

FAITH in Lambeth

Lambeth Faith Groups Newsletter

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WELCOME TO THIS 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 **Dinah-Mary Allotey** on 020 7926 2664 or email dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk
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The next edition will be in June . If you would like to contribute the next newsletter please send your articles in by Friday 22nd May 2008.

Together We Are Getting Better

Welcome to the first newsletter of the year. We would like to say a big thank you to all our faith partners for your continuous support to the Council.

We hope you have heard that Lambeth Council has been awarded a three star rating out of four, for the Comprehensive Performance Assessment carried out by the Audit Commission on behalf of the Government

The Council could not have achieved this score without our partners, which includes you, faith communities in Lambeth, who continue to deliver services to the local community under sometimes challenging circumstances.

The Active Communities Team looks forward to continuous partnership work with Lambeth faith groups to help improve the well-being of our residents and ultimately attain a four out four rating.

Faith in Lambeth

Be Inspired, Be Informed, Be Involved!

Be Inspired – to make a difference
Be Informed – about policy & Council plans
Be Involved – in the political process to influence decision-making that shapes your community and neighbourhood.

As announced in previous newsletters the way in which the Council engages with faith groups in Lambeth is changing. Members of the Shadow Steering Group established last October are in the process of recruiting a part time worker to help take this work forward.



The Council will continue to support the Shadow Steering Group as we journey towards establishing an independent, borough wide, multi-faith network. Together we aim to develop a body that faith communities in Lambeth can be proud of and that can engage with partners in both public and private sectors.

If you would like to get involved in the development of this new structure or require more information about Faith in Lambeth please contact Dinah-Mary Allotey on 0207 926 2664, 07951 921 220 or dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk.

Fond Farewells

Huma Munshi

We are sad to announce that Huma Munshi, Lambeth Muslim Community Engagement Officer has left the Council to work at the Greater London Assembly.

Huma joined the Active Communities team in November 2006 and has done tremendous work with the Muslim community in Lambeth. She will be sorely missed and we wish her all the best in her new role.

If you would like to know more about the engagement work being done with the Muslim community or future meetings of the Lambeth Muslim Forum, please contact Donna Wiggins on 0207 926 2681 or 07908 236201.

Rabbi James Baaden

After eight years at the South London Liberal Synagogue, Rabbi James Baaden left at the end of January 2008 to pursue further studies at Oxford University. We wish him well with his studies.

Hannah Barker

Hannah Barker joined the Clapham and Stockwell Faith Forum team almost eighteen months ago. Hannah has been an asset to the local community in Clapham and Stockwell and to the wider faith communities. She will be missed and we hope she enjoys her new job.

Child Protection in Places of Worship

Lambeth Safeguarding Children's Board together with the Active Communities Team held another successful child protection training session in

February. The feedback from attendees was very positive and we will be holding one more session in the summer.

Lambeth Council is committed to promoting the well-being of children. Safeguarding children is everybody's responsibility and we would like to encourage children and youth workers from all faiths to attend this free training course. The provisional date for the next training session for this year is 17 June 2008. Details of time and venue will be confirmed nearer the date. Meanwhile please book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information please call Dinah-Mary Allotey on 0207 926 2664, 07951 921 220 or email dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk.

New Street Pastors Training starts March 2008.



The 2008 training sessions for Street Pastors started on 8 March. Training will be held at St Matthews Church, Brixton Hill, London SW2 1JF.

Within Lambeth Street Pastors are operating in the Brixton, West Norwood and Gipsy Hill areas. This is a great opportunity for the local church community to serve the wider local community by caring, listening and helping.

For further information and an application form please contact Kennedy Roberts at Ascension Trust on 020 7771 9770 / 020 7207 0008 or by email Lambeth@streetpastors.org.uk.

The Chaplaincy at Her Majesty's Prison, Brixton, Phil Chadder

At 7.30 each morning I wait at the lights for the cars streaming up and down Brixton Hill to stop to allow me to cross over into Jebb Avenue. Each

car heading for work, hurrying on the school run, making an early morning dash to the supermarket. Such are the activities of free men and women!

