

FAITH in Lambeth

Lambeth Faith Groups Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THE WINTER 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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The next newsletter will be March 2010.

If you would like to contribute to the next edition please send your articles in by Monday 1st February 2010.

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Young people from the Lighthouse Education Services (See Page 1.)



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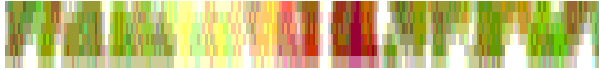
Be Inspired, Be Informed, Be Involved!

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



Lambeth

Lighthouse Education Service



Since 1993 the Lighthouse Education Service (LES) has been serving vulnerable and disadvantaged children, young people and families in the Lambeth community. Its broad range of services addresses acute needs, achieving lasting transformation and improved quality of life.

Projects

T-Base: The T-Base programme supports troubled youths aged 11-16 years, who have been expelled or are on the verge of exclusion. This highly successful 12-week programme uses tailored intervention plans to help refocus students before supporting their re-entry into mainstream education, apprenticeship or work.

Lighthouse Saturday School (LSS): LSS has been raising the academic standard of poor under-achieving children in Lambeth for 16 years. Through specialist tuition in English, Maths, Science and Information and Communication Technology (ICT) learning is accelerated, particularly among children who have English as a second language. Annually 15 free scholarships are awarded. LSS aims to break the cycle of poverty by helping its students achieve their full potential.

Online Homework Club: The Online Homework Club is a partnership project of LES with local schools. Children are picked up from the schools and given extra study support. This helps schools to raise attainment levels and engage the children, many of who are from deprived households, in mainstream education.

Throughout the summer the Online Homework Club ran a play scheme for children aged 5-11 years.

The five-week scheme was packed with fun and educational activities, which included cookery, sport, dance and art. Day trips provided the children with additional stimulus. With qualified carers, parents were confident their children had a safe and enjoyable summer holiday, whilst they were at work.

James Kane Nursery: The nursery provides high quality pre-school facilities for babies and children aged 4 months to 5 years. In addition to childcare the nursery also provides family workshops.

Summer University: The Summer University took place over four weeks during summer. Aimed at 11-18 years, the programme contributed towards the government's 'youth volunteering' targets. With a panel of 12 youths deciding the programme, supported by trained adults, students were able to participate in vocal training, art, fashion, contemporary dance, drama and a music production. A Peer Mentoring Programme also proved to be extremely successful. A showcase at the end of the programme allowed students to display their talents through a fashion show, drama sketch, art exhibition, dance display, song performance and music recitals.



The project proved that with guidance and encouragement young people can achieve great things. Besides learning practical skills the students learnt how to negotiate, lead, and prepare a plan.

For more information about the projects or partnership working, contact Tel: 020 7735 3685 / 07734 778 971 or visit www.l-e-s.org



**A word from
Councillor Rachel
Heywood, Cabinet
Member, Culture
and Communities,
Lambeth Council**

Despite the best efforts of my parents and the nuns who taught me, I have to confess that I am not really a very good Roman Catholic, and I don't get to church as often as I should. This has changed in the last few weeks, when this wonderful job I have has meant that I have attended a number of services and celebrations.

I recently went along to the Harvest Thanksgiving at St Johns in Angell Town – a wonderful service which took me straight back to my childhood, with the children of the parish bearing their gifts up to the altar. The church was packed to the rafters with people from that parish, and those representing other churches and other faiths – the old and the young, a vital celebration of the extraordinary multi cultural diversity of Brixton.

Earlier that week I attended the funeral of a friend at Corpus Christi Church – a requiem mass in which the words of the masses I have heard all my life were familiar and a comfort at a hard time, as they were no doubt for the many people who gathered together to mark the life of a remarkable man.

