

Grenfell Support News

Visit The Curve this Christmas

Over the next few weeks, The Curve will be hosting a range of festive events and workshops leading up to Christmas. People of all ages are invited to come and join in the festive cheer and enjoy some winter-time activities.

The Curve is located at **10 Bard Road, W10 6TP** and can be reached on **020 7221 9836**



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Sunday 2 December, Sunday 9 December and Sunday 16 December, 12 noon to 3pm

Come and join Fatima to sew and crochet Christmas decorations for your home. This workshop is open to all and there's no need to book.

Wednesday 5 December, 1pm to 3pm

A Christmas wreath making drop-in. Come and learn how to make your own Christmas wreath and walk away with a new festive decoration for your home or a gift for a loved one.

Tuesday 4 December, Wednesday 5 December and Tuesday 11 December, 5.30pm to 7.30pm

A gift making workshop with Ilaria. A chance to design and create your own natural beauty product. Booking required, call **020 7221 9836**

Friday 7 December, Wednesday 12 December and Friday 14 December, 5pm to 7.30pm

Get crafty at Christmas stocking and gift-bag making with Tanya for ages 12 plus. There are limited spaces on this workshop so call ahead to book **020 7221 9836**

Saturday 22 December from 1pm to 4pm

Pop-in to the centre for The Curve Christmas Party. Promised to be a day of festive family fun, there will be food, games and a Santa's grotto for children under 10.

The Curve will be closed from **Sunday 23 December to Tuesday 1 January**, reopening on **Wednesday 2 January** at the usual opening times, **10am to 8pm**.



Removal of debris from Grenfell site

Metal containers containing material which, until now, has been stored in garages on the Lancaster West Estate are being taken to a secure storage location off site. Further containers will be delivered and loaded with bags. Removals will then take place on **Mondays** and **Thursdays** until the process is complete.

Throughout this process, the debris is being handled safely and carefully monitored. All monitoring to date has not shown any cause for concern.

Results of the monitoring will be available to residents via the Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team.

Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

Monday 3 December

- **9.45am – 1pm** - Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities. More information on page three of this newsletter.
- **1pm – 3pm** - Healthy Hearts 10-week course. To sign up, email olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk
- **2pm – 4pm** – Community Contact Team. Offering drop-in advice, short term support and focused interventions to support those accessing services.
- **5pm – 7pm** Homework club for all ages with a qualified tutor (drop-in)
- **6pm – 8pm** - Functional skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy at The Curve to book **020 7221 9836** (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)

Crèche: 9.30am-12 noon and 12.30pm-3pm

Tuesday 4 December

- **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** - Accredited ESOL/ English Award in speaking and listening. Entry level one and two from Westway Trust (drop-in).
- **12 noon-4.30pm** – Families and Communities Employment Service (FACES). Support around housing problems, debt and childcare. For more information, contact **020 7641 3336** (drop-in).
- **2pm – 4pm** – Open Age Health and Wellbeing course for ages 50 plus. To book, call Maude on **020 8962 5594**.
- **4pm – 5pm** - Shared reading group for adults and children. Contact Erin on **07483 972020** or erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk to find out more.

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

Crèche: 9.30am-11.30am and 12.30pm-3pm

Wednesday 5 December

- **10am – 12 noon** – The Curve coffee morning. Come along for a coffee and a chat.
- **10am – 12 noon** – ICT skills with Open Age. For more information and to book call Maude on **020 8962 5594**.
- **10am – 12 noon** - Circle of Security parenting programme from Total Family Coaching and Parenting. Contact info@totalfamilycoaching.co.uk or call **020 8969 5554** or **07397 871 877**.
- **12 noon – 2.30pm** - ICT classes for beginners from NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **020 7221 9836**.
- **1.15pm – 3.15pm** – Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in).
- **4pm – 7pm** – Girls drop-in youth group for ages 13 plus in partnership with Youth Action Alliance. Covering emotional health and wellbeing.
- **5.30pm – 7.30pm** – Christmas gift making with Ilaria. Ages 12 to 17. Contact The Curve on **0207 221 9836** to book.
- **6pm – 8pm** - Functional skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **020 7221 9836**.
- **6pm-7pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **7pm-8pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in).