At the other end of Jebb Avenue is HMP Brixton, the temporary home to 800 men. This is a place where men are sent to deprive them of their freedom. Now, while I am yet to see an orderly queue of men forming along Jebb Avenue, asking to take up residency here, this actually is a place where a true and lasting freedom can be found.

The chaplaincy department has a key part to play in this. In the “busyness” of life on the outside it is perfectly possible to plough on without stopping to think about life’s big issues. Is there a God? What does God think of me? Can I come to know God for myself? What is God like?

Getting the right answers to those questions transforms life. The Chaplaincy Department at Brixton prison represents a wide variety of faith groups. We have a full-time Imam and full time Roman Catholic priest in addition to myself, the Church of England chaplain. We also have sessional chaplains meeting the needs of other faith groups. Our chapel is in use morning and afternoon every day and we have recently secured a second meeting area to meet the demand for new opportunities.

As chaplains, we operate with integrity to our own faith convictions while showing the highest standards of respect towards one another. As a Christian I will have different answers to life’s big questions to representatives of other faith groups. But those differences are not allowed to get in the way of very warm and supportive working relationships.

As a Christian working within the Criminal Justice System I delight in the fact that the first man to put his trust in the crucified Lord Jesus was the thief nailed to the next cross. This shows the great reach of the grace of God. And this grace is transforming. The apostle Paul – who would have been a candidate for HMP Jerusalem on charges of conspiracy to murder – was on his way to Damascus to persecute Christians when he came face to face with the risen Lord Jesus. His life was transformed. He later reminded the Christians in Galatia that it was ‘for freedom that Christ has set us free.’ Freedom from a rules-based approach to earning God’s acceptance (which doesn’t work), to a grace based approach of receiving God’s acceptance in Jesus (which is life transforming).

The irony is that the occupants of those cars passing the entrance to Jebb Avenue might enjoy a physical freedom denied to the men of HMP

Brixton. Many of the men of HMP Brixton, however, discover here a freedom that cannot be bought or achieved. It can only be received by grace and, if truly received, is life transforming.

Phil Chadder, HMPS, Brixton

The Lambeth Orchestra

The Lambeth Orchestra gave its first concert 35 years ago and from the start has pursued a policy of performing minor works of major composers and major works of minor composers. This is done alongside standard concerto, orchestral and choral repertoire, providing a mixture of the familiar with the less familiar, but always accessible music. It gives six concerts a year in addition to children’s concerts and choral concerts with various choral societies in and around London.

Our next concert is on **Saturday April 5**, in the church where we have taken up residency from next autumn, the restored All Saints’ Church, Lovelace Road, West Dulwich SE21, and features music by Dvorak, Elgar, Leonard Salzedo and Shostakovich. The orchestra has about 110 members, and rehearses every Thursday night for about forty weeks of the year at Christchurch, Mowl Street, nearest tube Oval.



Just over a year ago, the orchestra began the season with an all-Beethoven concert. We hope to stage another such event on 1 November 2008, but this time with a performance of Verdi’s Requiem, for which we will need singers!

The orchestra is run by a committee of playing members, and we pride ourselves in finding an extremely high calibre of young, up-and-coming soloists, many of them competition winners. Rehearsals are a mixture of hard work and fun, and the orchestra has a reputation for its high standards and friendliness. Of the numerous amateur orchestras in and around London, the

Lambeth Orchestra can take pride in being among those at the top of the premier league.

Be Safe - London Fire Brigade

London Fire Brigade in Lambeth are currently running a project aimed at improving fire safety in the homes of people who attend places of worship in the borough. This includes the distribution of fire safety literature, a visiting fire safety speaker who will attend meetings and free home fire safety visits by local fire fighters. If you would like to take advantage of this entire free service please use the contact details below.