I spoke with some anxiety at the annual service for the Borough Deans at the Baptist Church in Streatham, to an audience who are not only far more practiced at speaking in public than I, but who do so with a divine mandate. But my colleagues and I also have a mandate that comes from the electorate and it is one I have taken up with great pride – I hope of the right kind. Like the Borough Deans, to whom I was speaking, we have a great many people who put their trust in us and in what we stand for and who depend upon us to keep our word and to deliver the promises we have made.

I have also taken part in a celebration of Eid held by the Bangladeshi community in Waterloo. Their events are always notable for the way in which they both honour the traditions and the heritage of Bangladesh and at the same time reach out to the communities of their neighbourhood and the country in which they made their home.

There are two things I want to conclude with. Firstly, I might not be a good Catholic, but faith and its words have nonetheless stitched together much of

my life, and have made sense of it in a fabric, and as it has provided a narrative in difficult times, and a way of giving thanks and being joyous at times of celebration. In the same way, faith seems to stitch together, to be a running thread, to draw together and to make sense of much for us in our communities. In the work of all of you who celebrate your faiths and who reach out to those of other beliefs, in the work being done now by 'Faiths Together in Lambeth' - our new multi faith forum, in the faith that you all keep, this borough is a better and a safer and a stronger place for everybody.

Secondly, I would ask that you all hold my colleagues and I, our MPs and the leaders of this country in your thoughts and in your prayers so that we can be strong and good in what we do and that we are guided to achieve the best that we can for those whom we represent. There are hard times coming, and we will have to make some very tough decisions for which we will need great wisdom, I ask you for your prayers as we do so.

Eid - the arabic word for celebration/festivity

There are two Eids in the Muslim calendar. The first one is Eid ul Fitr which is celebrated immediately after the fast of the holy month of Ramadhan which is the ninth month in the calendar. The second Eid is observed three months later at the end of the last month in the Islamic calendar which is called Dhul hajj (the hajj month). This is the month of the pilgrimage when Muslims from all over the world perform the hajj in Mecca and Madina. This Eid, Eid ul Adha (the celebration of the sacrifice), is observed in remembrance of the Prophet Ibraheem (Abraham) for his uncompromising and exceptional faith in God. He was tested and was told by God to offer his son Isaac as a sacrifice. He carried out this order with a willing son, who consoled him and told him he had to do what God had asked. After he had prepared his son for the sacrifice and was about to perform the final act, his hand was held tightly so was unable to complete the act. He was told by an angel that God had tested his faith and had not found him lacking and instead of continuing with sacrificing his son, a sheep was available which he should sacrifice instead. This he duly did. In commemoration of this act, Muslims sacrifice an animal at this time.

(Gen 22 NIV) Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. {2} Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."

"We called to him: O Abraham: You have indeed fulfilled the vision. Lo! Thus do We reward the good. Lo! That verily was a clear test." (Quran 37:104-106)

Faiths Together

IN LAMBETH

Formally established at its first AGM



Although the idea had been under consideration for some years, it was just over a year ago that work started on the establishment of an independent Lambeth-wide body to foster constructive relationships among faith communities and to promote faith and multi-faith involvement in civic life. After an initial consultation process, a group of people volunteered to serve as an interim committee and laid the foundations of Faiths Together in Lambeth (FTiL).

Stephen Sichel was its first Chair, followed by Vidur Dindyal. Saleha Jaffer, as Secretary, and Roger Wright, as Treasurer, worked steadfastly to develop the new organisation. George Ansah, Sally Barraud, Philip Ginsbury, David Hart, Malachie Munyaneza, Seyed Nakhjavani and Smarajit Roy served faithfully as the other members of the interim committee. Sue Vahid, consultant and aide, kept FTiL focused on its objectives and priorities. Sue will be greatly missed in this role, which will end on 30 November.

Sadly, David passed away in August after prolonged ill-health. Malachie moved in September to be minister of a church in Gloucester. Stephen relinquished the chair after the launch in July and Vidur after the first Round Table in October. Thanks are due to them all; without them FTiL would not have reached its first AGM on 12 November.

