

Faith in Lambeth

Lambeth Faith Groups Newsletter

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Welcome to the 5th edition of Faith in Lambeth.

The Lambeth Faith Communities Steering Group would like to welcome Cllr Lorna Campbell as the newly elected member responsible for faith groups. The steering group would also like to thank Cllr Clare Whelan for the support she has given to the Faith Groups in Lambeth over the last 4 years in her role as the lead member for faith groups. Lambeth Council and the steering group would like to thank everyone who contributed towards this edition of Faith Focus, with a special thanks to Avonne Foulkes who put this edition together. We hope you enjoy reading it.

The next edition will be in October. If you would like to contribute to it please send your articles in by Friday 29 September 2006.

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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 Avonne Foulkes on 020 7926 2758 or email dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk
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Lambeth First Community Chest 2006

The Lambeth First Community Chest Fund provides grants of £500 - £5000 to community and voluntary organisations for activities that promote community well being in the following theme categories:

- Safer Communities
- Healthier Communities
- Engaged and Active Communities

There is only one round for this fund, and the deadline is **Monday 31st July 2006**. Awards will be made in September, and you will have **6 months** to spend your grant. All funded activities, spending and reporting must be completed by March 2007. For an application email enquiries@capitalcf.org.uk, call 020 7582 5117 or download from the website at www.capitalcf.org.uk. (See the funding section at the back for more details).

Message from Cllr Lorna Campbell, Deputy Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Tackling Poverty (with responsibility for Faith Groups).

Following recent local elections, I was elected councillor for Princes Ward which is situated in the North of the borough. I believe that faiths group are an important resource that should be fully utilised to play apart in addressing a number of issues in our society. As a newly appointed deputy cabinet member with responsibility for inclusion and tackling poverty, a role that encompasses all areas of service provision, I am keen to ensure that faith plays a part in informing decisions, as much as other sectors. I am aware that many services are already being provided by faith groups in the borough and would like to see support to enable continuation and improvements.

In the past I have actively encouraged through the Black Londoners Forum and London Civic Forum, the coming together of different faiths in order to tackle the many ills that plagues us all in society. It is in my



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opinion that it is important for faith groups to understand that there is more that unites us than divides us. I have been an advocate for engagement in public life and participation in the decision making process, at all levels, and will continue to do so.

However, I am still getting to grips with the new role and would welcome as much input as possible from the faith groups in Lambeth. It is my intention to visit as many establishments as possible over the next few months and learn of ways in which we can work together to tackle inequality, discrimination and alleviate poverty and exclusion. Please feel free to contact me.

Cllr Lorna Campbell, Deputy Cabinet Member for Inclusion and Tackling Poverty on 07946 217581 or lcampbell@lambeth.gov.uk

Message from Cllr Clare Whelan

When I was Mayor of Lambeth in 2000-1 one of my private challenges was to start a dialogue with Lambeth's Faith leaders. A meeting was called in the Mayor's Parlour with some of the faith leaders we knew. We invited them to coffee, put on the kettle and waited. The Parlour was packed and as we went around the room each person present gave a personal view of how they welcomed the dialogue. There was a great sense of the beginning of something strong and positive.

In the 6 years since that first meeting we've got better at working with the faith groups. We've worked with groups to encourage community cohesion among the different faith communities, done work to build the capacity of organisations to deliver their services, established the Faith Steering Group which consists of representatives from a number of different faiths in the borough, appointed a Faith Group Co-ordinator, launched the website and the newsletter. We've laid the foundations and I hope we will continue to go from strength to strength.

Lambeth is blessed with a population of many different faiths and we must continue working together to make sure there is a tolerance, understanding and mutual respect. We owe a dept of gratitude to those of all faiths who have inspired and encouraged and who have been part of the journey thus far.

Councillor Clare Whelan

Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade – 25th March 2007

If you are planning any events to mark the 200th anniversary can you please contact us with details at dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk or 0207 926 2664. We

would also welcome suggestions with ideas on how Lambeth's faith communities could celebrate the abolition of slavery next March.



Safeguarding Children in Places of Worship

The LSCB is recommending that faith groups in Lambeth review their child protection policy and procedures in line with government guidelines via the Lambeth template; that they ensure that each place of worship has a designated child protection officer and that this officer attends training on child protection and updates that training regularly. A copy of the Lambeth Safeguarding children Board guidance is available on the website www.lambethscb.org.uk. You can also reach LSCB at lambethscb@lambeth.gov.uk

We will be arranging training for Faith Groups in Lambeth between 24/25th October. Date to be confirmed later and details will be sent to all groups on our database asking them if they would like to attend. For further information on the training please contact Dinah-Mary Allotey on 0207 926 2664.

