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# About your North Ken News

**North Ken News is a dedicated newsletter for North Kensington communities produced by Kensington and Chelsea Council.**

## Have you got news for us?

We are always on the lookout for good news stories, whether they are about an event you are running, a local hero who is working wonders in your community or a programme or course that local residents could benefit from.

If you would like to get in touch with an idea or story, please email [northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk) and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

## Tell us what you think

We're interested in hearing your feedback about North Ken News. We want to produce a newsletter which you enjoy reading and you find useful, so please let us know what you'd like to see more of. Email us at [northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk)

## Staying in touch

There are other ways to keep up to date with borough-wide news as well as updates and announcements from Kensington and Chelsea Council.

 [@RBKC](https://twitter.com/RBKC)

 [www.facebook.com/royalborough](https://www.facebook.com/royalborough)

 [www.nextdoor.co.uk](https://www.nextdoor.co.uk)

## For updates on Grenfell

 [@GrenfellUpdates](https://twitter.com/GrenfellUpdates)

 [www.rbkc.gov.uk/grenfell](https://www.rbkc.gov.uk/grenfell)

If you would like to opt out of receiving North Ken News or would prefer to read it online, please let us know at [northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk)

## Subscribe to K&C Life, our monthly newsletter

We've launched a brand new newsletter to bring you the latest information that's relevant to your life in Kensington and Chelsea, K&C Life. Discover what's on, learn about our latest initiatives and receive updates about our services.

To find out more about our newsletter or to join the mailing list, visit [www.rbkc.gov.uk](https://www.rbkc.gov.uk) and search **K&C Life**.

# Could you be keeping your home warm for less?

The Council is working with environmental charity Groundworks to offer an assessment of ways to make your home more energy efficient and help you save money with a free visit from a Green Doctor.

Residents who meet the qualification criteria can get a free visit from a Green Doctor who will look at ways to make your home more energy efficient and help you save money.




You may qualify for this free service if you are:

- Aged 16 to 25 and on a low income
- Over 65
- On a low income, pregnant or with children under five
- Young parents aged under 35 on low income
- A sufferer of respiratory or cardiovascular disease and on low income
- Affected by severe mental illness or dementia and on low income
- Affected by multiple health issues, physical disability or suffering from long term on low income.

To see if you meet the qualification criteria or arrange a home visit, call **0300 365 5003** or email [GreenDoctorsLDN@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:GreenDoctorsLDN@groundwork.org.uk)

**For more information, visit**

 [www.rbkc.gov.uk](https://www.rbkc.gov.uk) and search 'Greener Borough'

# Changes to the Grenfell Telephone Night Service

**The Grenfell Telephone Night Service has now merged with Central North West London NHS Foundation Trust (CNWL) 24-hour Single Point of Access (SPA) and the Grenfell Support Line.**

The SPA provides one number and one email address for people seeking emotional and mental health support in the area. The service helps and advises individuals, as well as those ringing on behalf of a friend, neighbour, family or community member.

Services available for adults over the age of 18 are:

- 8am to 8pm, Monday to Thursday and 8am to 5pm on Friday: Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service on **020 8637 6279** or by email [Grenfell.wellbeing@nhs.net](mailto:Grenfell.wellbeing@nhs.net)
- 5pm to 8pm on Friday and 8am to 8pm at weekends: Outreach on **020 8962 4393**
- From 8pm, the NHS SPA and Grenfell Support line on **0800 0234 650** or email [cnw-tr.SPA@nhs.net](mailto:cnw-tr.SPA@nhs.net)

Services available for children and young adults up to the age of 18 are:

- 8am to 5pm, Monday to Friday: Children and Young Peoples Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service on **020 8637 6279** or by email [Grenfell.wellbeing@nhs.net](mailto:Grenfell.wellbeing@nhs.net)
- After 5pm and at weekends: If a child or a young person up to the age of 18 years of age needs help or anyone else has a concern please call the CAMHS Gateway Service on **020 3028 8475**.

People are also able to call the Samaritans on **116 123**. This is a free, confidential 24-hour service. If you need urgent help, call **999**.

Further information can be found at [www.grenfell.nhs.uk](http://www.grenfell.nhs.uk)

## Going green in RBKC

Join the Kensington Society at Kensington Town Hall's Small Hall (Hornton Street, W8 7NX) for an evening seminar on creating a greener, cleaner borough. Hear from relevant officers about environmental plans for Kensington and Chelsea and have your say. Come along at 6.30pm until roughly 8.30pm on Monday 17 February.

