

Brixton NET

Connecting Communities

April 2007 Monthly Bulletin

Meetings

Herne Hill Forum

Thursday 19 April, 7:00 pm

St John's Hall, Heron Road (off Lowden Rd & Milkwood Rd), SE24

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

Brixton Area Committee

Wednesday 9 May, 7:00pm

St Matthew's Tenants' Hall, St Matthew's Road, SW2

Brixton Business Forum - Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 16th May, 6:30 pm

Karibu Education Centre, Gresham Road, London SW9

The Forum will discuss their terms of reference and will also elect a new Chair, Vice Chair and management committee.

Brixton Area forum (BAF) – update

The Town Centre Forum, a working group of BAF, met on the 26 March to discuss planning issues in the Town Centre. Issues such as the removal of shop fronts and their replacement by shutters, scaffolding on buildings on Brixton Road and attached advertising were discussed. Councillor Paul McGlone was in attendance and a lively discussion took place, focussing on enforcement on these issues as taken by the Council.

An election was held, with John Gordon being elected as the Chair, Karin Christiansen being elected as Vice Chair and Nicola Barker as Secretary. A big thank you to Nicholas Weedon, who has acted as chair of the group since it was set up in May 2006.

Brixton Area committee (BAC) update

The Brixton Area Committee held a lively meeting last week to discuss the temporary closure of the Brixton Recreation Centre. If you would like more information about Brixton Recreation Centre, visit Lambeth's:

<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/LeisureCulture/SportsClubsCentres/LeisureCentres/BrixtonRecreationCentre.htm>

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

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Bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade

Following the success of last month's ceremonies marking the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in Britain, events and activities will be continuing throughout the year Lambeth.

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

Events will include debates, travelling theatre in schools, reading groups in libraries, historic walks and a specially commissioned history of Lambeth.

This month's highlights include:

Caribbean Book Fair Comes to Lambeth

Friday 20 April, 4pm to 9pm, Brixton Library

As part of the London International Book Fair at Earl's Court, Caribbean publishers will be showcasing their latest titles here in Lambeth in this mini book fair, with an "after party" and discussions at Brixton Library. New publications like Anne C Bailey's *African Voices of the Atlantic Slave Trade* will be available and Prof Verene Shepherd, author and Chair of the Jamaican National Bicentenary Committee, will be the key note speaker.

Lambeth & the Abolition – the Big Debate

Town Hall, Thursday 26 April, 7pm

A distinguished panel, including Colin Precod of the Race Relations Institute, Lee Jaspers, Equalities Advisor the Mayor of London, and Meg Munn, Minister for Women & Equality, will debate the meaning and significance of the events of 1807.

To register for a seat, please call – 020 7926 6076 or email – abolition@lambeth.gov.uk

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

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

News & Events

Age Concern Lambeth April Sees the Launch of the *Your Rights* Campaign

Age Concern Lambeth is pledging to put an extra 50 millions in the pockets of older people before April 2008 to mark the launch of their *Your Rights* campaign.

The new campaign aims to build on the success of the previous campaigns, helping more local residents than ever before to claim the benefits they are entitled to. The campaign will focus on different benefits every two months starting with Council Tax Benefit and Housing Benefit during April and May.

Age Concern Lambeth will be running an information stall outside Brixton Marks & Spencer on Tuesday 10th April from 10.30-2.30pm and benefits advisors are available throughout the year to provide help and information to older people across Lambeth. All local older people are urged to pop in for a benefits check at one of our surgeries located across the borough. The campaign will look at the following benefits:

April–May, Council Tax Benefit & Housing Benefit

June–July, Carer's Benefit

August–September, Attendance Allowance & Disability Living Allowance

October–November, Pension Credit

December–January, Help with heating costs

February–March, Help with health costs

For more information contact:

Blossom Kiffin, Information & Advice Manager
Age Concern Lambeth
336 Brixton Road, London, SW9 7AA
Tel - 020 7733 0528
Email - b.kiffin@aclambeth.org.uk

Multi-faith Women's Art Sessions
Tuesday 10 April, 4:30pm – 7pm
Lambeth Women's Project, 166 Stockwell Road, SW9

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

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

Next sessions:
Tuesday, 8 May, 12:30pm – 3pm

For more info contact:

Huma Munshi, Muslim Communities Engagement Officer
Tel: 07983560032
Email: hmunshi@lambeth.gov.uk

Hannah Barker, Clapham & Stockwell Faith Forum
Tel: 07958 353652
Email: info@csff.co.uk

Peace In Our Community

Christ Church Primary School, Cancell Road, London SW9 6HN
Easter Sunday, 10:00am, 8 April

Come and celebrate Easter and enjoy a Free English Breakfast

This event is sponsored by the Redeemed Christian Church of God Faith Chapel
(Charity number 1085735)

For further info, please contact:
Mr A Dawodu - f.dawodu@tiscali.co.uk
Tel: 0800-066-2904

Volunteers Week 2007

Volunteers' Week is now in its 23rd year and is still the number one occasion for recognising, rewarding and recruiting volunteers in the UK. Whether you belong to the third, public or private sector, there are plenty of ways in which you can support and celebrate the efforts of your volunteers.