Chaplaincy – Brixton Prison

In the past year Chaplaincy has continued its busy and varied activities, aiming at a holistic approach to the well being of prisoners. A great number of our activities such as Sunday Services for Christians, Friday prayers for Muslims and mid-week groups such as the Alpha Course, Bible Studies, Buddhist Meditation and others, addressed the spiritual needs of prisoners. This is always done in the attitude of encouraging prisoners in pursuing a way of life that will stop them from re-offending. An example of this holistic approach is the Imam's initiative this year, to encourage a drug-free Ramadan, which was well received by the Muslim prisoners.

Besides our well established activities, in the last year we had the *Kairos* Community hold two weekends in the prison with about 30 prisoners attending each time. There was more than one prisoner who at the end of that weekend said that that was the best weekend in their life. The apparent oxymoron is a credit to the *Kairos* Programme and its follow-up 'journey programme'.

Through the Wall continues to create those bridges between the prison and the faith community outside. The faith community is encouraged to see the prisoner as a member of the community who needs their assistance in reintegrating back into the community at the end of sentence. The list of churches involved continues to grow and the volunteers who train and visit the prison to befriend prisoners is constantly increasing. The prison management is very supportive of all we do and they are keen to see those strong links between prison and community.

We are constantly indebted to the great number of volunteers who are an integral part of this chaplaincy. Without them it would have been impossible to accomplish all that we have, and much credit must go to them.

By Captain Haris Giannaros
Brixton Prison Chaplain

Working Women Services

Mainliners is a voluntary organisation that supports people who are affected by or at risk of HIV, Hepatitis C and other blood borne viruses. This support is achieved through a harm minimisation philosophy from one of our services.

Working Women Services (WWS) is an outreach service covering the borough of Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham (LSL) and Croydon. It provides support and advice to the rapid growing number of female sexworkers, among them women with young children, migrant women who have/are suffering domestic violence who might otherwise have limited access to services. The WWS provide women with information and support so that they can make informed choices around their work and individual needs, thereby reducing risks. We provide a confidential non-judgemental service whose primary role is the prevention of HIV, Hepatitis C and sexually transmitted infections (STI/STD).

Other Services:

Hepatitis C Resources Centre provides information for anyone affected or seeking information about Hepatitis C information line 0870 242 2467.

Outreach Services offers services in the community – on the street and sometimes in the home.

SMART (Streatham Mainliners Assessment Referral Team) Services supports individuals with drug related issues, providing them with substitute opiate prescribing with their GP.

Contacts: Vanessa Roach (Manager) 07903 162 621, vroach@mainliners.org.uk or 020 7378 5480
Janis Wharton (Worker) at jwharton@mainliners.org.uk or call 07930 324 111.

Street Pastors update

Clearly identifiable by their Blue uniforms and caps labelled 'Street Pastors', Lambeth Street Pastors continue to support the Borough, caring, listening and helping in the late and early hours of the day. From young to old, the reassurance and help that these dedicated people give, armed only with Christian love and a concern for Lambeth, is appreciated. The Street Pastors initiative is a Church response to urban problems and aims to tackle the effects of crime and the fear of crime in our communities by engaging with people on the street and in night time venues. This innovative outreach approach ALSO reaches disenfranchised young people who are socially marginalized and engaged in criminal activity, anti social behaviour and substance misuse. We seek to inject hope back into those who have lost hope.

The project is unique in that it is staffed by teams of Christian volunteers, recruited from the local community who share a common concern for the social issues prevalent in their communities. All volunteers complete a comprehensive training programme to equip them for vast tasks. Liaising with local Police and Local Authority, they provide peaceful solutions to otherwise potentially explosive community problems. Working for and within one's own community develops a rightful sense of ownership and citizenship as volunteers are able to build relationships with others in the community including the police, local voluntary and statutory organisations, and participate in decision making forums concerning community issues, such as drugs, crime, and anti social behaviour.

Lambeth's beauty attracts people from all over London and the country. Street Pastors engage with the community where they are, helping them to enjoy a safe time in Lambeth. This ranges from breaking up fights, preventing fights and deterring criminal activity with their presence, to accompanying vulnerable individuals, to encouraging individuals to make positive life choices and pursue their aspirations in life.

There are currently 25 Street Pastors operating in Lambeth and this is set to grow steadily in number. New Street Pastors are being trained at present and some more will train this September.

In our third year of operation, a special thank you goes to Ruach Ministries, Light and Life Gospel Church, The Seven Day Adventist Church and Christian Life Fellowship for the outstanding work they do as Street Pastors for Lambeth. Special thanks to St Matthews Church for the use of the Church Hall for training.

For more information please contact Enoch Amoah at Ascension Trust, P.O. Box 3916, London SE19 1QE, send an email to ascensionswip@yahoo.com or call 020 7771 9770.