For more information contact [events@kensingtonsociety.org](mailto:events@kensingtonsociety.org)



# Learn more about the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

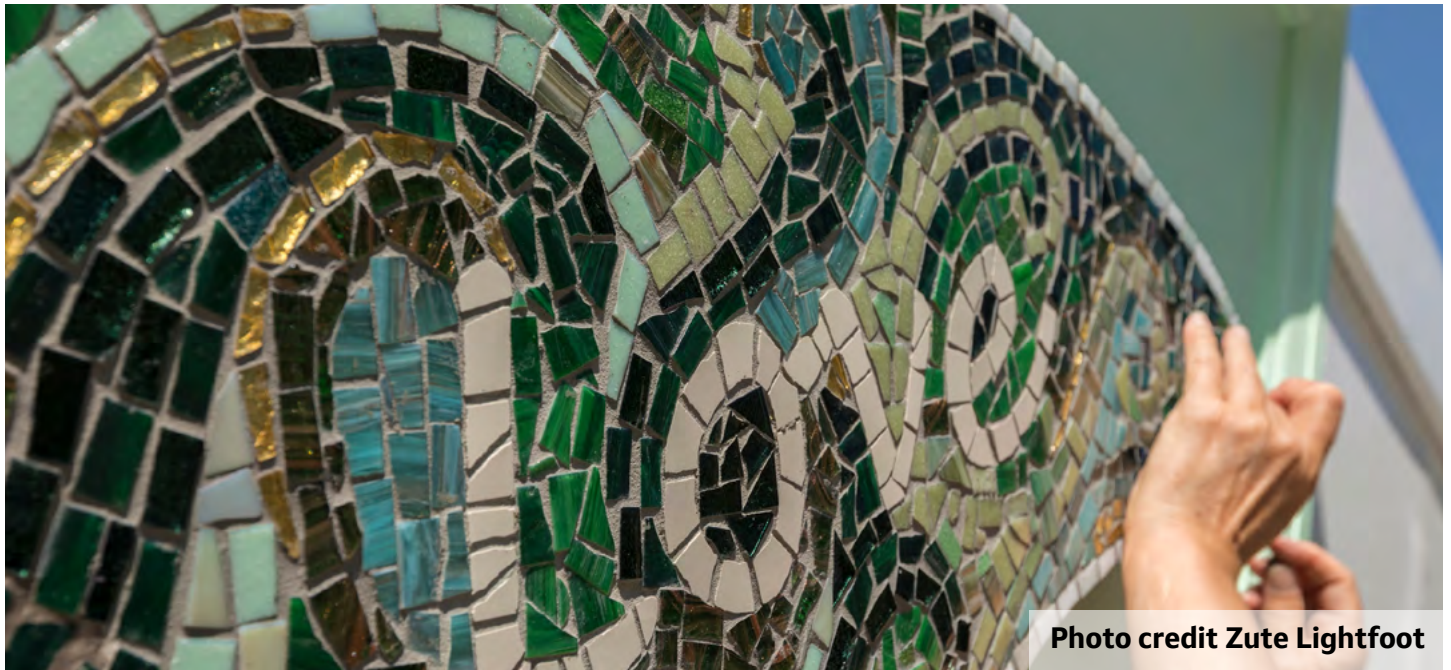


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## Catch It, Bin It, Kill It

Looking for ways to stay well? Avoid the spread of flu by practicing **Catch It, Bin It, Kill It** – catch your cough or sneeze with a tissue, bin it and wash your hands thoroughly. Don't forget it's also not too late to have your flu vaccine.

Find out more about avoiding the flu [www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/keep-warm-keep-well](http://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/keep-warm-keep-well)



The independent Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission would like to invite the North Kensington community to one of several drop-in events in February. The events are an opportunity to find out about the Memorial Commission, the work to finalise its membership, and plans for the future. Visitors will be able to ask questions and learn more about how to be involved in what happens next.

The Memorial Commission will work with bereaved families, survivors and North Kensington residents to develop a community-led proposal for the most fitting and appropriate way to remember those who lost their lives in the Grenfell tragedy. Along with an independent chair, the Commission also includes relevant public authority representatives. The community representatives will seek the community's views and ensure they are at the heart of the Commission's work.

The journey towards creating a lasting memorial is a very important one. We are keen to hear your thoughts and will be communicating with and involving the community at every step along the way.

Drop-in sessions will take place at Kensington and Chelsea College, Wornington Road, W10 5QQ from 4pm to 7pm on Monday 10 February and Wednesday 12 February.

Events are also being held for the bereaved families and former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk.