At the AGM, I was elected as Chair, Saleha as Secretary, and Smarajit as Treasurer following Roger's decision to stand down, though Roger remains a member of the Management Committee (MC). George Ansah, Sally Barraud, Philip Ginsbury, and Seyed Nakhjavani, along with new member Julie Tedeschi, were the others elected to the MC at the AGM. Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jewish and Muslim faith traditions are represented on the MC.

From FTiL's inception, it received the support and encouragement of Lambeth Council through the Cabinet Member for Culture and Communities, Cllr Rachel Heywood, and through the Active Communities Team. Dinah-Mary Allotey, Faith Communities Engagement Officer, has been closely involved and we were glad to be able to thank her at the AGM and wish her well for her new post in the London Borough of Hackney. Lambeth Metropolitan Police also supported the original research and since then their moral support has continued.

The launch of the organisation in July showed that there was tremendous support in the community for this enterprise, with more than 80 people attending and many speaking with enthusiasm about the prospects for inter faith work. The interim MC shared its vision for FTiL, presented a draft constitution and introduced a programme setting out the planned activities. The attendance of more than 50 at the AGM, with more than 30 apologies, has confirmed the general level of interest.

Since the launch, FTiL has organised a Peace Picnic in St Matthew's Gardens and the Prayer for Peace in the Assembly Rooms, both during Peace Week in September; and the first Round Table in October on how faith leaders can model respect for other faiths. The AGM was followed by a second Round Table on the same theme. All four events were ably supported by volunteers and by representatives of faith communities. Their success will now encourage the elected MC to attempt a full implementation of its planned programme. The pace and extent of what can be achieved will of course depend on the funding available as well as on the effort and imagination brought to the task.

Organisations and individuals who wish to become members and those who wish to volunteer their time or participate in the activities of FTiL are asked to contact Alan Gadd at ftil@hotmail.co.uk.

Alan Gadd
Chair
20 November 2009

Inter Faith Group Excursion to Woking Mosque



Members of South London Inter Faith Group enjoyed a summer excursion to Woking Mosque, the first purpose built mosque in Britain, dating from 1889. They learned that the mosque is described as a miracle because it was built in a town where no Muslims resided. The founder was a German by birth and also a Jew, who later in life became an Anglican but is not known ever to have converted to Islam. The money for building of the mosque was given by the woman ruler of a small state in India who never visited England.

The London Week of Peace is always the week that includes the 21st of September, officially designated by the United Nations as the International Day of Peace. This year Peace Week came at exactly the same time as major religious observances. So the day of the Peace Picnic (Sunday 20 September) was also the day following the first of the nine nights of the Hindu festival Navaratri, also the second day of Rosh Hashanah (the Jewish New Year), and also the final day of Ramadan or possibly, depending on an official sighting of the new moon, Eid-ul-Fitr itself. Not surprisingly, the Picnic was to take second place to these observances for many members of faith communities. However a it was resolved to try to turn a difficulty into a learning experience, and this was made possible by the friends who gave brief presentations.



Lambeth Inter Faith Peace Picnic



The newly founded *Faiths Together in Lambeth* (FTiL), launched in July this year, organized the Inter Faith Peace Picnic, its first public showing, as an event in Peace Week. Despite all the Windrush Square redevelopment and the road works in central Brixton, St Matthew's Gardens proved a very good venue and the weather was kind. Members of four Lambeth faith communities prepared a variety of tasty food. Just about 100 people took part in the Picnic, one way and another.

While the food was being enjoyed the Picnic was enhanced by a cultural programme which included a bhajan from FTiL's Chair, Vidur Dindayal, and Secretary, Saleha Jaffer. Also featured were choruses from Christ's Family Church; dances by Sandhya Naik; and chanting and drumming by members of the Ethiopian World Federation.



