

FAITH in Lambeth

Lambeth Faith Groups Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE SPRING EDITION OF FAITH IN LAMBETH.

Lambeth Council and the Faith in Lambeth Network would like to extend special thanks to everyone who contributed to this edition of Faith in Lambeth. We hope you enjoy reading it.

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For any additional information on the articles featured in this newsletter or if you would like to highlight any projects you are involved with, contact **Anne-Marie Jones** on 020 7926 2758 or email amjones@lambeth.gov.uk
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The next newsletter will be June 2010.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition please send your articles in by Monday 4th May 2010.

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Faith in Lambeth

Be Inspired, Be Informed, Be Involved!

Be Inspired - to make a difference
Be Informed - about policy & Council plans
Be involved - with Faiths Together in Lambeth




Lambeth

Holocaust Memorial Day 2010

On Sunday January 24 in Lambeth Town Hall Lambeth residents and staff joined together to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. The day was dedicated to the memory of the victims of the holocaust and of genocide around the world.

The event was compered by David Wirth from the South London Synagogue and the opening address was given by the Mayor of Lambeth, Councillor Christopher Wellbelove. We then heard the powerful words of Holocaust Survivor, Mala Tribich who spoke eloquently about her experiences. We were all left feeling. "Why was this ever allowed to happen?"



The young people from the South London Liberal Synagogue read about the Legacy of Hope with both sensitivity and passion. The keynote addresses given by Ela Piotrowska, Principal of Morley College and Clive Lawton, Co-founder of Limmud, the Jewish adult education movement, left the audience believing that we can make a difference.

A choir of 45 pupils from Corpus Christi Primary School sang beautifully and ended their musical interlude with "Let there be Love".



The audience took advantage of the panelled question time hosted by Richard Angell National Secretary of LGBT Labour. The questions just kept coming from all ages with many keen to hear more from the keynote speakers and Mala Tribich.

Two talented pupils from Dunraven Secondary School recited the poems "I can not forget and The Creed of a holocaust survivor".

A powerful and moving event closed with comments and reflection from the Leader of Lambeth Council, Councillor Steve Reed and Derrick Anderson Lambeth Council Chief Executive.

The audience were reminded about The Legacy of Hope, and that knowledge about our past is hope for your future, we can make a difference".

Thank you to all that participated.

Anne-Marie Jones

Faiths Together IN LAMBETH

Mapping Youth Activities

When Faiths Together in Lambeth (FTiL) was established formally last year, an important theme in its work plan was to 'support faith groups in activities which aim to break down stereotyping and prejudice, especially amongst young people'. As a first step, FTiL has now commissioned a piece of work to be carried out during February and March 2010. The task is to collect information on youth activities currently organised by faith communities in Lambeth, giving special attention to any activities that could contribute to the breaking down of stereotypes and prejudice, and to produce a report.

Rebecca Brewin has been recruited to carry out this task. Rebecca will be researching already available information, gathering further information through e-mailed enquiries, and following-up with telephone calls and selected visits. FTiL will be using the 'map' that results from Rebecca's work as a guide in the planning of further work on this theme.

If any readers of this Newsletter would like to brief Rebecca on activities in their faith communities, or point her in the direction of further sources of information, I know she would be pleased to hear from you. You can contact Rebecca at rebecca@handtoearth.net

Alan Gadd – Chair

Young and Safe Expo in Norwood

The 'Young and Safe' Expo will be held at the Elm Green School, Elmcourt Road, London SE27 9BZ on **Saturday 27th February, 11am – 5pm.**

Crystal Palace Community Development Trust, with support from Lambeth's Active Communities Team, is organising this community event. The aim for the day is to bring young people together from the Norwood area, celebrate their many creative talents and promote the wealth of services and activities that are available. There will be a talent showcase event, with dance, singing and drumming performances.

There will also be a thriving marketplace of stalls with groups offering information, demonstrations and workshops. Various council departments will be attending, including Childrens' and Young Peoples' Services, Community Safety and Sustainable Transport. A range of local voluntary groups will be represented, as well as statutory services including the Police and Lambeth NHS. There will also be opportunities to meet your local councillors and to find out more about Norwood's Master Plan. Everyone attending will be provided with refreshments at no charge.

