

Professional artist joins local arts programme

Young artists in Kensington and Chelsea are to be given the chance to earn a Level 1 nationally recognised arts award while working alongside a professional artist. Offered by local group Epic CIC, the four-day programme can help give budding artists aged 13 to 19 the boost they need when applying for college or university. The course will run from **Monday 18 February to Thursday 21 February**. Each session will run from **10am to 4pm** and is free to residents of Kensington and Chelsea.

If this sounds good to you, get more information or book your place by contacting Paula on **07940 472804** or email paula.mendonca@epiccic.org.uk.

Places must be booked in advance; lunch is not provided. Please bring a packed lunch or money to purchase something in the break.

This is just one of the courses available to young people over the February half term. If you don't fancy trying your hand as an artist, how does DJing sound? Or, if you prefer your fun to take place outdoors, there are plenty of outdoor sports and activities including adventurous play for youngsters aged six to 14.

At the Canalside Centre you can take to the water and kayak down the canal before a game of table tennis back indoors.

Why not be smart with your time and spend half term getting your CV in shape and looking for a part-time job? There are sessions to help with this too.

If you'd like to get involved with any of these events or courses, visit

www.epiccic.org.uk/epic-february where you can find out more.

Epic CIC can be contacted by email at info@epiccic.org.uk or by calling **020 7983 8033**.



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Need some help with your Local Lettings Plan application?

Local Lettings Plan specialists will be at the Lancaster West Neighbourhood Office (**Unit 3, Baseline Studios, Whitchurch Road, W11 4AT**) on **Tuesdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm** and **Thursdays from 1pm to 4pm**. They can help you complete your application form and answer any questions you have.

You might have read about the Local Lettings Plan in a previous edition of the newsletter. If you qualify, the Plan could allow your household to find a more suitable home on the Lancaster West Estate or in Bramley House.

To be eligible to move under the Plan you must have lived on the Estate or in Bramley House at the time of the Grenfell Tower tragedy

and must have housing needs that are not currently being met.

You can find all the information about the Local Lettings Plan on the Council's website www.rbkc.gov.uk/local-lettings



Activities programme at The Curve Community Centre

Monday 28 January

- **10.30am-12.30pm** - ICT classes for beginners from NOVA with the opportunity to achieve a qualification (drop-in)
- **12.30pm - 2.30pm** - Job Search Workshop from NOVA. Support with online job hunting (drop-in)
- **2pm - 4pm** - Community Contact Team. Drop-in advice and guidance for those accessing services.
- **5pm - 7pm** - Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (booking required, email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)
- **6pm - 8pm** - Functional Skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **6.30pm - 7.30pm** - Zumba with Paula for ages 18 plus (drop-in)

Crèche: 9.30am-12 noon and 12.30pm-3pm

Tuesday 29 January

- **10am - 3pm** - Fouzia's Sewing Club. Drop-in sewing club for all, grow your skills, knit and natter
- **10.30am - 12.30pm** - ICT classes for beginners from NOVA, with the opportunity to achieve a qualification (drop-in)
- **4pm - 5pm** - Shared Reading Group for adults and children. Contact Erin on **07483 972020** or erincarlstrom@thereader.org.uk to find out more. Open to all reading abilities

Crèche: 9.30am-11.30am and 12.30pm-3pm



Wednesday 30 January

- **10am-12 noon** - The Curve coffee morning. Come along for a coffee and a chat
- **10.30am-12.30pm** - CV workshop with Jasmine from NOVA. All ages welcome (drop-in)
- **1.15pm-3.15pm** - Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in)
- **4pm-7pm** - Girls' youth group for ages 13 plus with Laura. Promoting emotional health and wellbeing
- **6pm-8pm** - Functional skills in English with NOVA. Contact Chrissy, booking required **020 7221 9836**
- **6pm-7pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **7pm-8pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Crèche: 10am-12.30pm and 1pm-5pm