First Aid Training for Lambeth's Youth

Lambeth's Corporate Regeneration and PAYP (Positive activities for Young People) team are working with the British Red Cross to deliver a First Aid Peer Education Project. The peer education project is a first aid program designed to make more young people aware of the importance of knowing basic first aid and aims to equip young people with skills and confidence to be able to promote the importance of knowing and delivering first aid to others. Many accidents that happen can often be resolved by someone knowing basic first aid. Once trained the young people, will then go into schools and youth clubs to deliver basic life saving skills and first aid procedures. Throughout last year young people have attended workshops about peer education and why it is important to do this. They have been taking part in numerous first aid training workshop and have just recently completed their Basic First Aid Certificate. The young people are hard at work looking at what aspects of the first aid they wish to teach in schools and youth clubs.

Once they have devised the lessons they will be out in youth club through the summer and then going into schools in September to deliver the sessions. If you would like more information on the project or the young people to visit your project to run sessions please feel free to contact Louise McNestrie on 07956 307 846.

Well-being in Lambeth: How can Spiritual Communities rise to the Challenge?

Some facts on mental health:-

- Mental health problems affect one on four of the adult population of England at any one time.
- Twelve million adults attending GP surgeries have psychiatric needs.
- Mental health problems are as common as heart disease and three times as common as cancer.

It follows from this, that all our faith communities will have a proportion of people affected and the question arises for all of us as to how we care for and integrate them into life of our mosque, church, synagogue or temple. Another question which underlies this is that of how we understand mental and spiritual well-being in the first place.

In society at large there is still a vestige of old way of sweeping the matter under the carpe and denying that it exist and this can be true even in our faith communities. How often is the question of mental health looked at in your particular place of worship? All faith communities are committed to human flourishing. We are in the business of helping one another to find

our full potential whilst at the same time honouring the fact that each individual is different and to be cherished in her or his own right. If this is the case, the question of mental and spiritual welfare needs to be on the agenda.

In the hope that this will give some momentum to this, a special open conference has been arranged on **Monday 3rd July from 5pm to 8pm at the Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall, Acre Lane SW2**. You are warmly invited to come along and shear in what should be a significant event for all of us who long for our faith communities to be centres of welcome, understanding care and growth.

Richard Truss
St Johns, Waterloo

Chaplaincy Team at King's College Hospital

The Chaplaincy team at King's is made up of full-time chaplains from the Church of England, Free Church and Roman Catholic traditions. We also have an Imam on the team who works on a part-time basis for us. Contact with various faiths communities is fostered and we have regular contact with representatives from the faiths of our patients.

The NHS through its Chaplaincy teams in many different settings is there to provide spiritual and pastoral support to patients, families and friends as well as staff. There has been in recent years a growing understanding of the holistic needs of those in our care and the issues of spirituality are becoming much more widely discussed and understood by the multi-disciplinary teams that make up the NHS.

There is still more to be done to ensure that patients are able to access the Chaplaincy provisions, which we have addressed through ward publicity material and the training of staff. We always aim to provide someone from the tradition of the patient to ensure some continuity of spiritual support during his or her stay in hospital.

We are called upon for a wide range of situations, which may require specific religious rites to be performed, especially for those closed to death. On other occasions, a listening ear and a friendly presence in times of great stress is what is called for. The great challenge and the joy of the job is the variety of people we are privileged to meet on a daily basis.

Chaplains are available everyday of the year and we provide a 24-hour service to cover any emergency situations that may arise. Contact Rev David Rushton on 020 3299 3426 or at rev.rushton@kingsch.nhs.uk.

Lambeth is listening to you!

Joint Service Centre is the new success story amongst others, a new service delivery concept, which allows residents to access a range of council and non-council services, face-to face under one roof and it's happening right now and right here in Streatham.

The pilot in Streatham High Road, currently christened **Lambeth Contact** will help to establish which services are priorities locally. It will also provide an opportunity to educate visitors to access our self-service computer terminals and telephone kiosks - a direct link to the Lambeth Service Centre, and more importantly, help shape the permanent Joint Service Centres to be rolled out in the borough in 2007. Lambeth plans to have 5 Joint Service Centres.

Artist Impression for future Joint Service Centres below



Current Service Provision at Lambeth Contact

The pilot Joint Service Centre provides customers with 6 core council services namely, Housing Benefits and Council Tax, Housing Management, Parking Services, Education, Social Services and Corporate Complaints. Customers can now walk in to this centre and have more than one problem/query resolved in one visit by professional, well trained staff in an environment which is bright, welcoming and without barriers. A new and high standard has been set in terms of presentation, image and professionalism.

Lambeth Contact has specialist staff trained in British Sign Language (BSL) and offers both Language Line and Type Talk service, disabled access for wheelchair users and access for wheelchair users to customer self-service web terminals.

Where are we?

Lambeth Contact – where the customer comes first!
85-87 Streatham High Road, SW16 1P

Lambeth in the Global Village

Toaha Qureshi, trustee of Stockwell Mosque and the Chief Executive of Stockwell Green Community Services, is an important contributor to community engagement.