Expos provide informal opportunities for local people not only to find out more about what's going in their area in a fun and friendly way but also to get involved to get 'active' locally, for example in volunteering. They are also a great way for those who provide services to get together and share information.

The Expo programme for 2009/10 has included events in Streatham, Stockwell, North Lambeth and Herne Hill with themes as diverse as Arts and Culture, Health and Wellbeing and People and Place.

To find out more about the Norwood event and future Expos, please contact: Sarah Coyte (scoyte@lambeth.gov.uk)

Modernisation Initiative

end of life care

Modernisation Initiative: End of Life Care Programme

Patients and carers are invited to help improve end of life care in Lambeth, working with health and social care, voluntary and independent sector organisations across the community.

The Modernisation Initiative: End of Life Care Programme is committed to improving services in Lambeth and Southwark. The team are looking at every aspect of end of life care, to see which services are good, where the need to improve and how they can be exceptional.

Patients, carers, bereaved relatives and local residents are 'experts by experience' are needed to work with the programme across health and social care, voluntary and independent sectors to deliver exceptional end of life care. People can join steering groups or project teams, support staff training, design resources and awareness raising campaigns.

Dr Jayne Chidgey-Clark, Director, Modernisation Initiative End of Life Care Programme, said: "We all die, but we don't all die well. The programme is ambitious and far reaching and we have identified essential areas for achieving exceptional end of life care, whether people are at home, in the hospital or the community.

"Patients, carers, bereaved relatives and local residents are an essential part of identifying exceptional end of life care and researching the cost of end of life care today, to understand how high quality services can be provided efficiently tomorrow."

End of life care is for people with advanced, progressive, incurable conditions. It supports them to live and die as well as possible. The Modernisation Initiative is a partnership between local people, acute and primary health and social care, voluntary and independent sector organisations to deliver exceptional services.

The programme is funded by Guy's and St Thomas' Charity with support from the King's College Hospital Charity and South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust Charitable Funds. End of Life Care is the fourth Modernisation Initiative and was previously used to transform the quality of sexual health, stroke and kidney services. A new programme launched in 2010 will focus on the prevention, detection and treatment of diabetes.

For more information about the Modernisation Initiative End of Life Care Programme and how you can get involved visit www.gsttcharity.org.uk/projects/eolc.html email MIendoflifecare@gstt.org.uk or telephone 020 7188 0016.

Notice Board

The Christian Muslim Forum Lambeth-based Volunteer Development Programme

Would you be interested in the opportunity to use your skills as part of an emerging local interfaith network?

The Christian Muslim Forum is looking for experienced Christians and Muslims in the areas of interfaith facilitation, administration, fundraising, web editing, writing newsletters, events hosting and assisting in tasks related to specific project work. The posts would suit those who can make a regular commitment for a period of a year, starting in March 2010.

The Forum was created in 2006, as part of an evolving mosaic of local, national and global interfaith encounter.

For more details go to:

www.christianmuslimforum.org

It is in the building of such relationships that the issues concerning grassroots communities and world peace are openly shared, explored, questioned and re-discovered, honouring the spectrum of understanding and depth of truth, embraced by people of both traditions.

If this is a vision that excites you, volunteering for CMF could be for you!

For further details please contact Volunteer Coordinator Rebecca Brewin by email admin@christianmuslimforum.org or by phone 07896 936 625 / 020 7735 2134

Not so grumpy old men (and women)!

Lewin Friendly Club

GROWING old is not without its perks. At least in the Streatham area, where for some 20 years its senior citizens have had access to the appropriately named Friendly Club.



This meets weekly at Streatham Baptist Church and is an opportunity for the “not so young” members of the community to get together for food, fun and a healthy chin wag.

Friendly Club secretary Jo Senior describes it as “A real service to the community.”

