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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 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

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For updates on Grenfell

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

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

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# Jubilee in RBKC

Platinum Jubilee fever has swept the nation as the country prepares for a long weekend to celebrate the Queen's historic 70-year reign. Both **Thursday 2 June** and **Friday 3 June** are bank holidays this year, and many are taking advantage of the long break with street parties and other celebrations.

Shops around the borough have been busy creating imaginative displays and special Jubilee products to mark the occasion. We're asking residents to snap pictures of their favourite Jubilee shopfronts and share them with us on social media using the hashtag **#RBKCJubilee**. The person who shares the best Jubilee display will win a luxury prize.

To find out more about what's happening in the borough to mark the Jubilee, visit [www.rbkc.gov.uk/platinum-jubilee](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/platinum-jubilee)



# How are you celebrating Windrush Day?

**As the home of the Notting Hill Carnival, Kensington and Chelsea has long been tied with the Caribbean community. To celebrate Windrush Day, a fascinating exhibition honouring the Caribbean ex-pats who answered the UK's call to rebuild a country ravaged by war, will be opening at North Kensington Library in Ladbroke Grove.**

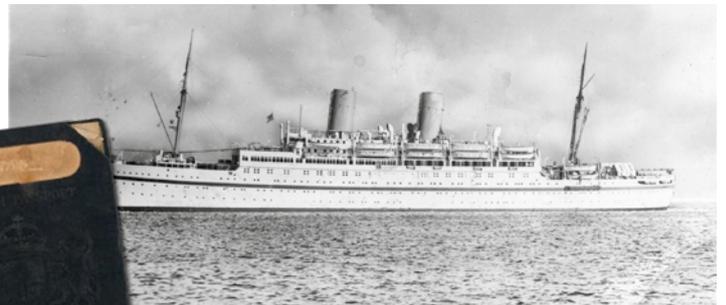
Original artefacts and memorabilia have been collected from local residents to feature in the collection called Windrush Generation: Unsung Heroes from Windrush Day, running from **Wednesday 22 June** until October's Black History Month.

"You will be able to access the lives and stories of Afro-Caribbeans who've influenced the music, food and culture of the borough, and which now form part of a rich tapestry that many Londoners enjoy today without fully knowing the origins."



This Unsung Heroes collection will bring light to just some of their contributions to ensure they aren't lost.

Organisations like the Royal College of Nurses, St. Bart's Archive, Transport for London and the National Army Museum have contributed digitised images from their photography collections which will be featured in addition to a series of speaker events held.



Find out more about this exhibition by visiting [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk) and searching 'Windrush Exhibition'.

## Supporting food and fun this summer

**Local young people have weeks of fun, creativity, sport, and activities ahead of them with the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, offered in partnership with Westminster City Council, Young Westminster, Young K&C and the Department for Education.**

The HAF programme, which the Council has committed £270k towards, will make sure those aged five to 16 across both Kensington and Chelsea and Westminster are fed this summer, with meal vouchers available to children on free school meals. They will also be spoilt for choice with local providers sharing what they're offering this summer on an action-packed website.

A guiding principle of the HAF is to ensure that young people stay occupied and entertained during the summer break and that those who need to receive a free lunch do so. Places will be prioritised for this

group but there's plenty of room for all young people to get involved and activities to meet the needs of those with special educational needs and disabilities too.



Visit <https://ourcity.org.uk> to see everything that's on offer and start planning your summer.

# Welcome home Notting Hill Carnival

**Notting Hill Carnival is returning to the streets of North Kensington this year as the organisers prepare for a fabulous come back. Planning for the famed cultural event is underway; costume makers have dug out the sequins; steel pan drummers are polishing their instruments – but the work doesn't stop there.**

At the Council, we're busy preparing for the bank holiday weekend and will be speaking with residents as well as supporting local businesses to plan for a spectacular and safe Carnival.

A spokesperson for Notting Hill Carnival LTD said: "After a hiatus of two years, we are delighted to be working towards this year's Notting Hill Carnival being back on the streets where it belongs. Planning is underway for everyone concerned and the bands are deep into their preparation to make sure August bank holiday weekend is back to its vibrant best."



