk](mailto:helpline@cruse.org.uk)

The helpline is open **Monday-Friday** from **9.30am to 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](http://victimsupport.org.uk) The line is open 24 hours a day.

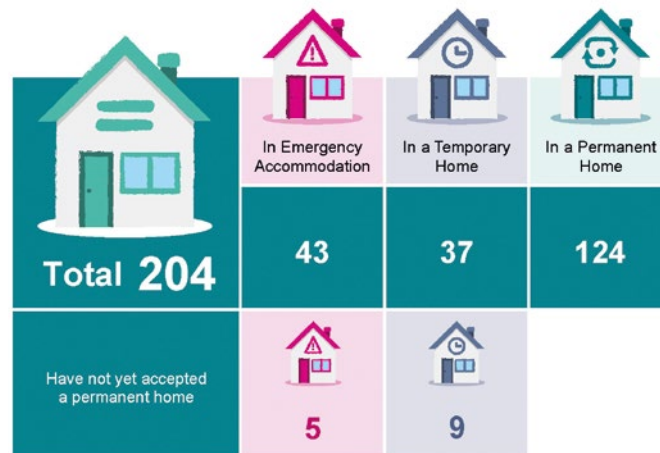
You can also get emotional and practical support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **020 7221 9836**.

## Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update



These are the figures for

**4 October 2018**



## Grenfell Young People's Fund opens for applications

Kensington and Chelsea Council has contributed to the Grenfell Young People's Fund which opened for applications this week.

The fund seeks to improve the lives of young people affected by the Grenfell tragedy and the young people themselves get to decide how the money will be used to help their community.

Organisations looking for funding to improve the lives of young people will have to go before a panel, 80 per cent of which will be made up of young people from the local area.

Groups can now apply for grants of up to £45,000, paid out in installments of £15,000 per year over three years.

The Council contributed £431,000 to the £1.27 million fund. The rest of the money comprises £574,000 donated

by readers to the Evening Standard Grenfell Appeal, as well as £269,000 from Artists for Grenfell.

Priority will be given to organisations based in North Kensington with annual turnover less than £500,000.

There will be three grant rounds over the next three years.

Applications for round one of funding should be made by 12noon on **Wednesday 31 October** to The London Community Foundation, the charity that manages the fund, at: [londoncf.org.uk/grants/grenfell-ypf](http://londoncf.org.uk/grants/grenfell-ypf)

Please contact The Programmes Team at The London Community Foundation if you have any queries about the Fund at [applications@londoncf.org.uk](mailto:applications@londoncf.org.uk) or **020 7582 5117**.



## Upcoming meetings

Residents welcome to attend.

### Leadership Team Meeting

Wednesday 10 October, 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

## Changes to overnight support

From **Friday 26 October 2018** the overnight service will no longer operate from the Notting Hill Methodist Church. The NHS will provide a more targeted clinical service for those who require overnight support in the future. This will include a dedicated phone-based mental health service throughout the night with home visits for those who require it. There will be a full

review of the small number of people who are using the service in its current form.

The NHS Outreach team can be contacted on **020 8962 4393** (seven days a week from **9am to 8pm**)

For urgent health and wellbeing support, you can call **0800 0234 650**, 24-hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week.

The Grenfell Inquiry team will be hosting a drop in on the first day of each month at **Notting Hill Methodist Church, W11 4AH**.

The newsletter is also available in Arabic and Farsi languages.