

Grenfell Recovery Strategy sets out long-term commitment to residents

The Grenfell Recovery Strategy, which has been developed in partnership with the community, will be discussed by the Council's Leadership Team on Wednesday 9 January.

The Strategy sets out the Council's plans to deliver on a set of commitments it made to local North Kensington communities last year.

The Commitments outlined three aims of recovery; to support survivors and those who were bereaved as a result of the tragedy to rebuild their lives; to facilitate a community-led recovery for the wider community and to help all those affected by the Grenfell tragedy to support themselves. You can find the full set of commitments on the Council's website www.rbkc.gov.uk

Since July the Council has been co-designing a dedicated service with bereaved and survivors to meet their needs now and in the future. The new dedicated service acts as a point of contact for residents most affected by the Grenfell tragedy.

A shadow dedicated service has now been established with the full service up and running by April 2019.

The Creating Stronger Communities conversations which were held with communities last Autumn, identified 10 top ideas which residents wanted to see developed as part of the ongoing support for the wider community.

The Council held seven workshops and 14 drop-in sessions which were attended by 300 people. It also set up a dedicated website – all which resulted in 844 suggestions. Residents were able to choose the suggestions that they felt were most important to local communities. The Recovery Strategy outlines how these will be delivered in partnership with residents.

A community programme for the local area will also be delivered to ensure the Council is building on the existing strengths

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and talents of communities. This will include a community leadership/development programme, a grants pot for local organisations and plans for community spaces.

You can read the strategy and how it is being delivered on the Council's website bit.ly/2ViyMGI

A festive feast at The Curve

It was all cheer at the well-attended Curve Christmas party on Saturday 22 December.

Local group 'Kids on the Green' entertained the younger visitors with a variety of activities including a break-dancing Santa.

Members of the community brought along delicious food they had prepared to share alongside plenty of gifts and goodies.

There was a diverse range of food from a traditional Christmas dinner to a Caribbean, Arabic and Filipino menu.

The Curve has now reopened operating with it's usual opening times:

Monday to Friday: 10am to 8pm

Saturday and Sunday: 11am to 6pm



Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

Monday 7 January

- **10.30am–12.30pm** - ICT classes for beginners from NOVA with the opportunity to achieve a qualification (drop-in)
- **12.30pm–2.30pm** – Job Search Workshop from NOVA. Support with online job hunting (drop-in)
- **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, booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **6.30pm–7.30pm** – Zumba with Paula for ages 18 plus (drop-in)

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

Tuesday 8 January

- **10am – 3pm** – Fouzia's Sewing Club. Drop-in sewing club for all, grow your skills, knit and natter
- **10.30am – 12.30pm** - ICT classes for beginners from NOVA with the opportunity to achieve a qualification (drop-in)
- **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

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



Wednesday 9 January

- **10am–12 noon** – The Curve coffee morning. Come along for a coffee and a chat
- **10.30am–12.30pm** - CV workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **1.15pm–3.15pm** – Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in)
- **4pm–7pm** – Girls youth group for ages 13 plus by Laura. Promoting emotional health and wellbeing
- **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 10 January

- **10am–4pm** Clarion Housing Group job search sessions open to everyone helping with job applications and CV writing (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)

Crèche: 10am–1.30pm and 2pm–3pm

Friday 11 January

- **11am–12 noon** – Zumbini, Zumba for children (drop-in)
- **4pm–4.30pm** – Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged four to six (drop-in)
- **4.30pm–5.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- **5.30pm–6.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo, intermediate ability aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- **6.30pm–8pm** - Learn Taekwondo for teens and adults aged 13 plus (drop-in)

