

Enchanted story time for families this holiday season



Families in North Kensington are invited to come and take part in an enchanted winter story time this holiday season with ACAVA (the Association for Cultural Advancement through Visual Art).

The free story time workshop sessions, which also involve an enchanting trail, are being held at **Maxilla Studios, 4 Maxilla Walk, W10 6NQ** and **Bay 20, 71 St Marks Rd, W10 6JG under the Westway**.

There are three sessions to choose from depending on the age of your children. Not only will the children help the narrator tell the story but all who go can also make seasonal artwork to take home. Refreshments will be served and there's no need to book – you can just turn up and join in.



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Wednesday 12 December, 10am

Ages **three to five** years and parents/ carers. Meet at **Maxilla Studios, W10 6NQ**, ending at **Bay 20, W10 6JG**.

Thursday 13 December, 4pm

Ages **five to 11** years and parents/ carers. Meet at **Maxilla Studios, W10 6NQ**, ending at **Bay 20, W10 6JG**.

Thursday 3 January, 2pm

New Year stories – all North Kensington families welcome. Meet at **Bay 20, W10 6JG**

All workshops are 90 minutes. Please arrive promptly for the enchanting trail.



NHS services over the Christmas period

We wish you all a happy and healthy Christmas this year. However, if you do need to get in contact with NHS services over the holidays, here is some information you might want to have on hand.

- If you've been affected by Grenfell and want to talk to someone about how you're feeling, the Grenfell NHS Outreach team is open every day, including Christmas and New Year, from **9am to 8pm**, and at night from **10pm to 7am**. Call them on **020 8962 4393**.
- If you or a loved one needs urgent emotional wellbeing or mental health support, please contact the Grenfell Wellbeing Service single point of contact on **0800 0234 650**, open 24 hours (including Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day)
- You can see a GP or nurse in the evening or at the weekend if you are registered or a resident in Kensington and Chelsea, Queen's Park or Paddington.

Your GP receptionist can also book an evening or weekend appointment for you at **Violet Melchett Clinic Integrated Care Centre, 30 Flood Walk, SW3 5RR** or **St Charles Centre for Health and Wellbeing, Integrated Care Centre, Exmoor Street, W10 6DZ**.

- If you need to see a GP or nurse when your practice is closed, please dial 111.
- If it's an emergency please call 999.



Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

Monday 10 December

- **9.45am-1pm** - Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities. Free 13-week Parent Programme for parents whose children attend a school in the borough. Lunch provided. To book a space contact Nadia on – nadsone@hotmail.co.uk or **07739 916788**
 - **1pm-3pm** - Healthy Hearts 10-week course. Email olivia.bales@healthyhearts.org.uk to sign-up
 - **2pm-4pm** - Community Contact Team. Drop-in guidance and advice for 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**
 - **6.30pm-7.30pm** - Zumba with Paula, 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 11 December

- **10.30am-12.30pm** - Universal Credit information session for residents
- **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)
- **12pm-4.30pm** - Families and Communities Employment Service (FACES). Get support in finding a job, 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. Open to all reading abilities.
- **5pm-7pm** - Arabic language classes for ages seven plus. Registration is required, email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

- **5.30pm-7.30pm** - Christmas gift making with Ilaria. Make a natural gift for a loved one or for yourself. Open to all. Limited spaces so please book on **020 7221 9836**.

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

Wednesday 12 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 to book **020 7221 9836**
 - **1pm-3pm** - Christmas wreath making - Open to all (drop-in)
 - **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.
 - **5pm-7.30pm** - Christmas stocking and gift bag making with Tanya for ages 12 plus. Call **020 7221 9836** to book.
 - **6pm-8pm** - Functional skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy to book **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 13 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 by J
- **2pm-6pm** - Home Office. Help with

- immigration and passport issues (drop-in)
- **2pm - 4pm** - One Digital at The Curve. Learn how to access and enjoy the internet. For all abilities (drop-in)
- **5pm - 7pm** - Arabic language classes for ages 7 plus (registration is required, please email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

Crèche: 10am-1.30pm and 2pm-3pm

Friday 14 December

- **10am-10.45am** - Zumba for women with Paula ages 18 plus (drop-in)
 - **11am-12noon** - Zumbini - Zumba for children (drop-in)
 - **4pm-4.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo for ages four to six years (drop-in)
 - **4.30pm-5.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged six to 12 (drop-in)
 - **5pm-7.30pm** - Christmas stocking and gift bag making with Tanya. Contact The Curve on **0207 221 9836** to book your space.
 - **5.30pm - 6.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo for intermediate ability age six to 12 (drop-in)
 - **6.30pm - 8pm** - Learn Taekwondo for teens/ adults aged 13 plus (drop-in)
- Crèche: 10am-12 noon and 12.30pm-5pm**

Saturday 15 December

- **11am-12 noon** - Manhood Academy. A preparatory programme for boys of African diasporan descent, shaping positive masculinity. Ages eight to 12 (drop-in)
- **11am - 1pm** - ICT classes for beginners. Call **020 7221 9836** to book (required)
- **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 16 December

- **11am-12 noon** - Learn Taekwondo. Ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **12 noon-1pm** - Learn Taekwondo. Advanced ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **12 noon-3pm** - Sewing and crochet Christmas decoration making with Fatima (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



Come and celebrate with Kamitan Arts this festive season

As part of the Westway's Portobello Winter Weekend, Kamitan Arts is holding a free event called **The Coptic Christmas Irish Celebration in Lalibela** on **Friday 14** and **Saturday 15 December** in North Kensington.