You can join the MHCLG mailing list through the 'contact' page on the Grenfell Tower Memorial website, by emailing [GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk](mailto:GTMCSecretariat@communities.gov.uk) or by phoning **0303 444 4831**

For information on the Memorial Commission and the minutes of its meetings please visit: [www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk)

# First set of projects funded by Grenfell Projects Fund

**More than 150 local residents met on Saturday 11 January to decide on the first set of funding from the Grenfell Projects Fund. Presentations were made from local organisations, individuals and new collectives to the packed sports hall at Kensington Aldridge Academy.**

Residents were equipped with voting devices which they used to score the projects from one to five. At the end of each outcome, the successful projects were announced, and the money granted.

The community voted on outcome one (wellbeing for children, young people or adults) and outcome two (educational opportunities to increase skills, knowledge, enterprise and qualifications).

It was initially planned that six outcomes would be voted on. In response to resident feedback on the day, we decided to space the outcomes out to ensure that every project would get a fair amount of time, and so that every outcome could be voted on by all residents without clashes.

There will now be a second Decision Day for the remaining four outcomes on **Saturday 8 February** at St Clement Church, Treadgold Street, W11 4BP.

Doors open 9am  
Event starts 10am

## How to register for the Decision Day?

Those residents who registered for the Decision Day on Saturday 11 January will take priority. We



will be emailing you to confirm whether you wish to attend on Saturday 8 February. We still have some spaces available so, any residents aged over 18 who live in Notting Dale, Norland, St Helen's, Dalgarno, Golborne, Colville and Pembridge wards are able to attend and participate in the event. You should bring ID and proof of address on the day. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Please attend St Clement Church from 9am – please note that the event will start promptly at 10am. You will be required to sign in before enjoying the rest of the day.

There will be a further Grenfell Projects Fund in Summer 2020.

This first Grenfell Projects Fund has been warmly welcomed by many residents and we thank everyone who has got involved in the Fund to make it a transparent process that gives more direct decision-making to the community.

Grenfell  
**Projects  
Fund**

# Successful projects from Outcome One

## The successful projects in Outcome One - Wellbeing for children, young people or adults - who shared the £100k funding were:

**Minds United Football Club** will provide football sessions for adults in the local community who have mental health issues/substance misuse issues following the Grenfell tragedy.

**Swimunity** will offer free swimming workshops to children aged six to 12 years old, mixed adults and women only sessions.

**1 Utd** will create a safe, informal and open access space for young people aged 17 to 25 years old to provide training and help them find solutions to day-to-day issues.

**Lancaster West Children's Network** will set up a community Take and Play Club to deliver activities and provide resources that support children's development and improve their wellbeing through play.

**Fit for Life Youth CIC** is a boxing and fitness programme who are planning to work within 11 schools and colleges across north Kensington.

**Youth Action Alliance: More than a Woman** is a girls only youth club which promotes life skills, wellbeing and female empowerment. The funding will allow them to build on the work they currently deliver.

**Youth Action Alliance: Stable Way Holidays** will deliver a programme of offsite activities for up to 40 traveller children aged between six and 16 years old and will offer support to help them stay in school, enrol in college and get into work.

**Progressay** will set up an education and enterprise project that will provide support and wellbeing for young people through a weekly education, employability and enterprise support group.

**Cuban Boxing Academy** (part funded) will offer sessions and (where required) therapy in a family, integration and social inclusion focused syllabus.



# Successful projects from Outcome Two

**The successful projects in Outcome Two - Educational opportunities to increase skills, knowledge, enterprise and qualifications - who shared the £100k funding were:**

**Society for Young Artists** will engage young people to translate their art into products they can sell through a quarterly pop-up shop. The project will teach financial, entrepreneurial and communication skills.

**Grenfell Community Workshop** will use the skills of retired and unemployed technicians and engineers to volunteer to repair and test electrical goods giving them a sense of purpose and self-worth as well as reducing isolation. The project will establish the Electrical Goods Workshop which will also increase recycling and reuse of electrical goods.

**Hear Women** will support and empower local women and their children. The project will include cook and talk sessions, how to set up your own enterprise sessions and Mother and Child Saturday Club.

**Fit for Life Youth** will offer six local individuals training on how to deliver boxing and fitness sessions as part of the schools and colleges project plus weekend sessions. Participants on this programme will receive the Boxing Tutors Award.

**Nova New Opportunities** will include a programme of activities including events, talks, discussions and workshops. The Legacy Project will allow young people who volunteer to get out of the area and heal and grow as well as running dialogue and life skills workshops.

**Azza Supplementary School** will deliver a safe and productive environment for the community while delivering maths, English and sports activities.