And the entertainment can come in many forms. One week it might be a visiting magician, another a new slant on *The Generation Game*. The club’s agenda for March includes an outing to Dartford for a variety show and lunch (March 23).

Numbers vary from week to week, but new faces are always welcome, says Jo.

The Friendly Club is only one of the ways in which Streatham Baptist makes itself accessible to the local community. Other services it provides include ‘Jelly Tots’ for pre-school children and a Babies & Toddlers Club (Special Needs).

Together with a number of other local churches, it is also part of the Love Streatham and Street Pastors initiative that seeks to make a difference where it matters most – among the hurting and the hopeless.

Senior Pastor Phil Robinson says of Streatham Baptist’s growing engagement with its neighbours, “Our hope, as a church, is that our presence in this community will be a blessing not an irrelevance”.

The Friendly Club meets every Friday at 1.30pm, at Streatham Baptist Church, 22 Lewin Road, SW16 6JR.

For further information about this and the church’s other activities Tel: 020 8769 1515.

Terry Murray

Private Fostering

Are you in contact with children who are living away from their parents?

Did you know that a child or young person who has been living away from their parents or close relatives for a period of more than 28 days, is part of a private fostering arrangement?

Anyone involved in making the arrangements for a child under the age of 16 (18 if disabled) to be accommodated with some one who is not a parent or close relative for 28 days or more **must** notify their local authority. A close relative is a sibling, aunt, uncle, grandparent or step parent but **not** a cousin, great aunt/uncle, great grandparent or a family friend.

Lambeth's Private Fostering Service is here to help families. We are legally bound to ensure that privately fostered children are kept healthy and safe and we can provide information, advice and support to all those involved in the arrangement.

All professionals, agencies and community services must support and promote the need for notification of private fostering arrangements. The intention is not to get in the way of private family arrangements, but rather to ensure that the needs of privately fostered children and young people are safeguarded and promoted.

Even though these arrangements are usually made privately between the parent or person who has parental responsibility for the child and the person with whom the child is to be placed, it is a legal requirement that the council is informed.

There are many reasons for private fostering arrangements to be in place. These can include, but are not restricted to:

- Children or young people who are sent to this country for education or health care by their birth parents from overseas;
- Children or young people who are living with a friend's family or non-close relative as a result of parental separation, death of a parent, or family conflict;
- Children or young people from abroad who attend language schools in the UK and live with a host family;
- Unaccompanied minors, asylum seekers or trafficked children or young people who are looked after by non-close relatives or family friends while their parents remain abroad.

We want to work together to raise awareness of private fostering regulations amongst the parents

and carers of the children in contact with your organisations.

If you work in Lambeth and think any children or young people you are in contact with may be in any of the above or similar situations, then please notify our Private Fostering Service. To speak to us or for more information please contact 020 7926 7081 or visit www.lambeth.gov.uk

We urge all members of our faith communities to be alert to the legal requirement to notify the council of these arrangements so that we can meet legal obligations and ensure Lambeth children are safe.

In the current climate 'Every Pound Counts'

Do you know someone aged 60 or over? Do you know someone suffering ill health or caring for someone who has additional support needs, including children or want to refer someone to us you believe we can help.

If so you they be missing out on extra financial help. Many older Londoners, those who are ill and disabled and carers do not take advantage of benefits they are entitled to. Lambeth provides a benefit advice service 'Every Pound Counts' to help identify if you are missing out. The service, funded by NHS Lambeth and Lambeth Council, has already helped unlock over £7million pounds of benefit for Lambeth residents. People helped are on average £4000 per year better off. Even if someone owns their own home or have savings or a private pension they could be eligible for extra help.

Examples of Lambeth residents who are missing out:

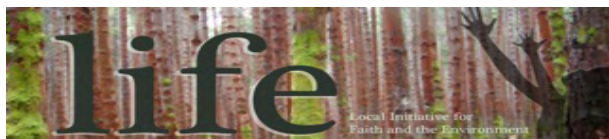
David and Agnes are a couple aged 68. Their total weekly pensions are £159.75. They own their own home and have savings of £10,000. They did not realise they were missing out on Pension Credit of £42.51 and full Council Tax Benefit.