Residents can attend drop-in meetings and meet the organisers (Notting Hill Carnival Ltd) and Council officers either face to face or virtually. These will be taking place on:

- **Wednesday 8 June Residents' Drop-In Meeting at the Tabernacle 6.30pm to 9pm**
- **Wednesday 15 June Residents' Drop-In Meeting at the Yaa Centre 6.30pm to 9pm**
- **Monday 20 June Residents' Meeting at the Tabernacle 6.30pm to 8pm**

Look out for the official Carnival launch which will be happening soon. You can follow the latest Carnival announcements by following [@NHCarnivalLDN](https://twitter.com/NHCarnivalLDN) on Twitter.

For further details about the resident sessions, visit [www.rbkc.gov.uk](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk) and search 'Notting Hill Carnival'.

# Remembering Grenfell five years on

**As we approach the fifth anniversary of the Grenfell tragedy, our thoughts are with the bereaved, survivors and the local community. We know that this is a difficult time for many in the North Kensington community and that people will be coming together in different ways to support one another.**

As in previous years, the plans for **Tuesday 14 June** are being led by the community. There are several larger events planned, including a Christian service at Westminster Abbey in the morning open to people of all faiths (booking required), a multifaith service at Grenfell Tower at 4pm (open to bereaved, survivors and members of the local community), and the Silent Walk, which is expected to start at 6.30pm from the Notting Hill Methodist Church.

We recognise that local people will want to mark the anniversary in different ways and individuals, groups and local organisations are planning a range of events and activities in the period leading up to the anniversary.

If you are organising something and would like to know what else is happening or what support is available, please email [grenfellrecovery@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:grenfellrecovery@rbkc.gov.uk)

The Council isn't directly involved in organising events around the anniversary, but we want to support the community however we can, including sharing messages of events and activities where people would like us to. We will share more details when we have them through the usual channels.

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# Culmination of Grenfell Mosaic project

**The culmination of a four-year art project will see 39 community-made mosaics permanently installed along the streets in North Kensington to mark the fifth anniversary of the Grenfell Tower tragedy.**

The Grenfell Memorial Community Mosaic – initiated in 2018 by ACAVA in partnership with Al Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre – is an art project that has brought hundreds of residents together to make large-scale public mosaics. Co-created by different community, resident, faith and school groups along with individual participants under the guidance of mosaic artists Emily Fuller and Tomomi Yoshida, the project has enabled people to connect and to memorialise the Grenfell tragedy.

The new piece, Walking as One, will see the 39 mosaics installed in the streets to create pavement way-markers along the route of the Grenfell Silent Walk. The circular mosaics include the green Grenfell heart and 72 gold flecks for each life lost.

Thirty-five of the pieces feature the word 'Justice' representing the different languages spoken by people living in the tower, and the final three mosaics quote "forever in our hearts". The piece concludes with a special stone featuring the leaf motifs connecting with the mosaic artworks to the 'Bloom II' second phase of the project that are installed on the hoarding around Grenfell Tower.

An illustrated map to guide people along the route will be available to pick up locally and from [acava.org/grenfell](https://acava.org/grenfell)

# Charity single marks Grenfell anniversary

**Local children's charity One Vibe has collaborated with a group of young artists from West London to mark the fifth anniversary of the Grenfell tragedy by releasing a new single.**

The song was produced by platinum producer Toddla T and features eight local vocalists, a youth orchestra called the Nucleo Project and the Mangrove Steelband. The single also includes a sample from resident Michael Oliver's 'Heaven and Hell Is On Earth', a song that has previously been sampled by the likes of Kanye West and Jennifer Lopez, and will help to raise money for One Vibe.

The charity was established in the immediate aftermath of the tragedy and provides support for children in the Ladbroke Grove area.

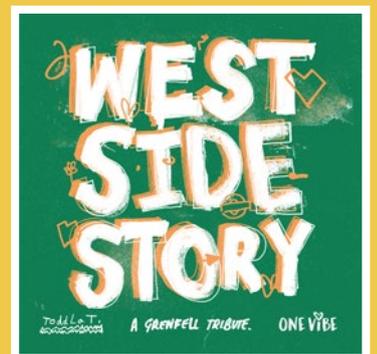
Co-founder of the charity and North Kensington resident Palmira Morais said: "West Side Story has been the biggest and most heartfelt project One Vibe

has ever been involved with. The artists have been so dedicated to the project and it means so much to them as some have lost friends in the Grenfell tragedy.

"The song has given the artists the opportunity to express themselves and we are all very proud of them for representing the community with such passion and resilience, while showing respect to all the victims, bereaved, survivors and the whole community. We want to give a huge thanks to everyone involved in the project."

Released on **Friday 6 May 2022**, the song was also accompanied by a music video that was shot in North Kensington and featured cameos from celebrities such as Idris Elba, AJ Tracey, Ashley Walters and Mabel.