Stockwell Green Community Services have also run a series of preventative and diversionary programmes to deal with disaffected, disengaged Muslims and the threat they may pose in becoming involved in future terrorist acts. They have been working to this end since 1999. Their latest European Funded project is PROSEED (Providing Real Opportunity and Support for Employability Enhancement & Development), which is being partially supported by the MPS. This is designed to offer structured and accredited learning programmes to the excluded groups, particularly young Muslim men and women and help integration into mainstream society.

There are strong links between Lambeth's Muslim population and Pakistan, and Toaha Qureshi's work reflects this through the organisation of a number of conferences including the "The Role of Mosques in the Development of Local Communities" in April 2000" and "The Role of Religions in Diminishing Terrorism" in January 2002 (both held in Lambeth). In trying to understand radicalisation from a global perspective, Toaha organised a conference in Multan, Pakistan, entitled 'Dialogue Among Civilizations'. He invited Chief Superintendent Martin Bridger from Lambeth to attend as one of the keynote speakers.

The Aims of the visit included:

- To highlight the positive work done by the MPS with local communities in London, particularly in Lambeth.
- To develop an understanding of the influences on young Muslim males in Lambeth and elsewhere
- To address media misrepresentations of the MPS' engagement with and treatment of, London's Muslims
- To learn of any Pakistani guidance on how to identify dangerous radicalisation of young Muslims within local communities

Meetings were held with Mr. Peter Wilson, Counsellor at the British High Commission in Islamabad, Mr. Ajaz Ul Haq (Son of Late President Zia Ul Haq), the Minister for Religious Affairs and Ethnic Minorities, the Vice Chancellor of Bahauddin Zakaria University (BZU), Dr Andrew Francis-the Bishop of Multan and the chief of Police. The Conference was attended by approximately 500 people and was considered a success. Speakers included Mr. Ajaz Ul Haq, Mr. Shah Mahmood Qureshi

the Deputy Opposition Leader, Martin Bridger and Toaha Qureshi.

The main emphasis was on sharing best practice with Pakistani people that had helped the communities in the UK particularly in London, to combat post 7-7 challenges together. It also helped to put right some misconceptions held by people in Pakistan post 7-7, i.e., that the whole Muslim community in the UK was under siege and that mosques were under attack, etc.

One of the tangible outcomes of our visit was that BZU has come on board to enhance work on community engagement and dialogue work in partnership with us.

Amongst others, it was agreed that there was:

- The need for broader contact with Pakistan
- A willingness to develop ways to identify possible terrorists earlier
- The importance of correcting inaccurate media reports, particularly outside the UK
- The need to broadcast the positive treatment of Muslims in UK
- The need to broadcast the positive contribution of Muslims within MPS, local authorities etc

Toaha Qureshi
Trustee of Stockwell Mosque and the Chief Executive of Stockwell Green Community Services



Toaha collecting his Civic Award (presented in May) from the Mayor for his 'contribution to the promotion of inter-racial and community harmony in Lambeth'.

Prayer for Lambeth held on Sunday 4th June

La Retrait Roman Catholic Choir kicked off the evening of prayer for Lambeth's children, youth and those who serve them. A packed congregation, which, included the Leader of the Council, the Mayor, Ecumenical Church leaders and Church members of all ages joined in with singing, tapping feet, clapping hand, smiles, and rhythmic nodding of heads. Light and Light Fellowship Youth Choir added to the exuberance with more upbeat praise and worship. These young men and women singing from thankful, hopeful hearts, had

gathered to pray for a future of hope for Lambeth, their unity a symbol of what could be.

Our host Rev Mark DeBerry of St Mark's Kennington, and Rev Steven Sichel of St Matthew's Brixton, welcomed the uplifted congregation and more worship followed, led by St Mark's Church Worship Team.

'Let us not drop these precious vases' was the message from John Podmore, former Governor of HMP Brixton, speaking of our youth. Speaking from his experience of working to 'piece together broken vases' in prison, he reminded us of the need to look after our young both outside and inside of prison. We are one community.

Father Peter Scaly SJ, of the Roman Catholic Church, led the congregation in a reflection on how God was at work in our every day lives and how that makes for a richer life experience without Hollywood spin and special effects.

Grateful, hopeful hearts offered prayers for all of our youth, their teachers and all others who worked with our youth.

The beautiful evening ended with the congregation offering up the Lord's Prayer on the back of a soulful solo rendition of 'My redeemer lives' from Miss Victoria Chukwudum.

By Enoch Amoah, Ascension Trust

Power of One Conference April 2006

The Prime Minister received a rapturous and warm welcome from a 1000 strong audience attending an historic conference, 'The Power of One!', hosted by one of London's leading Christian leaders, Bishop John Francis, senior pastor of Ruach Ministries.

The event, highlighted the importance and responsibility of political engagement from a Christian perspective, drew representation from all three major parties: Baroness Sally Hamwee AM (Lib Dems), Jeanette Arnold AM (Labour) and Desmond Swayne MP (Conservative). Other speakers included the Culture Minister, David Lammy MP and Chair of the CRE (Commission for Racial Equality). Trevor Phillips.

