

Brixton NET

Connecting Communities

March 2007 Monthly Bulletin

Meetings

Brixton Business Forum
21 March, 6.30 pm
Karibu Centre Gresham Road, SW9

If you run a business in Brixton and would like to meet other businesses who might be facing the same issues as you, or find out about initiatives to help businesses then come along to this meeting and meet others who might be in the same situation.

Town Centre Forum
26 March, 7.00 pm
Karibu Centre Gresham Road, SW9

Planning decisions and enforcement are the main topic of conversation at this meeting, with Cabinet member with responsibility for Regeneration and planning Cllr Paul McGlone attending, as well as senior officers from the planning department at Lambeth. Come and have your say!

Brixton Area Committee
28 March, 7.00 pm
Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, Acre Lane, SW2

Community involvement in Brixton, especially around the physical regeneration proposals will be discussed at this meeting, as well as guidance on the use of the Rush Common act.

Herne Hill Forum
19 April, 7.00 pm
St John's Hall, Heron Road (off Lowden Rd & Milkwood Rd), SE24

Gun Crime and the Herne Hill CPZ will be on the agenda at what promises to be a packed and lively meeting in Herne hill. If these issues do not affect you but you have another burning issue you would like discussed, then come along and use the 'soap box' to see if others feel the same way.

For more information on any of these meetings please contact the Town Centre office on 020 7926 1077/1096/1097 or email Brixton@lambeth.gov.uk

Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade

March 2007 marks the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Britain. Throughout the year Lambeth Council will be running a series of events in the borough to mark the bicentenary and look at the role Lambeth has played in both the slave trade and its eventual abolition, whilst celebrating the rich living cultural heritage of Lambeth and its links to Africa and the Caribbean.

A full description is on the Lambeth website - www.lambeth.gov.uk/Abolition/

Events will include debates, travelling theatre in schools, reading groups in libraries, historic walks and a specially commissioned history of Lambeth. There will also be family history classes for people from the Caribbean, and DNA ancestry testing later in the year. The programme is funded by a £45,000 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

The event begins with ***Lambeth and the Abolition – a Walk***, on Sunday 25 March, 4pm, on Clapham Common. Meeting outside Holy Trinity Church, join local historian Steve Martin on a walk visiting sites of homes owned by plantation and slave owners and learn about the parliamentary abolition campaign led by William Wilberforce, who lived in Clapham.

A full programme can be downloaded at the Lambeth website:
www.lambeth.gov.uk/Abolition/LambethAbolitionProgrammeEvents.htm

For further information on any of the bicentenary events please email abolition@lambeth.gov.uk or call 020 7926 0750

Other community events to mark the Bicentenary include:

Brixton Society – Understanding the Past, Looking to the Future Abolition of Slavery 200th Anniversary Sunday, 25 March, 12 Midday, Brixton Tate Gardens

The Brixton Society invites all to attend our commemoration of the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the Slave Trade on Sunday the 25th of March 2007 at 12 midday in Brixton Tate Library Gardens, next to Windrush Square and in front of the Ritzy Cinema.

A short commemorative event will take place 12 midday - 1pm. The Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Liz Atkinson, will mark the occasion by planting flowers as a permanent memorial.

There will be performances from the Sozo House of Praise Gospel Choir and an address from the Rt. Hon. Keith Hill, our local Member of Parliament and Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Prime Minister.

There will also be children's story-telling in Brixton Tate Library.

The event also marks the Brixton Society's forthcoming publication celebrating the positive contribution of people of black afro-Caribbean origin to life and culture in today's Britain.

The Last Slave
Channel 4, 11 March, 8pm

To mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade, Channel 4 are broadcasting a programme called *The Last Slave*, which follows a young, black Londoner called David Monteith as he traces the story of his ancestor, Archibald Monteith.

Archibald was one of the few slaves to leave an account of his life, giving his descendent an opportunity to understand his ancestry and his experience of slavery. The programme follows David on a powerful and moving journey to Jamaica and then to Nigeria as he confronts the reality of Archibald's life.

The Last Slave will be broadcast on Channel 4 at 8pm on Sunday 11 March. It's an inspiring and important story marking a major anniversary in black history. The programme is produced by the same team behind the success drama documentary *Mary Seacole: the Real Angel of the Crimea*.

***Amazing Grace* in Cinemas Nationwide 23 March**

Amazing Grace, a film based on the life of antislavery pioneer William Wilberforce is release on 23 March to mark the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade.