Crèche: 10am-12.30pm and 1pm-5pm

Thursday 6 December

- **10am – 4pm** Clarion Housing Group job search sessions to help with job applications and CV writing (drop-in).
- **10am-12 noon** – Open age presents speak with confidence (drop-in).
- **10am-1pm** - One Digital at The Curve. Learn how to access and enjoy the internet. For all abilities (drop-in).
- **10.30am – 12.30pm** - Job search workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in).
- **11.30am-2pm** - Adult creative arts class with activities with J.

- **1pm-4pm** – Empower4Success employability programme. For more details or to register your interest, call **07960 235342** or email info@empower4success.org.
 - **2pm – 4pm** - One Digital at The Curve. Learn how to access and enjoy the internet. For all abilities (drop-in).
 - **2pm – 6pm** - Home Office. Help with immigration and passport issues (drop-in).
 - **5pm – 7pm** - Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (registration is required, email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk).
- Crèche: 10am-1.30pm and 2pm-3pm**

Friday 7 December

- **10am – 10.45am** – Zumba for women with Paula ages 18 plus (drop-in).
 - **11am – 12 noon** – Zumbini, Zumba for children (drop-in).
 - **4pm – 4.30pm** – Learn Taekwondo – Ages four to six (drop-in).
 - **4.30pm – 5.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo – Ages six to 12 years (drop-in).
 - **5.30pm – 6.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo – Intermediate ages six to 12 (drop-in)
 - **6.30pm – 8pm** - Learn Taekwondo – Teens/adults aged 13 and above (drop-in)
- Crèche: 10am-12 noon and 12.30pm-5pm**

Saturday 8 December

- **11am – 1pm** - ICT classes for beginners from The Curve. Contact Chrissy to book on **020 7221 9836**
- **2pm – 4pm** - Jambi presents Tribo Samba-Reggae percussion workshop. All abilities welcome. (drop-in)
- **2.30pm-3.30pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **3.30pm-4.30pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Sunday 9 December

- **11am-12 noon** - Learn Taekwondo. Ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **12 noon-1pm** - Learn Taekwondo. Advanced ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **1pm-2.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo. Teens/adults ages 13 and above (drop-in)

To book a place in The Curve crèche, call **020 7221 9836** or email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

Christmas opening times at The Curve

Friday 21 Dec
Open as normal

Saturday 22 Dec
Christmas party

**Sunday 23 Dec to
Tuesday 1 Jan** Closed

**Wednesday
2 Jan** Open as normal

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

Opening hours Monday to Friday: 10am to 8pm, Saturday to Sunday: 11am to 6pm. Some sessions need to be booked in advance by emailing thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk. For a full list of events visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events



Short on time but big on ideas? This could be the course for you

If you want to get paid for doing what you love, the **Introduction to Enterprise** course could be the perfect place to start. Throughout this two-and-a-half-hour course, you will learn how to map out your business idea to get it off the ground, as well as receive the key support and guidance required to make your business idea as viable as possible.

Laurie Bernard, founder of The Business Services Partnership, will take you through important topics such as:

- Product/service
- Customers
- Pricing
- Placement
- Competition
- Promotion
- Profit and loss
- Cashflow.

If you're serious about making your business idea a reality, book your free place for this session on **Tuesday 4 December** from **12.30pm to 3pm** at **Portobello Business Centre, 383 Ladbroke Grove, London W10 5AA.**

To book your place, visit bit.ly/2Sih7Nb, call **020 7460 5050** or email info@pbc.co.uk.

If you want to take your business idea even further following this course, why not get involved with the full Business Start-Up course. You can find out information on this at the Introduction to Enterprise course or by emailing info@pbc.co.uk.