**Kids on the Green** will deliver a multi-arts package to the community including a music studio and radio podcasting sessions.

**Polaris Aquatic Training** (part funded) will provide free swimming lessons for families with multiple siblings/disabilities.



# What did people have to say?

We caught up with some of the residents and winners of funding throughout Decision Day to hear what they had to say about the day.

“I was really moved by a couple of the projects. One was the men who were helping other men with mental health issues and getting them involved with football. It was really uplifting. The other was the boxing project that that was feeding local youths and getting them to talk about their feelings. Their experiences were really inspirational. The whole day has been fantastic.”

**Lisa Teitler, North Kensington resident.**



“It’s really nice to be supported by the community, I’ve never applied for anything like this before, but this ensures the money goes to the people that need it the most. I think it’s a start of taking back a little bit of ownership over things that are really beneficial to us.”

**Sarraounia Samuels, Swimunity.**

“I think it’s a brilliant way to make it fair, because these projects are going to be taken up by the community. We live in the area as well so we’re part of this community that were able to vote for other people’s projects. It’s been great to hear from and meet all the providers face to face as you can learn much more that way than if you just read about someone’s idea.”

**Michelle McCann, Youth Action Alliance**



“The best part has been hearing the presentations. There were some teething problems – but let’s be serious – £600k, 88 projects, nearly 400 people here, it was never going to go smoothly. What’s great is there’s going to be an opportunity to do it again.”

**Bash Kehinde, event attendee.**

“It means a lot to have received the funding because the people that we’re helping are the people that believe in the project. I came in, did my presentation and then had to go and run my football session. When I got back, everyone was coming up to me saying well done, well done – I wasn’t expecting it.”

**Tarik Kaidi, Minds United.**





# Art project celebrates the love stories of North Kensington's older residents

**Enter a vintage caravan and join artist Marie Klimis for a cup of tea and a love story.**

'A love letter' will be a new project celebrating love after 50. While the media, advertising and film industries overload us with images of young love, this project explores the challenges and opportunities of romantic relationships at a later stage in life.

Over the last few months, Marie has been interviewing older North Kensington residents to share their stories of love, past, present and future. These interviews will inspire the creation of a series of diorama boxes and miniature art installations equipped with headphones. The installations will be available in a pop-up gallery in a caravan located on the Westway estate from Thursday 12 to Saturday 14 March.

This project is part of Pop! (Portobello Open Process Festival), a series of homegrown, people-powered arts happenings across and around the Westway estate. The project is supported by a Westway Trust Artist Commission, Kensington and Chelsea Council's Arts Grants Scheme and Arts Council England.

The project is still looking for love stories, so feel free to get in touch if you are over 50, based in North Kensington and interested in doing a short audio interview.



For further information call **07562617950**

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## New location for Phase 2 of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry

**The Grenfell Tower Inquiry is now based at 13 Bishop's Bridge Road, W2 6BU, where the Phase 2 hearings will take place. Full venue information can be found on the Grenfell Tower Inquiry website:**  
[www.grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk/venue](http://www.grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk/venue)



# Sport Foundation helps athletes go for gold in 2020

Kensington and Chelsea's next generation of title-chasing athletes can apply for support in going for gold in 2020's biggest sporting events through their local leisure centre in North Kensington.

The GLL Sport Foundation (GSF), operator of Better leisure facilities, helps aspiring sporting talent fulfil their potential through financial support, physiotherapy and gym memberships.

Across the UK, over 3,000 athletes have been given a helping hand in going pro through this scheme, with over £11million invested over the last 11 years. Last year in Kensington and Chelsea, 44 athletes were supported to a value of £24,000. At the 2016 Olympic and Paralympic games, GSF-supported athletes won a total of 22 medals.

If you're serious about taking your passion for sport or athletics to the next level, this is the real deal. You have until Thursday 20 February to apply on the GLL Sport Foundation website.

**For more information contact**  
 [www.gllsportfoundation.org](http://www.gllsportfoundation.org)



## Have you responded to our Adult Social Care survey?

The Council is carrying out its annual survey of people who receive care services. A random sample of service users have been sent the survey, if you have received it, please complete it and return to us by Thursday 30 April.

We want to get your views on the services you receive as the results will help our Adult Social Care team understand how well services are working and what

we need to do to improve them. All information will be kept strictly confidential.

If you have any questions about the survey, please get in touch.