The film is centred on two characters: William Wilberforce played by Ioan Gruffudd, the Member of Parliament who campaigned to end the slave trade in the British Empire, and Olaudah Equiano, played by Youssou N'Dour, an Africa sent as a slave to the Colonies. Equiano bought his freedom and made his home in London, where he became a leading activist in the fight to end the slavery, publishing his account.

Group bookings can be made through Premier Radio by calling the following freephone number 0800 6122136.

News & Events

Lambeth Community Police Consultative Group
Lambeth Youth Telling it like it is - Come and have your say

Tuesday, 6 March 2007
6:00-9:00 pm
Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, SW2

Community Police Consultative Group (CPCG) grew out of issues identified in the Scarman Report following the Brixton disturbances of 1981. It's where community members and police have the opportunity to share information and raise concerns about policing and develop common understanding around serious issues of community safety and crime and disorder in the borough. It meets monthly and is devoting its March meeting to young people in Lambeth.

The Youth Section of the Group is inviting young people to come and have your say about how life is for you in Lambeth. You will have a chance to raise issues that are

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important to you, as well as the opportunity to tell Council officers, Police and community members what you feel needs to be done to improve the lives of young people in Lambeth. Young people from the CPCG will lead the meeting, focussing on issues such as education, youth provision, crime and fear of crime, gangs and any other matters you wish to raise.

All are welcome so please try to attend and invite any young people you know who might want to listen or to have their say.

CPCG for Lambeth -Your Shout in local policing
admin@lambethcpcg.org.uk – tel 020 7733 0878

www.lambethcpcg.org.uk for details of future events and information resources.

CPCG for Lambeth is funded by the Metropolitan Police Authority (www.mpa.gov.uk)

Lambeth Civic Awards

The Lambeth Civic Awards is an event which gives the council the opportunity to say 'thank you' to individuals and groups for the contribution they make to the lives of others in their local community.

The initiative was set up in 1998 and has become an annual event with an award ceremony held every Spring.

An award is given for each Town Centre - North Lambeth, Brixton, Clapham and Stockwell, Norwood and Streatham - and there is also a borough-wide award.

Nominations are sought from anybody who believes they know someone who should be recognised for their good works.

For more information on the Civic Awards, please contact:

Mandy Plummer

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Multi-faith Women's Art Sessions

Tuesday 13 March, 12.30pm

Lambeth Women's Project, 166 Stockwell Road, SW9

Launching a monthly session meeting on alternate afternoon and evenings, come along and meet other women in a women only space and enjoy a range of activities from painting and sewing, to bread-making and many more.

Vegetarian and Halal food and refreshments available
Crèche provided for children over 31 months.

Next sessions:

Tuesday, 10 April, 4:30pm – 7pm

Tuesday, 8 May, 12:30pm – 3pm

For more info contact:

Huma Munshi, Muslim Communities Engagement Officer

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Email: hmunshi@lambeth.gov.uk

Hannah Barker, Clapham & Stockwell Faith Forum

Tel: 07958 353652

Email: info@csff.co.uk

Aayatiin Foundation – can you help?

The Aayatiin Foundation is a Somali refugee run voluntary organisation based in Brixton Hill that aims to provide community development services with a special focus on education, parental support, youth development, mentoring, advice, information, organising seminars and workshops, conduct research.

The Somali community is one of the most isolated communities in the borough and the Aayatiin Foundation attempts to bridge the gaps. They have recently organised a large and successful forum in partnership with Lambeth attended by deputy leader of the Council, Cllr Jackie Meldrum, Keith Hill MP, GLA Member Val Shawcross, Lambeth Police and schools.

The foundation has recently acquired premises but they are in need furniture, office equipment and class room facilities. If you can help in any way it will be much appreciated. Contact details are below:

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1C New Park Road
Brixton Hill
London
SW2 4DU

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Email: admin@aayatiin.org

Web: www.aayatiin.org

Dex Club / The Prince – Planning Permission Granted

The Central Brixton landmark site has been given planning permission for a £500,000 refurbishment for London's first music-industry members club and boutique hotel.

Located above The Prince and KFC, spanning across from Joy on Coldharbour Lane to Barclays Bank on Brixton Road, the landmark site, which has accommodated a hotel since 1700, will be refurbished to create, once again, a central Brixton hotel with stunning roof terraces.

Health in Lambeth - Primary Care Trust News

South East London Primary Care Trust (PCT) have set up *A Picture of Health* website that tells you how the PCT are speaking about our plans with a number of local bodies.

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The PCT's shared view is that the NHS in SE London must change and improve. And to set out how and why they've produced a discussion document called *The Big Ask*.

