

INFORMATION SHARING

• **Understanding Community Interpreting**

A short course for you to put to work your ability to speak two languages and take the first steps towards a recognised Community Interpreting certificate accredited by Ascentis.

COURSE WILL BE ON MONDAYS from 10am to 2pm. 11 sessions including introductory session.

The compulsory, introductory session takes place on Monday 27th March 2017 from 10:00-13:30 at Light Project International, Orkney House, 1st Floor, 195-199 Caledonian Rd, London, N1 0AF. Light Project International is located at the junction of Caledonian Road and Copenhagen Street and is 10 minutes' walk from King's Cross Station.

In order to be considered for the course it is essential that you....

- are fluent in English and another language spoken in London?
- have an interest in preparing for Community Interpreting training?
- you commit to 11 weeks of study, discussions, role-plays and observe the work of the Community Interpreter?
- would like to build up some voluntary interpreting experience?
- are interested in joining a higher level Community Interpreting course in the future

The course will focus on:

- the role of the community interpreter in assisting communities to access services

- awareness of the provision of public services in the local area
- basic terminology from public services
- opportunities for a career in community interpreting

No fee if in receipt of an income related benefit. For more information please contact us on 020 7833 4009 or email: lightprojectinternational@yahoo.co.uk

For more information please feel free to call us on 0207 833 4009

• Skills Workshops

The Evelyn Oldfield Unit is running a series of Skills Workshops and 1:1 Surgeries to support Voluntary and Community Organisations who run or want to run projects to help move people closer/into employment.

See the time table attached for a list of Skills Workshops and Surgeries currently available in:

- Tower Hamlets
- Enfield
- Lambeth
- Islington
- Haringey

These workshops and surgeries are part of the Technical Assistance funded through the European Social Fund (ESF).

You can book directly or contact us on sheena@evelynoldfield.co.uk / 020 7697 4103 for more information.

• Update from A Community Plan for Holloway

Redevelopment of the former prison site in Holloway, Islington.

A Community Plan for Holloway is working alongside local people to influence the future development of the former women's prison. The prison closed in 2016 and the government is planning to sell the land to fund the building of new prisons outside London. There is a risk that the land will be purchased by private developers who will prioritise unaffordable luxury flats.

Share your views with Islington Council on their discussion paper setting out possible future uses for the site and planning guidance. The paper suggests that the site could deliver much needed housing for the borough and that consideration may be given to a women's centre or building to honour the history of the site. The Council says that it will be some time before construction begins. It's therefore important to respond at this early stage to influence the outcome.

To read the Islington Council discussion paper and respond to the consultation, visit the council's website. The deadline for responses is Monday 10 April 2017.

A women's building for Holloway is the central demand of a new campaign from Women's Resource Centre (WRC). WRC co-hosted a meeting of women's organisations to discuss the need for a women's building in London.

Why don't you pop along to talk to Islington Kill the Housing Act on Saturday 25th March 2017 when they will be running a stall from 11am at the Nag's Head Shopping Centre on Holloway Road (near Burger King).

Next month, WRC will be publishing a report on the issues facing the people of Islington and launching an online survey to ask about people's priorities for the site.

We'll keep you posted on developments, but you can help by spreading the word and getting in touch if you have ideas and thoughts on how we can reach out to everyone in Islington

- **How to make better use of your resident engagement information**
7th April 2017

Venue: Islington Town Hall, Committee Room 2, Upper Street

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Islington council in partnership with colleagues in Public Health we would like to invite you to a special training workshop specifically designed to help build your ability to undertake community research to support funding applications, organisational planning, and demonstrating outcomes. By attending this workshop you will develop strategies to effectively engage and consult residents and how to ensure maximum impact of your findings. The training workshop is specifically designed to complement your existing processes.

Through a step by step approach this workshop will cover effective techniques to analyse information collected from resident engagement and different ways of reporting what you have found, including visual representations. With an increasing number of external funders wanting to support organisations that are co-producing services or wanting monitoring information that clearly demonstrates achieved outcomes, this training will prove extremely beneficial. If you are interested in attending the workshop, please contact Steven Francis to register your interest.

Email: partnerships@islington.gov

• **Safeguarding Training Programme for VCS-funded organisations**

Dear Forum members and VCS- funded organisations,

[Please find attached the forthcoming safeguarding training courses available only for the VCS- funded organisations.](#)

Previously these courses were just available to council staff and contracted providers so it is a great opportunity for the VCS- funded organisations.