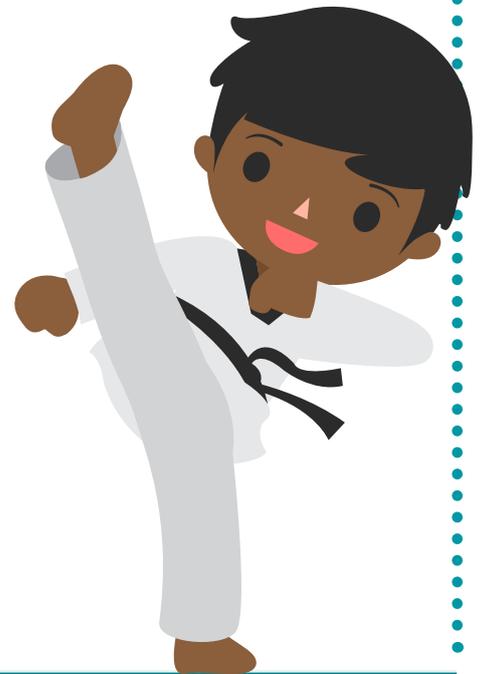
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Saturday 12 January

- **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 13 January

- **11am–12 noon** - Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- **12 noon–1pm** - Learn Taekwondo, advanced level for ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **1pm–2.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo for teens and adults aged 13 plus (drop-in)



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

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**

New housing plan giving residents more choice to be discussed

A new housing policy which will give residents from the Lancaster West Estate and Bramley House more choice over where they live, is due to be discussed by the Leadership Team on **Wednesday 9 January** at **Kensington Town Hall** from **6.30pm**.

The Local Lettings Plan will allow homes on the Lancaster West Estate and in Bramley House that are empty and available, to be offered first to existing residents of the Estate and Bramley House who need and want to move to a more suitable home and who wish to remain in the area.

The consultation on the draft Local Lettings Plan which included facilitated workshops and a survey, received over 70 submissions from residents and was instrumental in shaping the plan. The majority of residents who responded were in favour of introducing the plan with 81 per cent expressing their support. Seven per cent were against and 11 per cent did not express a view for or against.

Empty homes let though the Local Lettings Plan will be brought up to a high standard before they are allocated to residents. This means that not all homes will be let

immediately. Work will be carried out to properties before they advertised.

It is anticipated that the new plan will go live towards the end of **January 2019**.



Local business women unite at The Curve

There's still time to book your ticket for the free Make It Your Business event at **The Curve (10 Bard Road, W10 6TP)** at **6pm** on **Thursday 17 January**. The event will unite women from North Kensington and beyond to help them realise their full potential as future business-women.

If you have a business idea you'd like to discuss, or if you have an existing business

but need some guidance taking it to the next level, come and talk it out in a relaxed and informal setting.

A panel of business women will be talking about their experiences and sharing valuable first-hand advice to help you with the next steps in your business career.

Visit the event's page on Eventbrite for more information and to claim your free

ticket bit.ly/2GVrxS5

If you have any further queries about this event, or would like to volunteer or nominate a panellist, please contact the event organiser, Virginia Crosbie at hello@makeityourbusiness.co.uk



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 **020 8201 2426**.

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**.

YoungMinds mental health support

Text YoungMinds for free if you are a young person struggling with your mental health **85258**.

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 **3 January 2019**



Try before you buy – free workspace in North Kensington

Portobello Business Centre is offering free desks at their North Kensington workspace, "No 11", for three weeks in January. Running from **Monday 7 January** to **Thursday 31 January**, flexible desk space will be on offer to entrepreneurs along with access to meeting rooms, Wi-Fi and a kitchen stocked with tea and coffee. The Portobello Business Centre Team

will also be on hand to provide friendly guidance and advice.

Portobello Business Centre is based in **Office 6 & 7, Canalside House, 383 Ladbrooke Grove, W10 5AA**. If you would like to apply for a free desk space or find out more information, email info@pbc.co.uk or call **020 7460 5050**. Don't delay as desks are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Kensington and Chelsea Citizens Advice Bureau

The Kensington and Chelsea Citizens Advice Bureau provides free, confidential and impartial advice on debt matters to people who live, work, or study in Kensington & Chelsea. Visit their website for more information and to find your nearest location: kensingtonandchelseacab.org.uk



Upcoming meetings – Residents welcome to attend.

Leadership Team meeting –
Wednesday 9 January, 6.30pm
Kensington Town Hall

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.