Thursday 31 January

- **10am - 4pm** - Job search sessions from Clarion Housing Group. Open to everyone helping with job applications and CV writing (drop-in)
- **10.15am - 12.15pm** - Open Age: Speaking with Confidence. This course is for speakers of English as a second language who want to improve their confidence (drop-in)
- **11.30am - 2pm** - Adult creative arts with Jay. Come along and fuel your creativity (drop-in)
- **2pm - 6pm** - Home Office. Help with immigration and passport issues (drop-in)
- **5pm - 7pm** - Arabic language classes for ages seven plus (booking required, email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk)

Crèche: 10am-1.30pm and 2pm-3pm



Friday 1 February

- **10am-10.45am** - Zumba with Paula for women ages 18 plus (drop-in)
- **11am-12 noon** - Zumbini, Zumba for children (drop-in)
- **4pm-4.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged four to six (drop-in)
- **4.30pm-5.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- **5.30pm-6.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo, intermediate ability aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- **6.30pm-8pm** - Learn Taekwondo for teens and adults aged 13 plus (drop-in)

Crèche: 10am-12 noon and 12.30pm-5pm

Saturday 2 February

- **11am-12 noon** - Manhood Academy. A preparatory programme for boys of African Diasporan descent, shaping positive masculinity for ages eight to 12 years (drop-in)
- **2.30pm-3.30pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **3.30pm-4.30pm** - Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Sunday 27 January

- **11am-12 noon** - Learn Taekwondo for beginners aged six to 12 (drop-in)
- **12 noon-1pm** - Learn Taekwondo, advanced level for ages six to 12 (drop-in)
- **1pm-2.30pm** - Learn Taekwondo for teens and adults aged 13 plus (drop-in)

To book a place in The Curve crèche, call **020 7221 9836** or email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

The Curve Community Centre, 10 Bard Road, London W10 6TP

Opening hours Monday to Friday: 10am to 8pm, Saturday to Sunday: 11am to 6pm. Some sessions need to be booked in advance by emailing thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk. For a full list of events visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/thecurve/events

Updates from the Independent Grenfell Tower site team

Access from Walkway properties via the ramp to Bramley Road is to be restored in the coming weeks. To allow for this, scaffolding is being removed from Grenfell Walk to enable hoardings to be put up to protect properties there. Security guards are positioned by the three doorways while this work takes place to stop public access until the work is completed.

There have recently been some technical problems with the illumination of the banners at the top of Grenfell Tower. This has now been resolved. The lights will continue to be switched on from dusk till 11pm every day.

The wrapping on the north side of Grenfell Tower (the side facing Kensington Aldridge Academy) from levels four to eight will be replaced this weekend (**Saturday 26** and **Sunday 27 January**). There will be blue nettings on the inside of the scaffolding to ensure that the façade of the Tower is not visible while the wrappings are replaced.

Any urgent information concerning the Grenfell Tower site, as well as other updates from the Council, will be posted on the Grenfell Support Twitter feed twitter.com/GrenfellSupport

Get support and advice from the Community Contact Team

If you previously accessed the Key Work Service, the Community Contact Team can continue to provide support to you and your family. The team is able to help you with a range of queries or support needs, including:

- Assistance with completing forms
- Support settling into your new home or returning home
- Finding local-based activities
- Accessing health services
- Signposting to other services

The team has been working in the community for a number of months and has now expanded to provide a more flexible service.

The Community Contact Team will be primarily based at **The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP** between the following hours:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and **Friday:** 10am to 8pm

Thursday: 10am to 6pm

Saturday: 11am to 4pm

You can come and speak to the team with no appointment, just drop-in.

If you would prefer to meet a member of the team somewhere else, you can request a meeting in the community **Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm** and **Saturday** from **11am to 4pm**, just call **07970 081429**, **Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm**.



Get your CV in shape at The Curve

Anyone who has written a CV knows it can be daunting and challenging. But when you're looking for a job, it's important that you get it right to give yourself the best chance of succeeding.

Luckily, residents of North Kensington can get a helping hand in making sure their CV is up to scratch by visiting **The Curve (10 Bard Road, W10 6TP)** on **Thursday 31 January** from **10am to 4pm**. A specialist from Clarion Housing will be on hand to help you represent your experience and abilities in the best possible way. When your CV is nicely polished, you can also receive help in completing job applications, to boost your chances of finding employment even further.