You can also enter your views online on the *A Picture of Health* website. Use this to tell the PCT what you think - your views will help the PCT develop concrete proposals for change. Formal consultation on options for change starts in April.

www.apictureofhealth.nhs.uk

Forthcoming events

GP Practice User Forum

06 Mar 2007 at 18:30 - 06 Mar 2007 at 20:00

The PCT's director of primary care & community services, Angela Dawe and director of HR and corporate affairs meet with service user representatives at the Manor Health Centre in Clapham.

For further info contact

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Norwood Town Centre Forum

07 Mar 2007 at 20:00 - 07 Mar 2007 at 21:00

The PCT's chief executive Kevin Barton and director of finance & information Andrew Eyres will meet the Norwood town centre forum.

Location - Nettlefold Hall, Norwood.

For further info contact

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Patient User Group

09 Mar 2007 at 15:00 - 09 Mar 2007 at 16:00

PCT Chief Executive Kevin Barton and joint director of service strategy & commissioning Sarah Cottingham meet with the patient user group at the practice of Dr Masterton & Partners.

For further info contact

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Health & Social Care Voluntary and Community Sector Forum

15 Mar 2007 at 9:30 - 15 Mar 2007 at 13:00

The chair of the PCT's professional executive committee and Stockwell GP Dr John Balazs meets with the health & social care voluntary and community sector forum.

Location - Lambeth Town Hall

For further info contact

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Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub Committee [HASSC]

20 Mar 2007 at 19:00 - 20 Mar 2007 at 20:00

The PCT chief executive presents to the Lambeth Health and Adult Services Scrutiny Sub Committee [HASSC].

Location - Lambeth Town Hall

For further info contact

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Lambeth Knock Out Smoking!

Lambeth Primary Care Trust are staging a ground breaking stop smoking campaign running from January until the end of March. Local boxing champion, Danny Williams, is giving his support to the campaign, which is aimed at black men aged 35 and over.

Chima Olughu, Lambeth's stop smoking service manager, is a strong supporter of this new approach.

Flyers are being widely distributed and local people recruited to spread the message onto estates, churches, gyms and barbers etc around Lambeth.

Local newsagents are giving flyers to those buying cigarettes and suggesting they call the service. Quitters are given free nicotine replacement therapy (gum and patches etc) and the chance to win prizes like a Fitness First membership or £100 of record vouchers.

Call – 0800 856 3409 – if you would like help quitting.

The ban on smoking in enclosed public spaces comes into effect on 1 July 2007.

Education & Training

Lambeth Arts Training Course Information - March 2007

Lambeth Arts are pleased to announce the first phase of their 2007 Capacity Training Programme for Lambeth's Creative Sector. A variety of courses on offer, all developed with the aim of addressing the needs of both new and established groups. Booking is essential as places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Internet Marketing for the Arts

Monday 12 March 2007

Workshop Leader Susan Hallam is an independent consultant specialising in the business impact of Internet technologies. With more than 19 years experience, Susan has extensive knowledge of Internet marketing and advertising in the creative industries, best practice web design, search engine optimisation, email marketing, and survey design.

Writing better Fundraising Applications **Friday 23 March 2007**

Workshop leader Moira Blake is an experienced trainer with over 14 years fundraising experience in the voluntary sector. She has worked for a variety of organisations from international NGO's, grant making trusts to supporting smaller voluntary organisations in an advisory capacity. She is currently a senior manager for a large charity in Sussex.

Mentoring Skills **Monday 26 March 2007**

Workshop leader Elizabeth Martindale, LVSC trainer*

Training for Board Members **Wednesday 28 March 2007**

Workshop leader Kay Worth, LVSC trainer

All LVSC trainers are highly qualified within their field and have extensive experience in delivering training courses within the voluntary sector.

LVSC (London Voluntary Services Council) – www.lvsc.org.uk

To book or for more information please contact Lambeth Arts:
Tel: 0207 926 0760
Email: artsweb@lambeth.gov.uk.

www.lambeth.gov.uk/arts

Funding Opportunities

Home Office *Connected Fund*

The Home Office has just launched Round 6 of its *Connected Fund* for voluntary and Community Sector projects which work to tackle gun and knife crime plus gang culture through educational, sporting and cultural activities.

- Only voluntary & community organisations can apply
- £5000 is available per project
- Grant can be spent on anything from sports equipment to general project expenses
- No match funding required
- Applicants do not have to have charitable status

An application form and guidelines can be downloaded at the web link below.
The deadline for applications is 12 April 2007

www.connected.gov.uk