Home Fire Safety Visits:
Freephone: 0800 028 44 28
Fire Community Safety Officer: Pete Watson,
London Fire Brigade, 07919 014341
pete.watson@london-fire.gov.uk



People First Expos

What is a People First Expo?

People First Expo is a place where local individuals and groups can come together in their own communities and focus on issues which directly

affect them. These innovative pilot events were run in January and February and provided opportunities for councillor involvement, providing excellent access opportunities to the community. If Expos are taken forward, they may provide opportunities for the future delivery of our own community and neighbourhood agenda, as they can clearly support strengthening the leadership role of the ward councillor and in the work of our partners. People First Expos are deliberately a different format from council or 'formal' meetings. They will enable a cross section of local individuals and groups to participate at each event, obtain partner information, participate in demonstrations, meet key partners, raise questions and gain feedback and seize the opportunity to interact within their local community and allow some time to focus on the local issues of concern. Through the active involvement of councillors and key representatives, there will be improved relationships with residents and key partners from the health, faith and community and voluntary sectors.

Sponsored by Lambeth First, the new and innovative People First Expos were piloted in three areas to try out new ways to reach more people more effectively locally.

Each pilot has tested ways to: Inform, Consult and Involve our communities.

The First People First Expo – North Lambeth

Faith Groups Get Involved in People First

'North Lambeth People First Expo took place on 26 January. Hosted by the Metropolitan Police Service, the aim of the event was to provide local information and outreach particularly to people who do not usually participate in meetings.

Public Sector agencies including the Police, Primary (Health) Care Trusts and the Fire Brigade Service, together with voluntary organisations and community groups all working in North Lambeth had information and outreach stalls. Two community safety grants were awarded on the day by those attending the event (Vauxhall City Farm and SE1 United both were awarded £500) and local businesses provided prizes for the raffle.



Entertainment was provided by local groups including a children and teenagers' ballroom dancing group from Vauxhall Gardens Community Centre. Highlights include a Question and Answer session with a panel including local councillors, Borough Police Commander Sharon Rowe and Jacob Whittingham of SE1 United all answering questions asked by the audience. Feedback has been very positive with frequently expressed views being "it was good to bring together senior staff with local politicians and organisations working in the area in an informal and friendly environment. The whole event had a real buzz", "We should have these events on a regular basis - When's the next one?"



'Special thanks must go to Pastors Mbakwe and Jibuike from All Nations Centre who supported the event from the very beginning. They promoted it to their congregation who turned out on the day in droves; their Lighthouse Education Service had a stall packed with information about their work.

Thank you All Nations Centre and North Lambeth Parish, who had stalls at the event. '

Frances Forrest, North Lambeth Town Centre Manager

The Second People First Expo – Brixton

The second People First Expo pilot was delivered in Brixton on Saturday 2 February 2008. This Expo was spread across three locations in Brixton; Tate Gardens (outside Brixton Library), Brighton House (next to Morleys department store) and the Karibu Centre (opposite Brixton Police Station). The theme for the Brixton Expo was 'Enterprise' and most of the stalls and presentation were linked to enterprise and youth, but also with a general theme of sustainability and green issues.



The Third People First Expo - Norwood

The final pilot for the People First Expo was held in Norwood on Saturday 9 February at Crown Lane Primary School. The theme for the Norwood Expo, which was opened by the Mayor of Lambeth, was 'Regenerating Norwood' with many local groups and key figures within the area in attendance.



It was a bright and sunny day which encouraged lots of visitors to browse and gain an insight of this brand new school. Local partnership groups and community and Norwood based voluntary sector organisations provided information about their work and interests and involved the community with their interactive demonstrations. The interactive theatre workshop, provided attendees with an opportunity to get involved and contribute to the borough's

Sustainable Community Strategy. This was led by Lambeth First.

Lambeth Deputy Youth Mayor Charlotte Ryan and the Norwood Youth Forum explained how they are working together with young people in Norwood. Local children and young people entertained everyone with their vocal talents, whilst face painting, story telling, mirror and badge making kept children attending entertained as everyone else networked with stall holders and local representatives.



