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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 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

Staying in touch

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



For updates on 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

Portobello Pavilion returns to Powis Square

The Portobello Pavilion is a creative and cultural hub which pops up on Powis Square each year. Offering an exciting range of free arts activities to all ages and people, this year's Pavilion is themed 'Liberty' and will take place between American Independence Day and France's Bastille Day, **Thursday 4 July to Sunday 14 July.**

Over 11 days the space will host performances and workshops, including open-access activities as well as closed workshops for vulnerable groups in collaboration with local partners. Returning for its fifth year, the Pavilion design will also incorporate young people's artwork, selected through an open-call competition.

The full programme can be viewed at

 www.portobellopavilion.london

 [@PortoPav](https://twitter.com/PortoPav)  [@PortoPav](https://www.instagram.com/PortoPav)

 Powis Square, W11 2BN





Canalside calling – Have your say on Kensal’s new neighbourhood

The next stage of the exciting Kensal Canalside Opportunity Area project is about to begin, and we want to hear from you. One of 38 opportunity areas across London, Kensal Canalside will bring at least 3,500 new homes and 2,000 new jobs to the local area. The site will have a new supermarket to replace the existing Sainsbury’s plus all the services and infrastructure needed for the new homes and jobs.



In March, the Council held four drop-in sessions to begin discussions with the local community. All the feedback has been reviewed and will help shape the planning guidance document for the area.

We will be holding the next workshops on the future of Kensal Canalside on Friday 12 July at the SPID Theatre, Kensal House, Ladbroke Grove, W10 5BQ from 2pm to 6pm and on Saturday 13 July at All Saints Catholic College, 75 St Charles Square, W10 6EL from 10am to 2pm.

If you’d like to receive details on upcoming workshops and walkabout events where you can meet the Kensal Canalside team, learn about the key details and opportunities around the project and have your say, email kcoateam@rbkc.gov.uk or call **020 7361 3012**.



To find out more about the project and share your views on some initial topics, visit www.givemyview.com/kensalcanalside or scan the QR code.

Listening to local concerns – your new police counter

Your local police counter is now open at Unit D, Royalty Studios, 105 Lancaster Road, W11 1QF.

Whether you want to report a crime, find out local information from a reliable source or meet your dedicated ward police officer, the staff at the counter will be able to help. You can visit from 9am to 5pm on Monday to Thursday and 9am to 8pm on Fridays. The counter is closed on Saturday and Sunday.

William Summer, the dedicated station officer for Royalty Studios.





Share your views on The Curve

We are asking local residents to give us their views and experiences of using The Curve Community Centre, and to make suggestions on how services can best meet your needs in the future.

The Curve is open seven days a week and provides a safe, friendly space for families and individuals offering a range of support and services in a welcoming environment.

As the needs of the community have changed over the past two years, the centre has developed and continues to adapt and change to meet the needs of residents.

It is funded through the Grenfell Recovery Strategy budget which is dedicated to providing support and

services to all communities affected by the Grenfell tragedy. It currently costs £1.5m per year to run The Curve.

We would like residents to tell us if they want us to continue investing resources into The Curve or to consider using the budget in alternative ways, so we ensure our services centre around what the community wants and needs.

The consultation runs until the autumn. You will be able to complete an online survey on the Council's website or attend one of the community events to give your views. If you would like to request a paper copy of the survey, please email NKengagement@rbkc.gov.uk

Households who live near The Curve will also receive paper copies of the survey. Your views will be used to inform the decision on the future of The Curve in the autumn.

We have organised a number of community events where you can find out more and complete the survey.

The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP	Thursday 27 June	10.30am to 4.30pm
Kensington Leisure Centre, Silchester Road, W10 6EX	Wednesday 24 July	3pm to 8pm
Rugby Portobello Trust, 221 Walmer Road, W11 4EY	Thursday 11 July	11am to 2pm
North Kensington Library, 108 Ladbroke Grove, W11 1PZ	Wednesday 7 August	9.30am to 12.30pm
The Clement James Centre, 95 Sirdar Road, W11 4EQ	Monday 5 August	10am to 2pm
The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP	Monday 2 September	2pm to 7pm

You can find more information at www.rbkc.gov.uk/curve-survey where you can also complete the survey.