There is something for people of all ages at this year's celebration. Friday's family workshops run from **4pm to 9pm** at **Acklam Village Market, Bay 58, W10 5TY, under the Westway**. The line-up includes an hour dedicated to rumba, rap poetry, Ethiopian dance, Irish dance and choreography. You'll also get the chance to learn about how you can perform in the show on the following day.

Saturday's workshops will be held from **10am to 3pm** at **The Westway Trust, Conference Room, 1 Thorpe Close, W10 5XL**. This second day will see an hour on each of the following dance styles: tango, contemporary, Irish dance and Ethiopian dance.

Both days will feature Coptic icon art and even some ballroom by Shaun Mcenery from Arthur Murray Dance Studios.

Following this there will be a showcase on **Saturday** from **3pm to 5pm** at **Westbank, 3-5 Thorpe Close, W10 5XL**. The day will feature a film screening of the fun animation 'The Leprechaun's Christmas Gold', Irish storytelling and Egyptian and Ethiopian choir,s along with the Poetry 4 Grenfell team.

To register for this exciting weekend of activities, email Ka.1@hotmail.co.uk

You can find more information at www.kamitanarts.com or by following [@KamitanArts](https://twitter.com/KamitanArts) on Twitter.



Deadline extended for nominations to Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

To allow more time for people to nominate themselves for the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission, the closing date for nominations has been extended from **Sunday 18 November** to **Sunday 16 December 2018**.

The Memorial Commission is being set up to develop a proposal for what happens to the Grenfell Tower site in the future and decide how the memorial site will be owned and managed in the long term. The Commission will also decide the most fitting and appropriate way to remember those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy.

It will comprise 10 community representatives: five of these will represent the bereaved families, three will represent former Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk residents who lost their homes and two will represent the residents of the Lancaster West Estate. Members of the Commission will be responsible for seeking the views of the local North Kensington community through its consultations.

If you would like to nominate yourself, please contact the Memorial Commission secretariat at GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk or call **0303 444 4831**.

Residents have their say on housing policy to give them more choice

Residents have been giving us their views on the draft Local Lettings Policy aimed at helping those residents living on the Lancaster West Estate and in Bramley House move to a more suitable home, should they wish.

We recognise that many residents have remained in their homes following the Grenfell tragedy. Some of these residents now wish to move home as they are either overcrowded and need a larger property, need a more accessible home or are currently living in a temporary home provided by the Council and would like to move to a permanent home in the area.

There are homes on the estate that have been vacated by other residents who have left the area.

This draft policy proposes that homes on the Lancaster West Estate and in Bramley House that are empty and available, will be

offered first to existing residents of the estate and Bramley House who need to move to a more suitable home but want to stay in the area.

Various workshops were held with residents earlier in the year to help produce the draft policy and the Council followed this up by sending copies of the survey to all of those residents who would be eligible under the policy. We also hosted an online survey and consulted with residents on our Housing Register.

The consultation on the draft policy ran for four weeks and the Council received over 70 submissions from residents.

The consultation feedback is now being considered and a final report will be discussed by the Council's Leadership Team on Wednesday 9 January 2019. The recommended policy will be published alongside the report highlighting the

results of the consultation on the Grenfell Support website and the Council's website.

If agreed, the policy could be implemented early in the new year. Any properties not let through the Local Lettings Policy will be advertised to those residents on the wider Housing register.

Vacant homes will be prioritised on a separate section on the Council's Home Connections website. We'll also produce paper copies of adverts for the Lancaster West Neighbourhood Office.



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**.

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 **6 December 2018**



A different route for the silent walk

This month's Grenfell Silent Walk (**Friday 14 December**) will assemble at **Kensington Town Hall (Hornton Street, W8 7NX)** and make its way up Kensington Church Street, along Portobello Road, ending at the base of Grenfell Tower.

Temporary traffic restrictions are to be put in place on Kensington Church Street between **6pm** and **8pm** to minimise disruptions to the traffic and local area.

A Tiny Theatre with a big heart

A local resident-led caravan theatre is coming to the streets of North Kensington this festive season.

Made especially for the Portobello Winter Weekends, The Ballad of KnottyHull is written and performed by Olivia Mace, accompanied by Arthur McBain.

You can enjoy free 20-minute performances inside their retro caravan theatre on Portobello Road on **Sunday 9** and **Sunday 16** of **December**.

Suitable for all ages, the shows run throughout the day from 12noon to 4pm. There will be two shows per hour.

Small Truth Theatre is an award-winning theatre company based in North Kensington which specialises in theatre that is collaborative, detailed and experiential.

For more information visit www.smalltruththeatre.com



Upcoming meetings – Residents welcome to attend.

Full Council –

Wednesday 23 January, 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.