Thank you to all who attended.

Feedback from Faith Events

Lambeth celebrates Eid-ul-Adha for the second time with the Muslim community

More than 350 people attended an Eid-ul-Adha celebration recently at Lambeth Town Hall. This special event – which built on the success of the first event supported by the council – sought to celebrate Lambeth’s Muslim communities in all its diversity.

The special programme for the day had been developed by members of the Lambeth Muslim Community Forum with members from Basaira, North Brixton Mosque and Muslim Sisters Jamaat particularly active.

The festival’s theme was a celebration of the community and its young people. The programme highlights included rapping from the Poetic Pilgrimage and an inspiring presentation by the keynote speaker from South Africa, Dr Abdul Hakim Quick on “The impact of Islam on civilisation.”



Dr Abdul Hakim Quick, key note speaker

For more information or if you want to get involved in the Muslim Leader’s Forum, please contact Donna Wiggins at 0207 926 2681 or email dwiggins@lambeth.gov.uk.

Seminar for Head teachers on engaging with Muslim pupils

On 23 January Lambeth Ethnic Minority Achievement Team (EMAT) held an event in Clapham at the Lambeth Academy. Lambeth EMAT facilitated a seminar to provide information and advice on engaging with Muslim parents, in order to meet the needs of Muslim children and young people.

The meeting begun with a presentation which set the scene by Professor Shah from Leicester University who highlighted the context for community engagement, and some of the issues faced by schools and the community.

This was followed by a lively question and answer session with panels members: Dr Shah; Firdoz Quazi, Head Teacher from Iqra School, a Muslim school based in central Brixton; Huma Munshi, Lambeth’s Muslim Communities Coordinator; Toaha Qureshi, Chair of Stockwell Green Community Services, and Dr Hassan from the Somali Muslim community.

Key issues raised included how to ensure information on sex and sexuality is provided in a way that does not compromise values Muslims may hold. This was also a valuable opportunity to share best practice on how to engage with diverse Muslim communities – engaging with a “community of communities” – including being open and transparent with Muslim families and treating each family as an individual case within the parameters of what is legal and feasible.

Schools were given a *Short Guide to Islam*, produced by Lambeth Council and which can be downloaded at the faith website www.lambeth.gov.uk/FaithInLambeth/ShortGuides/lam.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2008

On Sunday 27 January, Lambeth Council held its annual commemorative Holocaust event. The Assembly hall was in full attendance with over 300 people.



The Mayor of Lambeth welcomed guests, followed by the key note speaker His Excellency Claver Gatete, the Rwandan Ambassador to the UK.



Rwandan Ambassador, His Excellency Claver Gatete

The programme for the event included the moving testimony of Holocaust survivor, Lore Robinson and a speech from local Rabbi James Baaden amongst others. Rev Robert King of Brixton Baptist Church led the assembly hall packed with guests in acknowledging the Genocide Watch and taking a stand against genocide.



Holocaust survivor Lore Robinson

Guests were treated to the delightful voices of children from Corpus Christi Primary School, whilst our secondary school students were not to be outdone as they so beautifully read a number of short stories and poetry. The afternoon ended with a time of reflection by Chief Executive of Lambeth Council, Derrick Anderson.

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's event significant and a great success.



Corpus Christi Primary School Choir

Love is better than hate: So let us hate Hate Crime

A couple of weeks ago, my sister and I put on our cycling gear, helmets, gloves and light reflectors and embraced the bitter cold of a sunny Monday morning to attend a day long seminar on 'Hate Crime', following an invitation from the Lambeth council through our father.

After spending a few minutes in the labyrinth of houses and shops behind Stockwell tube station, we finally found the Community Centre we were going to be in that day. To the seminar's leader surprise, we were all punctual, even early for the half past nine registration. After a cup of tea and biscuits, the sun streaming through the colourful

window bouncing off the bright multi-coloured walls, we were all filled with a certain urgency and calm expectation. I, for sure, was extremely excited.