Referring to why people should be encouraged to engage in politics and public life, the Right Hon Tony Blair said "In this respect, your conference is timely. Turnout has fallen across all groups but particularly so amongst black communities. Research carried out by MORI for Electoral Commission during the General Election last year suggested that voter turnout amongst black and minority communities could have been as low as 47%".

The Prime Minister, clearly impressed by the sizable and enthusiastic audience went on to recognise the crucial role that black majority churches, in particular, plays. He told delegates that “Your organisations have crucial campaigning role. They are not political in the sense that the parties are. But they do engage in the important issues of their day – they cannot but do so”.

Conference host, Bishop John Francis outlined the historical context in which the right to vote was fought for. “We shouldn’t neglect nor take for granted the courageous struggle of our forefathers,” he encouraged. “I fully expect you to walk away from this Conference motivated, better informed and armed with the necessary information to become active politically in your various communities,” Bishop Francis added.

He urged Christians to take full responsibility for their civic duties and engage in the political process in which he said, “We all have a stake”. The nearly thousand-strong multi-racial audience heard ringing endorsements from speakers and panellists on the practical ways in which they can become involved.

Bishop Francis admonished delegates to leave the Conference with a renewed commitment. “ As you can see here today, by us all coming together in this fashion, it demonstrates our unity and collective desire to make a positive contribution to this country. And whilst many people may have thought that they could not make a difference, I believe this Conference will have encouraged you that there is indeed, ‘The Power of One!’”

One of the Conference outcomes was that it should be the beginning of a new chapter for the Christian community in promoting the exercise of the vote as the first stage in political empowerment. This sentiment was shared by the Prime Minister who concluded, “...there is more to do and it requires a constant dialogue with you .”

Kandy Fadayomi, Ruach Ministries

SACRE – Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education

On March 30th, Lambeth SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education) launched its revised Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Lambeth schools. The launch took place at the Oval Cricket Ground and was well attended by teachers, council representatives and members of different faith communities in Lambeth. Look out for the new syllabus which is due to be put into action in September in Lambeth schools. More about that in the next edition of Faith In Lambeth.

Notice Board

‘More than One’ – Event hosted by Healing and Empowerment Lone Parent

On **Saturday 1st July 2006**, Healing & Empowerment Lone Parent (The H.E.L.P) are hosting an event called ‘More Than One’ to celebrate lone parents and their achievements. It is an interdenominational event supported by Anglican, Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed, Salvation Army and independent community churches across Lambeth. Previous events have been supported by Cindy Kent (Premier Christian Radio), Pastor Tayo Adeyemi (New wine Church Greenwich) Pam Rhodes and Bishop Stephen Oliver the Bishop of Stepney.

More Than One 2006 will have loads of great things to do for all ages, including a crèche, arts & crafts, face painting, games, music and friendship. During the afternoon we will have a service of celebration with modern dance performances and gospel worship. Fascinating speakers include:

- Venerable Chris Skilton Archdeacon of Lambeth.
- Dr Tayo Adeyemi, pastor of New Wine Church, Woolwich on God’s perceptions of his children.
- David Shosanya, London Baptist Association regional minister on understanding and relating to today’s youth.
- Baptist minister and lone parent Joyce Grant on finding your place in the body of Christ.
- Company director, church deacon and lone parent Jo Ann Sweeney on balancing business and family.

This event is central to refreshing many lone parents whose efforts are too often overshadowed by wrongly held views, media stereotyping and labelling by society.

Entry is free and includes children's activities and refreshment. All advance bookings will be entered into a prize draw to win one of 100 gift bags. Don't worry if you are not able to book in advance, you can turn up on the day and will be very welcome – but you will not be eligible for the prize draw. Crèche places for children aged four and under need to be booked in advance.

H.E.L.P (Healing & Empowering Lone Parents), started in 1998 as a small self-help group and has since evolved into a significant networking organisation, offering a wide range of practical support and Christian spiritual direction to lone parents. H.E.L.P works with lone parent families offering networking and social events, parenting support, business and career advice, mentoring, coaching, spiritual encouragement and prayers.

To book your place contact:

**Triumph Ayo-Isegun, Healing & Empowering Lone Parents, St Marks Church, Kennington Oval, SE11
Tel: 020 7012 1172, Mob: 07811 162 841**

Age Concern Advice Service

Older people can visit the Age Concern Information and Advice Service around the borough in the following places.

Monday, Brixton Sheltered Street Scheme, 2b Saulton Road, SW2, 12:30 -4:30

Tuesday Lambeth Community Care Centre, Monkton Street, Kennington, SE11, 10am-3pm

Wednesday closed

Thursday, Brixton Sheltered Street Scheme, 2b Saulton Road, SW2, 10am-2pm

Fridays, Woodlawns Centre 16 Leigham Court Road SW16, 10am-4pm

Lambeth's Talking Newspaper

Do you know anyone who is blind, partially sighted or can't read a newspaper? If so, then you may like to know about **Newstalk Lambeth**. It is a charity, which offers a talking newspaper service to people in the borough. Local and national news, poetry and events are recorded onto one tape every week and sent to members, free of charge.