Whether you're looking for a new job or are looking to start work, there's help on hand to support you. No need to book, just drop-in. For more information, call The Curve on **020 7221 9836**.

Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the Grenfell tragedy is asked to contact the Met Police on **020 8201 2426**.

Important contacts

Grenfell Enquiries service

A one-stop shop for support, advice and guidance around Grenfell. For more information visit grenfellsupport.org.uk/grenfell-enquiries or call **020 7745 6414**.

Cruse Bereavement Care

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email helpline@cruse.org.uk. The helpline is open **Monday-Friday** from **9.30am to 5pm**. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until **8pm**.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call the Home Office advice line on **0300 303 2832**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, see your GP and mention Grenfell. They will be able to direct you appropriately.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

You can also get emotional and practical support at **The Curve Community Centre**. Call **020 7221 9836**.

YoungMinds mental health support

Text YoungMinds for free if you are a young person struggling with your mental health **85258**.

The **Grenfell Health & Wellbeing Service** is a free and confidential NHS service for those affected by Grenfell. Self refer at: grenfellwellbeing.com

If you need urgent help, contact your GP or visit your local A&E. In an emergency, always call 999.



Upcoming meetings -

Residents welcome to attend.

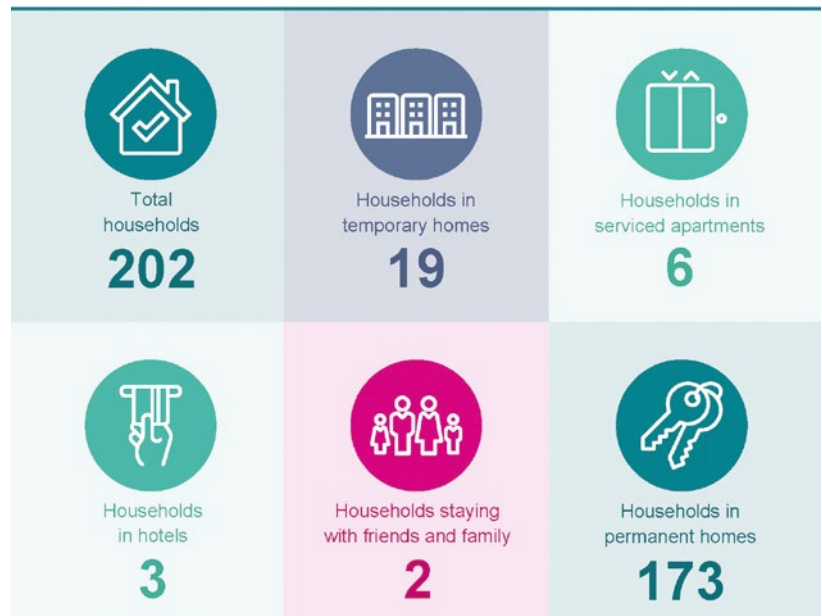
Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee -

Wednesday 6 February, 6.30pm
Kensington Town Hall

Grenfell Tower and Grenfell Walk rehousing progress update



These are the figures for **24 January 2019**



Could you be Portobello Business Centre's newest recruit?

The team at Portobello Business Centre offer help, support and guidance to local people who are looking to launch or improve their business – but their team is getting busier and busier. They are looking for volunteers to come and join them to help with everyday tasks.

If you have some time you can spare, why not get in touch? You can work alongside business savvy locals in a buzzing environment, playing a part in the future enterprises of North Kensington.

Feel free to send your CV, or simply drop them a line at info@pbc.co.uk or call **020 7460 5050**.

You can follow Portobello Business Centre on Twitter at www.twitter.com/PortobelloBC



Free and confidential debt advice

The Kensington and Chelsea Citizens Advice Bureau provides free, confidential and impartial advice on debt matters to people who live, work, or study in Kensington & Chelsea. Visit their website for more information and to find your nearest location: kensingtonandchelseacab.org.uk

Overnight emotional support

The NHS Outreach Team is providing a targeted clinical service for those who feel that they require overnight support; this includes a dedicated phone-based mental health service throughout the night, with home visits for those who require it.

If you need to talk, anyone can call the night service on **020 8962 4393**, between **10pm** and **7am** seven days a week.