We were from different backgrounds, with various histories and stories to tell. Some were Christians, others Hindus, some white, others Indians. Some homosexuals while others heterosexuals. There were teachers, leaders, social workers, law enforcers and housing association representatives. Faith and I brought a youthful and artistic element to the group as well as a Christian view point.

We learnt a tremendous amount concerning hate crime, which, unlike typical common crime such as stealing or selling illegal substances, attacks the core being of a person on the grounds of being different, whether based on race, religious beliefs, faith, physical or mental disability or sexual orientation. Hate crime can be verbal, like calling someone names, physical like pushing someone aside or on the ground or even killing. Hate crime can also be psychological and can damage the inner being of a person.

One particular touching moment that spoke to me the most was a video of a Jewish Synagogue that was burnt down by hate criminals somewhere in the United States of America, and all the valuable books and scrolls were destroyed. But in the face of hardship, the congregation with the formidable support of the community made up of people of faiths, denominations, races gathered together and united against such atrocious hateful acts.

As a young adult and strong believer in the unity of the human race, I felt encouraged and challenged by this seminar as it highlighted the dangers of intolerance and hate and stressed the importance of standing up against injustices. And standing up can begin with us changing seats and sitting next to him/her, next to whom we would not normally sit. It is speaking for those who are marginalized or forgotten.

Jesus always went and reached out to the 'rejects' of the society. We can slowly build the Kingdom of God by uniting with brothers and sisters who are being persecuted for being who they are, and by healing wounds and spreading messages of hope. I admit it is not easy but together we can make a difference.

Dorothee Munyaneza

South London Interfaith Group, Sarah Thorley

On Saturday 2 February some 40 or so members of the SLIFG and their friends met at St John's Church Clapham. It was Candlemas Day and we all lit candles to recall Jesus' presentation, when he was a small child, at the Temple in Jerusalem. We then were treated to a delicious meal cooked by SLIFG's Secretary, Alan Gadd. This was followed by a 30 minute video film, made by Bernard Morden of the Manor Place Buddhist Centre, of the Group's all-day inter faith walk through Southwark last July.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the SLIFG, which organises events about six times a year, please contact Alan Gadd on 020 8678 8977 or email secretary@southlondoninterfaith.org.uk. www.southlondoninterfaith.org.uk

Notice Board

Inter Faith Walk

Please note that the SLIFG's twelfth annual Inter Faith Walk is to take place this year on July 12th in nearby Balham and Tooting, in collaboration with BATCA (Balham and Tooting Community Association). We shall be visiting Christian, Sikh, Hindu and Muslim places of worship. Anybody is welcome to join us – put the date in your diary (more detailed information will be available in June). For more information please contact Alan Gadd on 020 8678 8977.

Celebrating Faith in Lambeth Directory

We are developing a web based Faith Directory and have plans to publish a directory of faith based organisations in Lambeth.

To ensure we hold the right information about your organisation please visit the website to check your details are up to date.

If your details have changed since you last sent through your form or you would like to have your details on the website please contact the Faith Officer at the details below.

Tel: 020 7926 2664 or 07951 921 220

Email: dmallotey@lambeth.gov.uk

Website: www.lambeth.gov.uk/faithinlambeth

(You can download a form from the website).

Dates for your Diary

Lambeth Orchestra Saturday 5 April, 7.30pm

Lambeth Orchestra will hold its next concert at All Saints' Church, Lovelace Road, West Dulwich SE21. Special offer: £10 tickets will be reduced to £8 if you bring a copy of this magazine with you!

Ageing Faithfully Sunday 13 April, 2.30pm

LAMAG Spring Event. Lambeth Multifaith Action Group is pleased to announce "Ageing Faithfully". Speakers from different faith backgrounds will contribute their thoughts followed by questions and ending with refreshments. All are welcome and admission is free! Please wear modest clothing.