FTiL is grateful to Clapham and Stockwell Faith Forum and Lambeth Multi Faith Action Group for their support, to Lambeth Active Communities for enlisting contributors to the cultural programme, and to the Peace Week funding for making the event possible. Special thanks to Jason Akintoye, who joined the project as a volunteer and took a lion's share of the preparatory work.

The Council of Christians and Jews

“The South London Branch of the Council of Christians and Jews has been reinvigorated by the appointment of a new Chairman, Stanley Davis.

The first meeting held under his chairmanship at the South London (United) Synagogue attracted over 40 people and the speaker dealt with the fascinating topic of the similarities between the Chassidic element of Judaism, and Methodism. The latter, as an evangelistic movement, separated from the Church of England - Chassidism, although at first regarded with suspicion by mainstream Judaism and even threatened with excommunication, was eventually accepted and became a valuable addition to the multi-faceted panoply of traditional Judaism. A lively talk was followed by an equally lively discussion.

The Methodist Church promotes partnership with other denominations whenever possible and believes through support and care that Christians should learn and grow whilst celebrating God's love

A Legacy of Hope



27th January 2010 – Holocaust Memorial Day – marks the 65th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau. On this day everyone across the UK is invited to become part of a **Legacy of Hope**.

Holocaust survivors have played an immense role in bringing our attention to the lessons of the Holocaust. They speak of pain and loss, of strength and survival, of despair and their wish for a **Legacy of Hope**. They encourage us to look within and without, to be sure of our moral compass, to be

certain of our choices and to use our voice, whenever we can, to speak out. They have translated difficult experiences to create a future that is free from the dangers of exclusion and persecution. They have passed a message of resilience and hope to the next generation.

It is our responsibility to remember those who were persecuted and murdered, because their lives were wasted. The aspirations of those who have suffered from the effects of the Holocaust and of genocide around the world, should inform our lives today. Their words can make us think about our own attitudes, our behaviour, our choices, the way we vote, the way we interact with one another, the way we respect and celebrate the differences between us and the way in which we build a safer future together. It is their example that can inspire us to greater action. We need to ask ourselves what we should be doing today to build a safer, stronger society so that the risk of the building blocks of genocide ever being laid is removed.

As humanitarian activist Hugo Slim says of the voices that speak out of tragedy to our shared sense of humanity: “We need to listen, for a change.”

(Taken from www.hmd.org.uk)

Notice Board

A Compelling read



Just six years ago a small group of faith-filled Christians took to the crime-ridden street of Brixton in London. Now over 125 teams serve their communities all over Britain, involving more than three thousand Christians. More projects are starting all the time, and enquires come from all over the world. Because of course Britain is not alone in its struggles with gun and knife crime, binge drinking, gang culture, loneliness, violence,

and fear. Founder of the initiative, In this book Les Issac tells his compelling story and points out the benefits for Christian mission and unity.

For stockists see www.streetpastors.org.uk



Get Involved...

Would you like to stay informed about healthcare in Lambeth?



Find out about local consultations and other ways to be heard?

If you live or work in Lambeth you can now sign up for email updates from the NHS Lambeth Patient & Public Involvement (PPI) Team.

They would be pleased to hear from you as a local resident, or as someone representing a local group or service.

They will not share your contact details with anyone else, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

To find out more please contact Keri or Catherine lambeth.ppi@lambethpct.nhs.uk

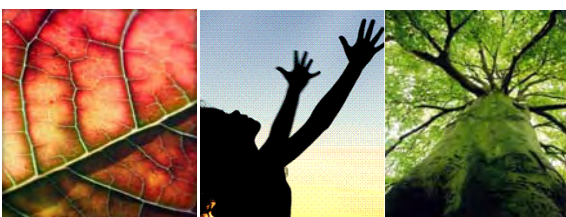
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www.lambeth.nhs.uk/ppi

The LIFE Project Lambeth

Local Initiative for Faiths and the Environment bridging Communities Faith and the Environment Project

It's the way forward!