There are a number of ways in which you can get involved – *Volunteers Week* will be showcasing these and giving you tips on how you can prepare everything for the start of the week at the Volunteers' Week website: www.volunteersweek.org.uk.

For further information or any Volunteers' Week queries that you have contact the Volunteers' Week team on: volunteersweek@volunteeringengland.org or 0845 305 6979

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New Geographies
198 Gallery, 198 Railton Road, SE24
11am – 5pm until 11 May

An exhibition of works by Monica de Miranda using multimedia, video and installation, exploring cosmopolitanism, globalisation, multiple senses of belonging and the erosion of national identities in an urban metropolis such as London.

For further information
Tel: 020 7978 8309
Email: gallery@198gallery.co.uk
www.198gallery.co.uk

British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV)
BAT – Biodiversity in Action Teams – BAT South

Interested in volunteering work on local environmental campaigns? Local projects over the next month include:

Church Manor Estate Community Garden, SW9
Join the spring garden tidy up, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12 April.

Moorlands Estate Nature Garden, SW9.
Help to clear the nature garden of overgrown vegetation and fly tipped matter. Very limited places available, unfortunately, so please enquire first. 1, 2, 3 May

To book call the BAT South team – tel 020 72784 4294 or email – london@btcv.org.uk

For about enquiries about BAT South, please call Projects Officer Richard Jedrzejczak, tel 020 7735 6525, or email – Lambeth@btcv.org.uk

For further info about BTCV activities in London, go to their website:
www.btcv.org/london

Lambeth Community Police Consultative Group

LCPCG recommend the following useful community websites:

Neighbourhood Fix-It.com

This website allows you to mark on a map a such things as dumped vehicles, accumulating rubbish, lamps out or graffiti etc.

www.neighbourhoodfixit.com

Planning Alerts.com

New planning applications often have community safety implications eg change of use, opportunities for designing out crime and so on.

This website allows you to specify a postcode, and an area of between 200m and 2km around it, and thereafter you will be emailed details of new planning applications in that area.

www.planningalerts.com

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Edge Upstarts Awards – Excellence in Social Enterprise

Edge Upstarts Awards 2007 recognises excellence in all aspects of social enterprise, including their vital contribution to training and practical learning.

The Edge Upstarts Awards 2007 were launched on 25 January 2007 with a lively debate on the topic "Are politicians really committed to social enterprise?"

Nominations for the Edge Upstarts Awards 2007 are now open. **All entries must be made by 8 April 2007.**

The award categories are:

- Social entrepreneur of the year
- Social enterprise of the year
- Young social entrepreneur of the year
- Social enterprise mentor of the year
- Social enterprise trainee of the year

Please direct all enquires regarding Edge Upstarts to Charlotte Eisenhart,

E-mail: upstarts@newstatesman.co.uk or Phone: 020 7881 5645

Website: <http://www.edgeupstarts.org/2007/eu07nominate.htm>

Health in Lambeth - Primary Care Trust News

A reminder that South East London NHS has set up *A Picture of Health* website that tells you how the NHS is speaking about our plans with a number of local bodies, including the Lambeth Primary Care Trust (PCT).

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

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

www.apictureofhealth.nhs.uk

Education & Training

GLE One London Business Advice Service South Central

GLE One London provides a wide range of business support to people thinking of starting their own business and to those looking to grow their business. They also offer a number of free courses for Lambeth residents ranging from ½ day seminars to 3 day classes and workshops running regularly throughout the year. Courses include:

- **Introduction to starting your own business**
- **Business start up courses**

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- **Marketing for growth**
- **Book-keeping made simple**
- **Music as a Business**
- **Starting a social enterprise**

For further information call the Brixton Office on tel. 020 7274 9119

One London Business Advice Service South Central
53 Brixton Station Road
London SW9 8PQ

www.one-london.com
www.gle.co.uk

Employment

Thessaly Community Project, Yvonne Carr Community Centre After School Club Cook

£6.50-£7 per hour, 13-16 hours per week (negotiable) term time only.

This is a 6 month term contract initially. The successful applicant will need to ensure the club retains its high reputation and be fun for the children whilst working towards healthy eating systems.

You will need to;

- Shop for, and prepare dinner for the After School Club children
- Be responsible for the kitchen and café cleanliness, where the children eat
- Clear up after cooking; café and kitchen
- Enjoy working in a team; with children, playworkers and parents/carers.

It is necessary to;

- have past experience of food preparation/cooking

It is not necessary but would be beneficial if;

- you have a CRB check
- you have Food Hygiene Certificate
- You have experience of working with and cooking for children

It would be necessary for you to take the Basic Food Hygiene Certificate and allow a CRB (police check) should you not have one and be offered the job.

Closing date: Friday 16th April

Contact Melissa Devine for an application form

Email. melissadevine@homechoice.co.uk

Tel. 020 7622 1250

Funding Opportunities

Home Office *Connected Fund*

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

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

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

www.connected.gov.uk