For more information contact Rev Canon Dr Bill Musk LAMAG Committee, Group, (LAMAG) c/o P.O. Box 14475 London SW16 1ZW or email lambethfaith@yahoo.co.uk.

Venue: Hyderi Islamic Centre, 26 Estreham Road, Streatham Vale, SW16.

Understanding Islam Every Tuesday 7pm-9pm, starting 15 April (No session half term May 27)

A free 10-week course introducing the basics of Islam. This highly accessible, interactive course is open to all who want to learn more about Islam, facilitated by Dr Chris Hewer, St Ethelburga Fellow in Christian-Muslim Relations.

Venue: First 5 sessions take place at St Michael's Church, Stockwell Park Crescent SW9

Venue: Last 5 sessions take place at Stockwell Green Mosque, Stockwell Green SW9 9HZ

Gracious processes: Theological perspectives on fostering mental wellbeing in the community

Thursday 8 May 10am-12 noon

The Lambeth Spirituality & Wellbeing Alliance is pleased to announce the above seminar with Ann Morisy. Christian Theology at its best is very practical. It can offer alternative perspectives and fresh imagination that lead to new approaches.

The event will have plenty of scope for discussion and opportunities for people to speak from experience. Lunch will be served after the event.

Venue: The Room of Peace, Lambeth Hospital, 108 Landor Road, SW9
Please RSVP to Linda.Biggs@slam.nhs.uk, or call 0203 228 2146

Fathers for Life Campaign Thursday 8 May, 6pm – 8pm

Mighty Men of Valour invites you to sign up and support their Fathers for Life Campaign. For more information please call Frederick Clarke on 07958 770 779.

Holy Days and Festivals (March 2008 – May 2008)

March 2008

Sunday	2	Nineteen Day Fast start (Bahai)
Thursday	6	Mahashivratri (Hindu)
Sunday	16	Palm Sunday (Christian)
Monday	17	St Patrick's Day (Christian)
Thursday	20	Milad un Nabi (Muslim)
Friday	21	Good Friday (Christian) Holi (Hindu) Purim (Jewish) Naw – Ruz (Bahai)
Saturday	22	Hola Mohalla (Sikh)
Sunday	23	Easter Sunday (Christian)
Tuesday	25	Milad un Nabi (Shia Muslim)

April 2008

Sunday	13	Vaisakhi (Sikh)
Monday	14	Hola Mohalla (Nanakshai calendar, Sikh) Rama Navami (Hindu)
Saturday	19	Hanuman Jayanti (Hindu)
Sunday	20	Passover (Jewish)
Monday	21	Ridvan – first day (Bahai)
Sunday	27	Easter (Orthodox Christian)

May 2008

Thursday	1	Ascension Day (Christian)
Friday	2	Yom Hashoah (Jewish) Ridvan – twelfth day (Bahai) Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev (Nanakshahi Calendar, Sikh)
Sunday	11	Pentecost – Whitsun (Christian)
Sunday	18	All Saints' Day (Orthodox Christian)
Tuesday	20	Wesak or Buddha Day (Buddhist)
Friday	23	Declaration of the Bab (Bahai)
Sunday	25	Corpus Christi (Christian)
Thursday	29	Ascension of Bah'u'llah (Bahai)

Funding and Freebies

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 they want to fund.

Awards for All is an open scheme aimed at not-for-profit organisations like charities, voluntary and community groups, sports clubs and arts organisations. Awards for All funds projects that fall under broad headings. These are: environment, education, health, heritage, sports, arts and community.

The aims of Awards for All are to:

- **extend access and participation**
- **support community activity**
- **increase skill and creativity**
- **improve quality of life**

Applications are welcome from all sectors of the community and all over the UK.

Deadline: You can apply to Awards for All at any time. Once they receive a completed application they aim to notify you of their decision within eight to twelve weeks. As well as the application form, which is very short, applicants must send them

their constitution, latest set of annual accounts and original bank statements.