Environmental checks in and around the Grenfell Tower site

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has confirmed the next steps in taking forward the additional environmental checks.

The Government has set up an expert multi-agency group which includes the Environment Agency, Public Health England, Kensington and Chelsea Council and NHS England to make sure soil surveying around Grenfell Tower is comprehensive and that analysis will be provided to the public. To provide independent scientific assurance, the Government Chief Scientific Adviser has established an independent Science Advisory Group to quality-check each stage of the process.

The Government has started procuring the relevant expertise this week to undertake the initial assessments needed. These will be independent specialists appointed on the basis of their environmental expertise. They will be chosen from a network of leading experts and overseen by the expert multi-agency group. We expect the initial findings to be published in spring 2019.

Once selected, the specialists will proactively engage the community on the design and implementation of the testing process. This will take place in the new year. There will be weekly drop-in sessions at The Curve every Tuesday afternoon with Government officials to discuss the programme, ask questions and meet the independent specialists. You can also contact environmental-checks@communities.gov.uk with any concerns or questions you may have.

Further information and regular updates are available at: www.gov.uk/guidance/soil-and-environmental-checks

The local NHS will soon be offering extra health checks for any local resident who wants one. More information can be found at: www.grenfell.nhs.uk.

Help your child through change with new parenting programme

The **Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities** programme is coming to The Curve for a 13-week parenting programme offered to anybody whose children attend a school in the borough. Popular with parents of young children aged three plus and older teens up to 18, this programme helps parents understand how children develop and provides effective methods of behaviour management to help children through key transition points in their lives.

One of the parents who completed the course said, "Children don't come with a manual, this course is the next best thing."

The course starts on **Monday 3 December** at **The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP**. There will be refreshments and lunch provided with limited crèche places available (please enquire upon booking).

Book your place by emailing nadsone@hotmail.co.uk. To book by phone, call **020 8962 5720** or **07738 916788**.



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 or call **020 7745 6414**.

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 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. 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**.

See The Curve content programme on page two to find out when the **Community Contact Service** is at The Curve. The service is primarily located within the local community and will provide drop in sessions, ad-hoc short term support and focused interventions to support those accessing any services.

The **Grenfell Health & Wellbeing Service** is a free and confidential NHS service for those affected by Grenfell. Self refer at: grenfellwellbeing.com. If you need urgent help, contact your GP or visit your local A&E. In an emergency, always call 999.

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update

These are the figures for **29 November 2018**



An update on Grenfell from the Secretary of State

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government James Brokenshire MP, has provided a written ministerial update on the Government's on-going work in response to the Grenfell Tower tragedy.

In the update, the Secretary of State discusses the Grenfell Tower site, recovery efforts, environmental monitoring, rehousing, building safety and a ban on the use of combustible materials in building construction.

Read the full update on the Parliament website bit.ly/2Sh8n9S

Drop in sessions to meet the Inquiry team

Members of the Inquiry team will be at **Notting Hill Methodist Church, 240 Lancaster Road, W11 4AH** from **4pm to 6.30pm** on the first Monday of every month.

The next drop-in will take place on **Monday 3 December** from **4pm to 6.30pm**. If you would like to talk to the team and learn about the Inquiry, then drop-in at any time.

If you are unable to attend, you can get in touch with the Inquiry team by emailing contact@grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk or calling **020 7842 3583**.

The team can then arrange for individuals or small groups to speak with one of the team at either a separate meeting or by phone.



Upcoming meetings – Residents welcome to attend.

Full Council –

Wednesday 5 December, 6.30pm, Kensington Town Hall

Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee –

Wednesday 6 February, 6.30pm Kensington Town Hall

Overnight emotional support

The NHS Outreach Team is providing a targeted clinical service for those who feel that they require overnight support; this includes a dedicated phone-based mental health service throughout the night, with home visits for those who require it.

If you need to talk, anyone can call the night service on **020 8962 4393**, between **10pm and 7am** seven days a week.