Thanks to funding from Lambeth Council's Green Community Champions and the support of the Muslim Sisters Jamaat, Streatham Quaker Meeting House, Transition Brixton and the Christian Muslim Forum, this project will be bridging faith-based networks in Lambeth with local environmental activities to promote greater mutual awareness of local ecology, global climate change and the role multi-faith groups can play in nurturing sustainable living on a local and regional level. The urgency of the necessary response to transitions in the earth's environment and economy provide a common ground for people from different faith backgrounds to work together to a positive end. The over-arching aim of this project would be to participate in this response by developing:

1. Greater integration and between 'minority' faith groups and environmental groups in modeling a *multi-faith environmental awareness* group in Lambeth, with an emphasis on women and young people.
2. Mutuality in thinking and planning in areas such as local resourcefulness, food-growing and creative industry (e.g. local craft-making) between these groups.
3. Expertise within the multi-faith community that can then be taken to other such communities in other areas of Britain.

The project will be taking place in 3 phases over the coming year:

Phase 1: A series of three round-table discussion events to establish links between groups and identify priorities for action.

Phase 2: A series of six practical workshops to creatively explore the *faiths and the environment* theme, facilitated by local faith groups, environmentalists and artists.

Phase 3: An exhibition and locally-produced feast event hosted by faith and environment groups involved in the project.

To get involved: Please contact Rebecca Brewin – rebeccadotb@yahoo.co.uk / 07896 936 625 or Sadaat Yusuf - saadat_yusuf@hotmail.com / 07939 325 032 for updates and more details.

Hindu Society Golden Jubilee.

Lambeth's oldest Hindu society celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this year. The Caribbean Hindu Cultural Society was inaugurated fifty years ago in 1959.

One of many events organised to commemorate its golden jubilee, was a four day Gita Yajna. The Yajna held at an auspicious time, starting on

Thursday evening 13 August and culminating on Sunday 16 August, included special celebrations for Janam Ashtmi, the birth of Lord Krishna, on the night of Friday 14 August.

Yajna. Meaning sacrifice, is a general term which describes the act of offering up 'in sacrifice' of our time and thought, to God or a higher purpose. Gita Yajna is a traditional event, lasting many days, in which there is ceremonial reading of verses of the Bhagavad Gita, one of Hindus' holy scriptures. The priest recites the verses in Sanskrit, to music in a chosen raag, and explains the meaning and significance in English. There is festivity, blessed food served regularly and bhajan (hindu hymns) singing and general worshipping.

For **Janam Ashtmi**, the celebration of the birth of Lord Krishna, a joyous feature is the 'jhoola' where a doll representing baby Krishna is placed in a cradle and devotees gently rock it, in devotion and prayer. Prayers and singing continue past midnight when the baby Krishna is born and devotees rejoice in the birth with bhajan singing and chanting of mantras.

On Sunday 16 August the concluding day of the Yajna, there was a short programme to pay tribute to all members, founders and leaders who have worked throughout the years to build the society.

Hari Mungol a past President gave an outline of the early history of the society.

Dr James Bharat a long standing member, presented a plaque to the society to mark the occasion. The programme ended with a minute silence in memory of, and gratitude to the members who have passed away.

Congratulations to the Caribbean Hindu Society and may the next 50 years bring greater achievement for the society and the community in which it exists.

In the current climate 'Every Pound Counts'

Are you aged 60 or over? Are you under 60 but 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 may 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 own your own home or have savings or a private pension you 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, the 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 you or someone you may wish to refer are missing out on any extra income, and then arrange an appointment to help complete the necessary forms."

Change a child's life through adoption

Lambeth's adoption service is dedicated to providing permanent homes for the borough's looked after children. We offer adoption services to families interested in children from a variety of backgrounds.

Currently it is our black and ethnic minority children who are in need of families, so we are looking for people from similar backgrounds who can make a real difference and give love and stability to a Lambeth child or sibling group. If you adopt through Lambeth you can **rest assured** that you will build important relationships with the children and our staff and have total support throughout the process.