To obtain an application pack, call 0845 600 20 40, or for more information about Awards for All visit our website www.awardsforall.org.uk.

Big Lottery Family Learning Fund: Minimum £10,000, Maximum £500,000. The programme helps parents to understand more about how their children learn and encourages adults and children to learn as a family.

By "family" we mean at least one parent or adult carer and at least one child under the age of 16. Big lottery will only fund projects that involve adults and children learning together and deliver all three of the following changes:

- **family members participate in and enjoy educational activity more**
- **family members have more skills and knowledge (these may include confidence and effective communication);**
- **parents and carers are better able to interact positively with their children and support them in learning.**

The fund wants to support families who face barriers to learning or who are not confident helping their children to learn. They are particularly interested in hearing from projects where learning is not based on getting a qualification and those that will help families who have not been involved in learning together before. They are looking for imaginative projects that meet local needs and remove the practical barriers to learning, for example, by providing travel costs, additional support for disabled participants, or childcare.

You can apply for grants of over £10,000 and up to £500,000, though we would expect the average grant to be between £100,000 - £150,000. Projects will be funded for up to five years. Applications to the Family Learning fund can be made on a local or national basis if you are:

- **a registered charity**
- **a voluntary or community group**
- **a charitable or not-for-profit company**
- **a social enterprise**
- **a private sector organisation.**

Deadline: 29 August 2008. If you have any questions about this programme, or you want an application pack and guidance, please call the Big Lottery Fund Advice Line on 08454 10 20 30.

Community Champion Funds supports the work of local people who can encourage others to get more involved in renewing their neighbourhoods. The fund is designed to increase the skills levels of individuals to enable them to act as inspirational figures, community entrepreneurs, and community mentors/leaders, in order to increase community involvement in regeneration and learning activity. The Fund also encourages older (50+) volunteers to get involved in helping their communities. The main type of funded activity is very small-scale but it is activity that makes a real difference.

Contact Sue Halstead on 020 7217 3711 or email sue.halstead@gol.gsi.gov.uk, or visit the website at www.go-london.gov.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. 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

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.

TFL funds areas of work 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 help strengthen mother-tongue and supplementary schools;
- To provide creative educational opportunities;
- To address new and emerging needs.

Who can apply

You will need to demonstrate that all the criteria below apply to your organisation. You must:

- benefit local people and communities in London;
- be run by volunteers or have paid staff that between them work no more than 35 hours per week. This may include full-time or part-time staff but does not include tutors who work sessional hours e.g. teachers at a supplementary school;
- have a high level of user involvement, including on your management committee;
- be undertaking charitable work, though you do not have to be a registered charity;
- have a constitution or a set of rules which governs your activities.

New funding guidelines for 2007-2011 are now available to download. If you cannot download the guidelines, printed copies are available from our offices (6 Middle Street, London EC1A 7PH). Please ring 020 7606 6145 for a copy or email info@cityparochial.org.uk.

Vcashpoint: Maximum £2,500 funding for 16-25 year olds to set up volunteering projects. Vcashpoint is giving away £1 million to 16-25 year olds in England who want to set up their own volunteering project in their community.

If you've got a great idea, Vcashpoint's got the money. Read the Vcash notes and apply online (or on paper) for up to £2500 to help you turn your ideas into reality. It's easy!

How can I spend the cash? Vcashpoint funds new projects that are led by young people and really make a difference to the community. Your project should create at least three new opportunities for young people to volunteer – so there's every opportunity to get your mates on board. Vcashpoint will fund new projects or ideas which aim to expand or develop projects which have been carried out once in the past, involving new young volunteers. All projects must create at least three NEW volunteering opportunities for 16-25 year olds, be youth-led, take place in England and benefit a chosen community. Vcashpoint must be the only source of funding for the project. www.vinspired.com/vbuzz/campaigns/175/

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 Regeneration and Housing 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

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Primary School pupil signing the HMD Book of Remembrance