If you would like to sign up to the service, please contact Penelope Harrison, Newstalk Lambeth, 336 Brixton Road London SW9 7AA.
Tel:020 7737 3402. The charity is open at the above address on Friday mornings between 9:30 and 12pm.

Social Club - For all refugees and asylum seekers Every Thursday 4pm to 7pm

An event for all the family with food, games, music and much more. Come and share at the Salvation Army, 105 Lomond Grove (Near Camberwell Green & Law Courts). For more information call 020 7701 6040 / 020 7708 5465

Holiday Play Schemes

Kids City (formerly Trojans Scheme) at Rosemead
Rosemead Preparatory school, 70 Thurlow Park Road, London, SE21 8HZ. info@trojansscheme.org.uk
Tel: 08707 560 707 Fax: 020 8678 0817

Art Party Holiday Scheme

St Pauls Church Hall, Rectory Grove, London, SW4 ODX. Age Range 5 to 11 years, advance bookings
Tel: 020 8675 7055

johnforster@arty-party.freeserve.co.uk

Catz Clubs at Archbishop Sumners

Archbishop Sumners C of E Primary School, Reedworth Street, London, SE11 4PH

Tel: 020 7435 6868 Fax: 020 7435 2245

catzclub@aol.com

Helping Hands Community ~Out of School club

39 Estreham Road, London, SW16 5PQ

Tel: 020 8769 4347

Effra Children's Centre

Effra Parade, London, SW2 1PL

Tel: 020 7733 8425

admin@effra-nursery.lambeth.sch.uk

CLUFO (Clapham Larkhall Under Fives Org)

56A Courland Grove, London, SW8 2PX

Tel: 020 7622 0786 Fax: 020 7622 0786

CLUFO@hotmail.com Age Range 5-16 years

Springfield Community Flat Holiday Play scheme

B rocket House, Flat 53/54, Union Grove, London, SW8 2RE. Tel: 020 7720 2699 Fax: 020 7627 2946

springfield@scommunity.fsbusiness.co.uk

Age Range 5 to 13 years

Wyvil Holiday Playscheme

Wyvil Primary School, Wyvil Road, London, SW8 2TJ

Tel: 020 7793 0461 Age Range 4 to 16 years

Sporting opportunities in Lambeth

Does your organisation provide opportunities for sport and physical activity? Lambeth Sport and Recreation department have recently opened a number of new facilities in the borough. So whether its football, netball, basketball, tennis, athletics training or dance there's bound to be a facility near you.



Lambeth also has opportunities for anyone interested in qualifying as a Sports Leader, Sports Coach or sports Official. For more details contact Stand Madiri, Community Sports Co-ordinator by email at smadiri@lambeth.gov.uk or call 020 7926 0438.

SOULINTECITY LONDON is an initiative which brings local churches, local youth, local authorities and local agencies together, combining efforts to transform communities.

SOUL WEEK 2006 (29th July to 5th August) is a focal point for us all to get onto the streets through community projects, at the same time, making a real impact. You can be part of it if you are a local church or youth group. Get involved in SOUL WEEK this summer!

If you would like to participate as a local church, but have not worked in your community previously, please give us a call today and we will equip you with tried and tested initiatives. Or check out our website at www.soulinthecity.co.uk. The Big Event at Carling Academy Brixton, 5th August 7.30- 10.00pm, featuring the absolute best of London's urban music scene.

Feasts and Fasts - Saturday 6th August 2.30pm. 'Feasts and Fasts - food and the Faiths' at Streatham Friends Meeting House, Redlands Way SW2 (top of Brixton Hill). Contact LAMAG (Lambeth Multi-Faith Action Group) 020 8688 1718 on Wednesdays.

Important notice to all Faith Groups

We are currently updating our database and aiming to improve our communication with the faith community in Lambeth. During spring we sent out a database update sheet with the last newsletter to which we have had a very low response. If you would prefer to update your details by email rather than by post please contact Dinah-Mary on 020 7926 2664. Alternatively, you can send your current details with your email address directly to Dinah-Mary Allotey at dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk or to Avonne Foulkes at AFoulkes@lambeth.gov.uk.

Dates for Your Diary

Faith Walk Sunday 2nd July. South London Inter Faith Group annual Inter Faith Walk visiting 5 places of worship. This year in Catford, starting at 11.45am at the Lewisham and Kent Islamic Centre opposite Lewisham Hospital. Information from Sarah Thorley 020 8674 5447.

faithsounds III

Streatham Choral Society: Chichester Psalms
"Rivers of Babylon": music of Jewish India
Praise Singers: from Ruach Ministries
 and many other sounds from the world of faith
Thursday 6 July, 7.45 pm

South London Liberal Synagogue, 1 Prentis Road, Streatham,
TICKETS £7 (£4 concessions) *Refreshments included*
On sale on the door from 6 pm
 For more information: (020) 8769 4787
rabbis@southlondon.org

Welcome to the Streatham Festival

Celebrating its 5th year! 6th – 16 July

Streatham Festival celebrates its 5th year as one of South London's leading community arts Festivals. This year's fun packed programme of events runs from Thursday 6th – Sunday 16th July.