Many people believe that once you have adopted your child then your contact with Lambeth ends. This is certainly not the case - **the relationship continues once a child has been placed.** How long this lasts depends on the needs of the family but we are always there to support you. Many people don't realise that we can support families up until the child is 18 years of age.

Choosing to adopt is not a decision to be taken lightly and it's vital that your reasons for wanting to do it are right. Lambeth welcomes adopters from all walks of life – due to the diversity of our children we acknowledge difference and ensure that we treat all applicants fairly.

The most important quality is your ability to provide a caring, stable and secure home environment.

For further information please contact Femi Reid-Barlow on 020 7926 8549 or visit www.lambeth.gov.uk/adoption.

Dates for your Diary

The Holidays are coming



As part of this years Christmas celebrations Lambeth will be supporting a number of events across the borough (after school) on 4th December. Come along to your local event. There will be different activities, and performances taking place in:-

Streatham, Norwood, Herne Hill, Brixton, Clapham and Oval at Kennington

Look out for further details on www.lambeth.gov.uk

All the fun at the Fair



Come and enjoy an afternoon of fun at Immanuel and St. Andrew C of E Primary School, Buckleigh Road, SW16 Entrance Adults 50p Children Free.

London Borough Faiths Network

Next meeting will be on 26th January @ 10.30am (refreshments from 10am) at British Transport Police HQ, 25 Camden Road, NW1 9LN. The agenda includes the Preventing Violent Extremism strategy – how it's working a local level across London. If you wish to attend please visit www.lbfm.org



Faith, Migration, Integration and Social Cohesion
2.00 – 5.00pm

Tuesday 15th December 2009

ippr, 30 Southampton Street, WC2E 7RA

During the last 20 years there has been increased international migration into the UK. This population movement has profoundly altered the faith map of the UK, although it is important to acknowledge that the religious practices of the UK-born population are far from static. Polish migrants now comprise the second largest born-abroad group in the UK and make up a large proportion of the

congregations of many Roman Catholic churches. The larger mosques are no longer dominated by those of Bangladeshi, India and Pakistani heritage, but now include substantial numbers of worshippers from countries such as Somalia, Algeria and Afghanistan. International migration has also brought new religions to the UK, including Aleviism, Mandaism, Yezidism, as well as Coptic, Nestorian and Chaldean Christianity. This seminar will present new data about how migration has changed the faith map of the UK.

Individual faith has the capacity to influence migrants' experiences of integration as well as broader social cohesion. A number of faith communities, too, have initiated projects that aim to raise awareness about migration and challenge public hostility to groups such as asylum-seekers. Yet within the context of integration and cohesion policy, government's attitude towards faith communities is shaped by two apparently contradictory impulses. On the one hand, some in government are increasingly enthusiastic about the role of faith-based communities and charities to promote social capital in neighbourhoods and play an active role in community regeneration. CLG's recent *White Paper Communities in Control* signalled an opening to the greater involvement of religious organisations in the delivery of some public services. On the other hand, however, some groups associated with particular faiths are widely labelled as promoting inter-communal tensions and for preventing 'mixing' and integration.

Faith, Migration, Integration and Cohesion is the fourth in a seminar series on migration supported by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation, and draws on the findings of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's Immigration and Inclusion Programme. This seminar will provide fresh analysis on some of the main policy questions that arise from the intersection of migration and faith in the UK.

Institute for Public Policy Research

Family Forum Workshops (All Day)

8 January - Teenagers and Risky behaviour
12 March - Taking Actions and consequences

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

This series of **FREE** workshops offers parents practical help and support to enhance their relationship with their teenagers. Call 0207 926 4207 for details.