To stream and download the track, visit <https://ditto.fm/west-side-story-grenfell-tribute>



# Mosaic making captured by community photographers

**A free exhibition of photos taken during the four years of the Grenfell Community Mosaic project launches this month.**

Documenting Grenfell Memorial Community Mosaic, an exhibition showcasing the images taken by ACAVA's young photographers' group, ACAVA Shoots, will highlight the creativity and community of contributors that have produced the heartfelt mosaic art installations commemorating the tragedy.

The free exhibition runs from **10 to 30 June** (Wednesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm) at ACAVA Maxilla Walk Studios, with a special opening on **Tuesday 14 June** (10am to 4pm) to mark the anniversary, providing a quiet space for local people to reflect and view the photographs. It then opens at The Photographers' Gallery in central London from **Friday 8 to Sunday 10 July**.

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**THE PHOTOGRAPHERS' GALLERY**

## Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission report

**Since it started its work two years ago, the Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission has been having conversations and meetings with bereaved families and former residents of Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk, as well as Lancaster West Estate residents and the local community, to gather thoughts about a future memorial.**

These thoughts have been brought together in the Memorial Commission report: 'Remembering Grenfell – our journey so far' which outlines the ideas gathered so far for what a future memorial could look like. The report includes views from more than 2,000 people who spoke to the Memorial Commission. You can read the report at [www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/report)

The report is a significant step towards a memorial to all those who lost their lives in the Grenfell Tower tragedy. The Memorial Commission knows it has further to go, and over the coming months will continue to reach out to hear views from bereaved families, survivors and members of the community.

### **Come to Memorial Commission events**

Share your thoughts on a memorial with the Memorial Commission's community representatives at their informal in-person craft day on **Saturday 11 June** and an informal drop-in on **Saturday 9 July**. Everyone is welcome and there will be refreshments and craft activities.

Visit [www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk) for details.

### Grenfell Tower Memorial Commission

#### How to get in touch

To contact a community representative, visit [www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact](http://www.grenfelltowermemorial.co.uk/contact) and click the 'contact' tab.

For regular updates, follow the Memorial Commission on Twitter [@GrenfellTowerMC](https://twitter.com/GrenfellTowerMC) and Instagram [www.instagram.com/grenfelltowermc](https://www.instagram.com/grenfelltowermc)

#### To contact the Memorial Commission directly:

- Email [GTMCsecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:GTMCsecretariat@levellingup.gov.uk)
- Call **030 3444 4832**

# The future of Grenfell Tower

The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove MP, wrote to bereaved and survivor families in March and May, and to local residents in May. He invited them to meetings and also explained other ongoing opportunities for conversations before a decision is made on the future of Grenfell Tower. You can read the letters at

[www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates](http://www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates)

To contact the Secretary of State and his team with your thoughts, questions and concerns about the future of the tower, you can:

- **Go to informal drop-ins:**
  - every Thursday in July, between 12 noon and 3pm, at Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX
  - after Jumma (Friday prayers) on 1, 15 and 29 July, at the Al-Manaar Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, 244 Acklam Road, W10 5YG

*These drop-ins will not be taking place in June.*

- Complete the contact form, visit [www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates](http://www.gov.uk/grenfell-community-updates) and go to 'Get in touch'
- Phone **030 3444 0011**
- Email [grenfelltowersite@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:grenfelltowersite@levellingup.gov.uk)

## Support

If you have been affected by the Grenfell Tower tragedy and would like support, please contact the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service on **020 8637 6279** or go to [www.grenfellwellbeing.com](http://www.grenfellwellbeing.com)

## Updates on the Grenfell Tower site

To find out more about activity at the Grenfell Tower site, please join the monthly community online meetings with representatives from the site management and contractor teams. For details of the next online meeting, please see the weblink above.

## Social value

The Grenfell Tower site contractor, DUK, is working to bring sustainable improvement to the local community through social, economic and environmental initiatives, known as social value. This includes providing things that benefit you, your family, your community and your area such as training, employment and apprenticeships, and supporting local businesses.

For more information on these opportunities, go to [www.degroupp-community.uk](http://www.degroupp-community.uk)



If you have an idea for a social value initiative in your community, please contact [GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk](mailto:GrenfellTowerSite@levellingup.gov.uk) or **030 3444 0011**.