Being 5 is a magical age and Streatham Festival is a magical time!

Last year thousands of people took up the opportunity to participate in a huge variety of events including music, dance, art, poetry, film, theatre, walk, talks, open days, sports, comedy. We had local and international performances attended by all age ranges and all cultures. If you stayed at home you missed out!

The Festival is only made possible through the enormous generosity and commitment of the Event Partners and volunteers plus the welcome return of 2005 sponsors Atkins, McNicholas and Anthony Gold and newest sponsor **good going**.

Email: <http://www.quirkymotion.com/streathamfestival/>
Tel: 020 792 65905

Lambeth Country Show

Saturday and Sunday, 15th and 16th July at Brockwell Park. Come and enjoy a fun weekend for the whole family.

Feasts and Fasts - Saturday 6th August 2.30pm.
'Feasts and Fasts - food and the Faiths' at Streatham Friends Meeting House, Redlands Way SW2 (top of Brixton Hill). Contact LAMAG (Lambeth Multi-Faith Action Group) 020 8688 1718 on Wednesdays.

Nagasaki Day Commemoration Wednesday 9th August 7.30pm

Starting at 7.30pm people will be walking from Westminster Cathedral to the London Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park arriving at 8.15pm. Nagasaki Day Commemoration with Floating Lantern Company. For more details contact Rev Nagasi on 020 7228 9620.

Light it! - a festival of light

Myatt Field Park, Camberwell, SE5, 20th October 2006
Co-produced with **motiroti**

LIGHT IT! Is designed as a spectacular performance event cross-referencing major festivals of Diwali, Halloween, Eid Al Fitr, Fireworks Night, Day of the Dead and Channukah, to create an artist led secular celebration with light, featuring artist from a live art, dance, music, circus new technology background.

The project includes a long term development strand with up to 300 local participants involved in workshops, performance and video works.

Celebrating Age – A Festival for Lambeth’s Older Residents

A month of activities and events – 1st to 31 October 2006. Further details are available from Age Concern Lambeth.

Celebrating Black History Month – A month of activities and events through out October. Further details are available from Lambeth Libraries or the Black Cultural Archives on 0207 582 8516.

Holy Days and Festivals (July – October 2006)

July 2006

Sunday	9	Martyrdom of the Bab (Baha’i)
Monday	10	Asala-Dhamma day (Buddhist)
Tuesday	11	St Benedict’s Day (Catholic) Guru Purnima (Hindu)

August 2006

Thursday	3	Tisha B’Av (Jewish)
Friday	4	Rasksha Bandhan (Hindu)
Sunday	6	Transfiguration (Christian)
Tuesday	15	Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary (Catholic)

September 2006

Saturday	9	Lailat-ul-Bara’h (Muslim)
Saturday	23	Rosh Hashana (Jewish) Navaratri begins (Hindu)
Sunday	24	Start of Ramadan (Islam)

October 2006

Monday	2	Yom Kippur (Jewish) Dussera (Hindu)
Saturday	7	Sukkot (Jewish)
Friday	13	Sukkot (Jewish)
Saturday	14	Shemini Atzeret (Jewish)
Sunday	15	Simchat Torah (Jewish)
Friday	20	Lailat al-Qadar (Muslim)
Saturday	21	Diwali (Hindu & Sikh)
Tuesday	24	Eid Ul Fitr - End of Ramadan (Islam)

Funding and Freebies

Lambeth First Community Chest 2006

The Community Chest Fund provides grants of £500 - £5000 to community and voluntary organisations for activities that promote community well being in the following theme categories:

- **Safer Communities**
- **Healthier Communities**
- **Engaged and Active Communities**

Deadline for applications 5pm Monday 31st July 2006.

This Community Chest is being delivered by Capital Community Foundation. Applications to the fund can be for activities within any part of Lambeth. Groups must be based in Lambeth and the majority of the beneficiaries must live in the borough.

To be eligible, your group must have the following:

- Annual income of less than £100,000
- A governing document (e.g. a constitution)
- An active management committee of at least three people (who are not related)
- Recent accounts (unless the group is new) and sound plans for managing your money

Your group will need to show:

- A practical commitment to equality of opportunity
- Good links with relevant organisations and provide an independent referee
- A child protection policy if working with children and young people

The fund also has the following PRIORITIES:

- Priority to smaller groups (with annual income of less than £50,000)
- Priority for groups undertaking joint-working or who have developed good links with other relevant organisations

The fund consists of Neighbourhood Renewal funding received by Lambeth First, the local strategic partnership for Lambeth and applications will be reviewed by an independent assessor. Please make sure your 'main contact' will be available during August in case we need to discuss your application. Decisions will be made by a panel of Lambeth First partners and applicants will be notified in September.