Geoff is aged 59 and recently had a stroke. He now needs help to manage his personal care and has problems walking. He can claim Disability Living Allowance worth up to over £100 a week despite the fact he has substantial savings.

Julia Harris, Service Manager said 'The complexity of the benefit system means many residents are missing out. Many of the people we have helped did not even realise they were entitled to extra money. Our service provides practical help, explaining clearly what extra help is available and helping with all aspects of claiming

benefits, from filling in forms to helping with appeals’.

You can contact an Every Pound Counts adviser either by phone or textphone on 020 7926 5555 Mondays - Fridays 9am - 5pm or by email at everypoundcounts@lambeth.gov.uk. The service will check whether someone you may wish to refer are missing out on any extra income, and then arrange an appointment to help complete the necessary forms.”



LIFE stands for Local Initiative for Faith and the Environment.

LIFE has been created as a bridge between faith-based networks and environmental action in the Borough of Lambeth.

Handmade III: Tuesday 23rd February 2010

Preparing for Growth – With a tour of the Garden

12 – 4pm: Friends Meeting House, Redlands Way, SW2 3LU

This third LIFE event will focus on the theme of gardening, planting and food-growing with a view to creating an interfaith garden in collaboration with the Streatham Quakers.

Children welcome - Creche facilities provided.

Getting there: Brixton tube/Streatham Hill station. Bus routes 45, 59, 109, 118, 133, 159, 250 or 333 to ‘Holmewood Road’ stop or 57, 137, 201 and 417 to Christchurch Road stop.

**Family Forum Workshop (All Day)
12 March - Taking Actions and consequences**

Venue: Vida Walsh Centre, 2 Saltoun Road, SW2 from 10am-3pm.

FREE workshop offering parents practical help and support to enhance their relationship with their teenagers. Call 0207 926 4207 for details.

'Precious Years 50+

Are you 50+ and looking for entertainment on a Wednesday afternoon? Why not attend 'Precious Years 50+ .

The group meets between 1pm – 3pm for community activities such as games, quizzes, films and of course friendship.

Venue : St Stephen's Church, Weir Road, Clapham Park, SW12 0NU (Side hall). Lunch available



March 2010

Monday	1	St David's Day - Christian
Friday	5	Women's World Day of Prayer - Christian
Wednesday	17	St Patrick's Day - Christian
Sunday	21	Naw Ruz (New Year) Baháí
Wednesday	24	Swaminarayan Jayanti - Hindu
Sunday	28	Palm Sunday - Christian
Tuesday	30	Passover - Jewish

April 2010

Friday	2	Good Friday – Christian
Sunday	4	Easter - Christian
Tuesday	6	Pesach (Passover) - Jewish
Sunday	11	Yom HaSho'ah - Jewish
Tuesday	13	Baisakhi - Sikh
Monday	19	Yom Ha'atzmaut - Jewish
Wednesday	21	Anniversary of Haile Selassie's visit to Jamaica - Rastafarian First Day of Ridvan - Baháí
Thursday	29	Ninth Day of Ridvan - Baháí
Friday	30	St James the Great Day – Orthodox Christian

May 2010

Sunday	2	Lab B'Omer – Jewish Twelfth Day of Ridvan - Baháí
Thursday	13	Ascension of Christ - Christian
Wednesday	19	Shavuot - Jewish
Sunday	23	Pentecost - Christian
Thursday	27	Buddha Day – Visakha Puja - Buddhist
Saturday	29	Ascension of Baha'u'llah - Baháí
Sunday	30	Trinity Sunday – Christian

Funding and Freebies

Free home security upgrades to beat the burglar

Residents in Lambeth can apply for free home security improvements including new window locks, door chains and spy holes as part of the **Safer Homes project** to tackle burglary.

The work is being **funded by the Clapham Park Project**, which has been given almost £100,000 by the Home Office to help secure homes across the borough.