# GPF2 projects launch across North Kensington



**After more than 4,400 votes were cast by North Kensington residents earlier this year, 40 local community projects have now been allocated more than £1.2 million as part of the Grenfell Projects Fund 2 (GPF2).**

Since then, the Grenfell Community Team has been working with project organisers to finalise grant agreements and prepare projects to launch. They have also been working with the Resident-led Panel to create evaluation processes that will measure the impact of the GPF2.

We now have a selection of free GPF2 community events that will be launching over the next couple of months, including the North Kensington Youth and Community Festival. The festival, which has been organised by the Youth Action Alliance, is taking place on **Saturday 25 June** from 12 noon to 6pm at the **Westway Sports and Fitness Centre, W10 6RP**. It will include free sports tournaments, live music, arts and crafts and a talent show.

## Alessana Inèz Hall from Youth Action Alliance said:

*"We're very excited to be able to host the North Kensington Youth and Community Festival again with the help of the Grenfell Projects Fund 2. The money has enabled us to make the festival even bigger and extra special this year, with more activities on offer to mark the five-year anniversary of Grenfell."*

*"We're looking forward to a fun day that will bring the community together, with activities available for all ages. It will be a chance to celebrate the community's creativity, diversity and history, while paying tribute to those that were lost in the Grenfell tragedy."*

All 40 projects are set to launch throughout 2022 and will run over either a one, two or three-year period.

**To find out which projects are coming up and how to get involved, visit [rbkc.gov.uk](http://rbkc.gov.uk) and search 'Grenfell Projects Fund'.**

# Free outdoor shows with Kensington and Chelsea Festival

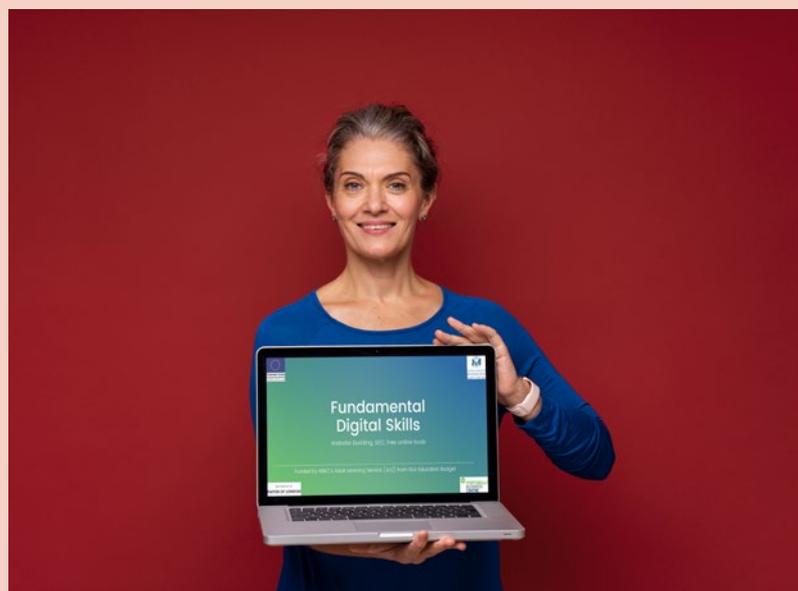
Come and be part of free outdoor shows in parks and on the street, and “Pay What You Want” indoor performances over the summer as part of this year’s Kensington and Chelsea Festival, running from **Friday 1 July to Wednesday 31 August**.

Highlights include a family friendly circus, dance and parkour outdoor arts shows in locations including **Emslie Horniman Park** and **Little Wormwood Scrubs** plus other outdoor community events including ‘Steel the Show’.

Follow the ‘Public Art Trail’ across the borough to find amazing pieces of art including an enormous inflatable version of the ‘Earth called Gaia’, presented by artist Luke Jerram. There are volunteering opportunities available and meet the artists sessions to learn more about how the shows are created.



## Could a website boost your business?



North Kensington residents can give their business an edge thanks to a new three-day webinar from Portobello Business Centre. The **Fundamental Business Skills** session will take place on **Thursday 7, Friday 8 and Saturday 9 July** and will help you master digital skills to improve your business’ online presence.

From making your own Shopify website, learning how to ensure your website ranks high up on Google’s results and evaluating your personal learning and goals, the sessions provide everything you need to take your business to the next level.

Tickets should cost £250, but attendance is free thanks to the Council’s Adult Learning Services providing funding from the GLA Adult Education budget.

To find out more, visit [www.pbc.co.uk/workshops-and-events](http://www.pbc.co.uk/workshops-and-events)