Spaces are limited so if you would like to attend please book a place as soon as possible.

If you would like to book a place, please contact this email

address: SafeguardingAdultsTraining@islington.gov.uk

Kind regards,

Despina

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Despina Tsiakalou

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• All Health, social care and voluntary sector professionals in Islington and Haringey

Don't miss out on this opportunity for free, 1 hour training.

Come and interact with other peers on the topic of Isolation as related to:

- ✓ determined needs of the Islington population
- ✓ the integrated care narrative
- ✓ signposting residents to further support

This session is part of the Islington Community Education Provider Network (CEPN) training and is offered to you free of charge.

To book your free place, email recovery.college@candi.nhs.uk

• Street League Refugee Sports Sessions

Street League will be running FREE weekly football and dance sessions for young

refugees and documented migrants aged 19-24 in London.

Street League is the UK's leading sport for employment charity, where young people play sport every day and learn the key skills they need to move into work. Through these targeted football and dance sessions, we hope to support the young refugee community in London with social integration alongside building confidence and becoming physically active. We will offer advice and guidance around career opportunities in London.

Travel costs for participants will be provided.

Please see below for details of the venue and the times. If you would like to refer a young person to these sessions, or if you would like further information please contact me on the details below.

Kindest regards,
Liberty Morris

For more information please contact:
Liberty Morris - Outreach Coordinator
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e: liberty.morris@streetleague.co.uk

Dance Session Location:

Platform Youth Hub, Hornsey Road Baths, 2 Tiltman Place, N7 7EE

Session times:

Weekly from Wednesday 12th April - 31st May
1pm - 3pm

Football Session Location:

Corams Fields Youth Centre, 93 Guilford Street, WC1N 1DN

Session times:

Weekly from Tuesday 11th April - 30th May
12pm - 2pm

• **Funding**

- Islington Local Initiatives Fund 2017-18

Local Initiatives Fund (LIF) supports activities and improvements in Islington's neighbourhoods. Local ward councillors have an annual budget totalling £15,000 per ward for small grants for a variety of activities such as: sports clubs, local festivals, youth activities, estate community events, environmental improvements, education and training classes, pensioner outings and day trips. Your local ward councillor can recommend a project, although grants have to be approved by the Council's Voluntary and Community Sector Committee.

How to apply?

Download the application form https://www.islington.gov.uk/advice/voluntary-community-organisations/funding/council_funding/local_initiatives_fund

Download the guidance notes (read these carefully as they explain the new application form structure) https://www.islington.gov.uk/advice/voluntary-community-organisations/funding/council_funding/local_initiatives_fund

We strongly advise that you contact your local ward councillor(s) to discuss your project before making an application.

Find out who your local ward councillors

are. <http://democracy.islington.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx>

If you have received a LIF award from us in the past, please make sure you have sent in all the required monitoring before making your application. If any is missing you will not be able to submit your application until we have received all this information. Application deadline for groups

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| Tuesday 4 April 2017 | Late May 2017 |
| Tuesday 30 May 2017 | Late July 2017 |
| Tuesday 22 August 2017 | Mid October 2017 |
| Tuesday 10 October 2017 | Early December 2017 |
| Monday 11 December 2017 | Mid February 2018 |
| Wednesday 31 January 2018 | Late March 2018 |

- Islington Council's Community Chest

Islington Council's Community Chest is available to Islington organisations with a turnover of less than £100,000. Priority is given to organisations with a turnover of less than £50,000. More than £200,000 is available in 2016/17. There are 3 Islington Council's Community Chest rounds each year. However you can only apply once a year. If you have applied to Islington Council's Community Chest before, you must wait one year to apply again, whether your application was successful or not. Find out more about eligibility criteria and the priorities for Islington Council's Community Chest by downloading the Guidance for Applicants.

Download Guidance for Applicants <http://www.cripplegate.org/wp-content/uploads/New-Community-Chest-Guidance-for-Applicants-2016-17.pdf>

Find out more about Islington Council's Community Chest by coming to one of our drop in sessions by reading Islington Council's Community Chest Annual Review 2014-2015 <http://www.cripplegate.org/wp-content/uploads/Community-Chest-Annual-Review-2014-2015-FINAL.pdf>

Applications for Islington Council's Community Chest are considered by a Panel made up of Islington Councillors, Cripplegate Foundation Governors and members of the Islington Community Network.

Islington Refugee Forum

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