Priority will be given to older residents, people on low incomes and those living in burglary hotspots, however **anyone can apply** to have an assessment of their home security undertaken and improved if appropriate.

Work will be carried out by Age UK. Anyone who feels their property needs additional security to help reduce the risk of burglary can **apply by** calling Clapham Park Project by **19 March** on 0800 085 2378.

Go to www.metbumblebee.org for home security tips.

Mercers Trust currently supports charitable work in the following fields:

- Care for the elderly
- Education
- Welfare
- Church and faith

Most of the Company's grant making falls within the three categories of education, care for the elderly and general welfare. For full details about programmes, guidelines and how to apply, please visit the website at www.mercers.co.uk, call 0207 726 4991 or email mail@mercers.co.uk.

Lambeth Community Fund – Strategic Grants Launched

Grants Available: Between £10,000 and £25,000

Fund Themes:

1. **A tailored approach to personal and skills development for those seeking employment**

2. **Community Outreach – reaching people who are out of work**
3. **Direct routes to employment**

Previous Lambeth Community Fund small grant applicants and grantees may apply.
Please see the guidelines for full details.

Application forms and guidelines are available on the Capital Foundation website:
http://www.capitalcf.org.uk/grants/grants_available.php Scroll down the page to the Lambeth Community Fund.

Deadline: Friday 12th March 2010

For support with your application or supporting documents, or to discuss your proposal, please contact the CCF Grants Team on 020 7582 5117, or email enquiries@capitalcf.org.uk.

Grassroots Grants

Purpose of the grant is to help build thriving local communities, bringing people from different backgrounds together and empowering them to achieve change. You can apply for up to £5,000. Your group must have been active in your local area for at least 1 year before you apply, with an annual income of less than £30,000. This can relate to your last financial year or be taken as an average over your last three financial years. Applications for capital costs are welcomed.

Areas

Bexley, Bromley, Camden, Greenwich, Kensington and Chelsea, Lambeth, Lewisham, Southwark, Westminster

Income Threshold

Annual income of less than £30,000

Closing dates:-

Friday 30th April 2010, Friday 13th August 2010 & Friday 8th October 2010

The Esmee Fairbairn Trust provide funding in four areas including enabling disadvantaged people to participate more fully in society. They prioritise work that: addresses a significant gap in provision, develops or strengthens good practice, challenges convention or takes risks, test out new ideas or practices, takes an enterprising approach and sets out to influence policy or change behaviour. They will fund core or project costs but not capital costs and equipment, or routine information and advice work. The grants programme is a rolling one with no deadlines. See website for more details www.esmeefairbairn.org.uk

If you would like a summary of this information in community languages, or in other formats such as large print, Braille, or on disk, please contact Lambeth Adults and Community Services on 020 7926 5555.

Spanish

Si desea esta información en otro idioma, rogamos nos llame al 0207 926 5555

Portuguese

Se desejar esta informação noutro idioma é favor telefonar para 0207 926 5555

French

Si vous souhaitez ces informations dans une autre langue veuillez nous contacter au

0207 926 5555

Bengali

এই তথ্য অন্য কোনো ভাষায় আপনার প্রয়োজন

হলে অনুগ্রহ করে ফোন করুন

Twi

Se wope saa nkaeboy yi wo kasa foforo mu a fre

0207 926 5555

Yoruba

Tí ẹ ba ẹ imoràn yí, ní èdè Òmiràn, ẹjẹ, ẹ kàn wà l'ágogo

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NORWOOD EXPO
Saturday,
27th February 2010
11am - 5pm

free food & drinks

on stage entertainment
- dancing
- singing
- drumming
and more!

job fairs
meet your local
service providers
learn about local
clubs and get
involved

the elm green school
elm court road
SE27 9JZ

free event
for young people and their families!
come along at a time that suits you!
www.opcdt.org.uk or call 020 8676 5666

Travel: If possible, please do not travel by car as parking spaces are limited. Buses to West Norwood: 2, 68, 196, 315, 322, 432, 468 and X68. Rail: Tulse Hill, West Dulwich and West Norwood (10 minutes walk).

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