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

Life-Giving Events in Lambeth (Please note these events are women only event)

Handmade 2: Thursday 21st January 2010 - *New Ways of Seeing – Bringing in the New Year*
12 – 4pm: Roots and Shoots, 9 Walnut Tree Walk, SE11 6DN.

A round-table discussion about 'new ways of seeing' – how do we relate to our immediate environment and what are the issues around bringing positive changes that reflect the value of our faiths? Includes lunch – please bring a traditional home made pudding!

Children welcome - Creche facilities provided.

To get involved, book a space at an event or to offer to present your project as part of this vision (it is helpful to know you're coming so we know numbers for food) contact Rebecca Brewin - rebeccadotb@yahoo.co.uk / 07896 936 625 or Sadaat Yusuf - saadat_yusuf@hotmail.com / 07939 325 032.

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Pregnancy Counselling Skills Course 2010

- ▶ Specialist Course on, post-abortion and teenage sexuality
- ▶ Suitable for men as well as women
- ▶ 60 hours accredited
- ▶ Recognised by open college network and ACC
- ▶ Runs for 5 Saturdays from January to May 2010

Marcia Jones, Image Training London, C/O 31 Warnham House, Upper Tulse Hill, London, SW2 2SA

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**CHRISTIANS
CARING FOR LIFE**

Holy Days and Festivals (December 2009 – January 2010)

December 2009

Tuesday	8	Feast of the Immaculate Conception Christian Roman Catholic Bodhi Day Buddhism
Saturday	12	Hanukkah Judaism
Friday	25	Christmas Day Christian
Saturday	26	St Stephen's Day Christian Roman Catholic
Sunday	27	Ashura Islam

January 2010

Friday	1	Mary, Mother of God – Catholic Christian
Tuesday	5	Birthday of Guru Gobind Singh Sikhism
Wednesday	6	Epiphany Christian Theophany Christian Orthodox
Thursday	7	Christmas Day Rastafarianism
Thursday	14	Makar Sankrant Hinduism
Monday	18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Christian
Wednesday	20	Vasant Panchami Hinduism
Monday	25	St Paul's Day Christian Anglicans and Roman Catholics
Wednesday	27	National Holocaust Memorial Day Multifaith
Saturday	30	Tu B'Shevat Judaism
Sunday	31	Birthday of Guru Har Rai Sikhism

February 2010

Thursday	11	Our Lady of Lourdes – Christian
Sunday	14	Chinese New Year - Buddhist
Monday	15	Nirvana Day - Buddhist
Tuesday	16	Shrove Tuesday - Christian
Thursday	25	Fast of Esther - Jewish
Friday	26	Mawlid an Nabi - Islam
		Holi - Hindu

Funding and Freebies

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.

Trust for London supports new and emerging small voluntary organisations that benefit people and communities in London. Funding may be used to cover general cost of running an organisation, but the Trust does not cover full time staff salaries in full or part time. TFL will fund projects which have one (or more) of the following aims:

- To challenge discrimination faced by disabled people;
- To promote the inclusion and integration of recently established communities;
- To address new and emerging needs.

Please ring 0207 606 6145 for an application pack or email info@cityparochial.org.uk.

Awards for All: Minimum £300 – Maximum £10,000. Awards for All fund projects that bring people together to take part in and enjoy a wide range of community activities. If your project helps to improve people's lives, encourages more people to get involved in their local community or boosts skills and creativity then it is the sort of thing that will be funded. Applications are welcome from all communities.

Deadline: Applications can be made at anytime.

Applicants need to send their constitution, original bank statements and annual accounts with the form. For an application pack please call 0845 600 20 40 or visit www.awardsforall.org.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.

Deadlines: Friday 18th December 2009 & 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.

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
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Yoruba

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ẹ kàn wà l'ágogo 0207 926 5555



Holocaust Memorial Day event 2010

Sunday 24 January 2010, 3pm - 5pm

Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill.
Everyone welcome – Entrance Free.

FAITH in Lambeth
Holocaust Memorial Planning Group



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