 [hssCustomerCare@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:hssCustomerCare@rbkc.gov.uk)  
 **020 7361 2552**

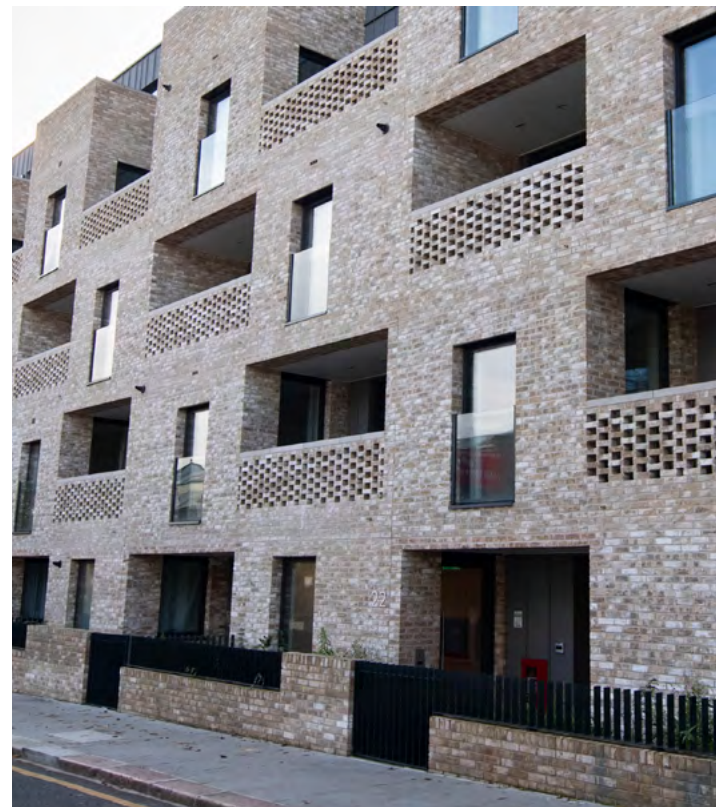
# New housing vision for the borough is published

**The Council's vision and priorities for housing over the next three years have been set out in our new Housing Strategy.**

Created using your feedback on a draft document published in July, the strategy covers our plans to deliver new homes, the services we provide to Council tenants, leaseholders and residents who are in housing need and our approach to managing Council homes.

It also includes an Action Plan detailing what we will achieve and when across six key priorities:

- supporting Grenfell survivors
- leading the way on health and safety
- increasing the supply of genuinely affordable housing
- delivering resident-centred services



- improving the quality and environmental sustainability of housing
- supporting vulnerable residents and tackling and preventing homelessness

**Find out more by searching Housing Strategy at**



[www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk)



## Half term family fun at Maxilla Studios

Family friendly workshops are coming to Maxilla Studios (4 Maxilla Walk, W10 6NQ) this half term. Different artists will be holding workshops each day from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 Feb from 2pm to 4pm giving families and primary school age children the opportunity to build an installation they can exhibit at the end of the week.

On Thursday 20 and Friday 21 February, family and friends can come and see the work that has been created.

Workshops are first come, first served.

For more information on these workshops and more, follow ACAVA Flourish on Twitter or visit their website.



**For more information:**



[@ACAVAFLOURISH](https://twitter.com/ACAVAFLOURISH)



[www.acava.org](http://www.acava.org)

# What's on at The Curve?

Information on activities and courses can be found on The Curve page of the Council website. Visit [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk) and search 'events at The Curve' or drop in to the centre.

Some of the highlights from this month include a food safety and catering course offered by Public Health, a hairdressing course offered by Kensington and Chelsea College and an Insanity workout that's guaranteed to get your heart racing.

For more information about what's on at The Curve, visit [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk) and search 'events at The Curve' or drop in to the centre. The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP.

## Get some advice from the Community Safety Team

Once a week the Community Safety team will be at The Curve (10 Bard Road, W10 6TP) to provide advice and to respond to community safety concerns.

Drop-in sessions are Wednesday mornings between 10am and 12 noon. No need to book, just come along to The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP.



They can help with queries or concerns about:

- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Hate Crime
- Burglary
- Serious Youth Violence
- Violence Against Women and Girls

For more information please contact the Community Safety Team by email at [commsafe@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:commsafe@rbkc.gov.uk).

### Contact The Curve

 020 7221 9836  [thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

## Are you on the Housing Register for Kensington and Chelsea?

**If you're on the Housing Register then you need to make sure your details are up to date by Monday 9 March.**

Whether you've had a child or there's been a change in your partner's employment status, it is important to keep us informed of any changes in your circumstances.

Watch out for a letter with full details arriving in the first week of February ahead of the online update portal going live on 10 February.

Update your details is via the Home Connections website  [www.homeconnections.org.uk](http://www.homeconnections.org.uk)