For more details on the guidance notes or help with your application please contact Capital Community Foundation, 357-359 Kennington Lane, London SE11

5QY, email enquiries@capitalcf.org.uk or call 020 7582 5117. www.capitalcf.org.uk

Please note that we do not accept completed applications by fax or email.

Lambeth Council Community Fund

Deadline for the 2nd round applications is 5pm Friday 15 September 2006.

The Community Funds has 2 streams: -

Community Chest

Small Grants are available for one-off projects with no ongoing funding commitment. This is to encourage and enable new activities/organisations to develop and support small innovative projects. Eligible projects include feasibility studies for large schemes, start-up costs and other capacity building initiatives. We welcome applications from small community groups that have not previously received funding, particularly from local black and minority ethnic groups.

Match/Partnership Fund

Larger grants are available for partnership projects and conditional on securing match funding from other sources. Priority will be given to projects developed through partnership with the Council and regeneration initiatives. (See guidance for detail on maximums).

How to Apply

- Applications for the Community Chest or Match/Partnership Fund are invited from formally constituted groups or organisations within the voluntary and community sector. Awards cannot be made to individuals or small businesses, or for rent/running costs.
- Applicants will need to satisfy the Council's corporate funding criteria and priorities set out in the guidance notes accompanying the application form. All successful organisations should expect to comply with the Council's standard conditions of grant aid, any special conditions and monitoring requirements.

Forms are also available from the Lambeth web site <http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/services/community-living/> or by e-mail mbrown2@lambeth.gov.uk. You may also call **0207 926 2468** for an application form.

Lloyds TSB Foundations: One of the largest grant-making trusts in the UK. The policy is to support **under funded charities** so people, especially **disadvantaged or disabled people**, can play a fuller role in the community. We support a wide range of activities which fall within the broad areas of Social and Community Needs, and Education and Training.

The Trustees regularly review changing social needs and will from time to time identify and support specific areas to focus on within their overall aims. We continue to have a particular interest in supporting charities working in the three areas of: **Family Support, Challenging Disadvantage and Discrimination and Helping to make the voluntary sector more effective.** For more information please visit website www.lloydstsbfoundations.org.uk or Call 0870 411 1223.

Mercer's Company: Projects of £50K or more that cover **Welfare** (youth, community & older), **Education, Heritage & Arts** and **Advancement of the Christian Religion.** Send written details of your planned work and funding needs on **no more than two sides of A4 paper.** You must also enclose your most recent statutory report and accounts. If your organisation is not required to produce full accounts, you must include a summary of your financial position. Most of the four committees meet on a 2/3-month basis to review funding applications. Some meet as frequently as 6-weeks. For more information and the various committee meeting dates please visit the website at www.mercers.co.uk

Your initial application should be sent to:
Head of Charity Services, The Mercers' Company
Mercers' Hall, Ironmonger Lane, London, EC2V 8HE

SPAN UK Link-Up Grants £1,000 for single parent self-help projects from SPAN UK

SPAN UK supports one-parent families in the UK through advice, guidance, online training and publications. Grants up to £1,000 for information services, Internet access, exchange days or training events. Get info from Jacquie on 0117 9514231 or info@spanuk.org.uk.

Sutton Trust: The main objective of the Sutton Trust is to support innovative projects that provide educational opportunities for young people from non-privileged backgrounds. Your innovative start-up project should have the scope to benefit large numbers in the future. The Sutton Trust will fund projects across the UK, in any area where there is need, including rural and inner city areas. The only exception is for specialist schools – only specialist schools in London are funded. The Sutton Trust tends to fund projects in a formal education setting, working primarily with organisations such as schools, universities, community groups, charities and research bodies. We do not fund individuals. Our work with the secondary school age group is focused on gifted and talented students. **There is no deadline for applications as Trustees meet regularly throughout the year.** For more information please visit www.suttontrust.com

The Carnegie UK Trust gives grants to projects that use creativity to benefit communities. For more details please contact Comely Park House, Dunfermline, Fife KY12 7EJ or telephone 01383 721445 or www.carnegietrust.org.uk.

The Wates Foundation aims to alleviate distress and improve the quality of life by promoting a range of social priorities. The emphasis is on **physical, mental and spiritual welfare of the young and disadvantaged aged 8-25.** Racial equality is key to all applications. Grants are concentrated on projects in Greater London with priority to the South London area. Full details are available on the website www.watesfoundation.org.uk

Trust for London supports new and emerging small voluntary organisations that benefit people and communities in London. The 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. They are especially keen to receive applications ethnic minority organisations. Call 0207 606 6145 or email info@cityparochial.org.uk for more details.

If you would like this information in large print, braille, audio tape or another language, please contact us on 020 7926 1180.

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Portuguese

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French

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

Bengali

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Yoruba

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