Your feedback will be collated, published and made available for you to see. This will ensure that we understand your vision for The Curve's future.

Free festival to take over Portobello

The Portobello Summer Festival is returning to take over a range of North Kensington venues for another year on Sunday 21 July.

The free music festival features exceptional live music from national and local artists, food from around the world, stalls to shop, not to mention arty activities creating a summer party atmosphere.

The flagship gala showcases the heart and art of west London and has, in the past, featured a huge line up of new and established acts.

This year's festivities are set to be an equally genre-spanning affair, encompassing R&B, hip-hop, funk, disco, house, electronic, jazz and more.

Headlining the festival is UK Garage duo Original Dodger (previously known as Artful Dodger) with plenty more exciting entertainment to be announced in the full line-up.

The community event has been organised by Westway Trust with the aim of celebrating North Kensington's rich and artistic heritage and preserving its cultural history. The festival will take over the much-loved Portobello Green and surrounding venues including Subterania, Westbank Gallery, Acklam Village and BAYSIXTY6 Skate Park.

Throughout the day you can catch live music on the stages and sample the incredible food, treats and drinks from street vendors.

The festival is free, so come along, enjoy the celebrations and soak in the community spirit.



For more information visit www.portobellosummerfestival.com

Forever in our hearts

Friday 14 June marked two years since the tragedy at Grenfell Tower. A range of commemorative events were hosted to remember those who lost their lives and to show support to those most affected. Services and ceremonies took place throughout the day, with those wishing to pay their respects passing through the area surrounding the Tower to lay flowers, write a message or simply take a moment of reflection.

The silent walk, which followed a wreath laying and multi faith vigil, was attended by over 11,000 people.

The Tower stood illuminated in bright green from dusk to sunrise, joined by other buildings and landmarks across London and beyond.

The next silent walk will take place on Sunday 14 July. Follow Grenfell United on Twitter for more information [@GrenfellUnited](https://twitter.com/GrenfellUnited)



The completed Grenfell Memorial Community Mosaic
Photo credit: Zute Lightfoot

Arts Grants: Awards Summer 2019

The Arts Service received an overwhelming response from local creatives and organisations in the last funding round, April 2019. From an impressive selection of highly innovative projects pitched, 12 projects were awarded funding, representing art forms ranging from dance and theatre, to circus and digital sculpture.

The next round for applications will open on Sunday 1 September, for projects starting on or after Sunday 1 December.

First time applicants to the scheme are invited to speak to an Arts Officer to discuss project ideas, eligibility and application criteria.

A full list of projects funded can be found at:

www.rbkc.gov.uk/artsgrants
Arts@rbkc.gov.uk 020 7361 3844

Free home collection for textiles and waste electrical and electronic equipment

We have partnered with TR Aid, the textile recycling charity, so residents can book a free home collection for unwanted clothes, shoes, and small to medium sized electrical items.



Have you had your NHS enhanced health check?

The NHS is offering enhanced health checks for adults and children who have any concerns about their health. These are aimed at finding the early signs of health problems or underlying health conditions and to assess any concerns around lung health or breathing.

Dr Brannick, GP and Clinical Lead for North Kensington, says: "We understand the anxiety that local people feel and urge anyone who has concerns about their health to book an appointment for a health check."

For adults, enhanced health checks include:

- addressing concerns around breathing difficulties
- physical health checks – weight, blood pressure and cholesterol
- mental health screening
- monitoring and advice on managing long term conditions
- guidance on improving health through lifestyle.

If further investigation is required, patients will be referred to specialist services.

Simply visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/traid to book a collection.

For more information visit www.grenfell.nhs.uk

Supporting local families for twenty-five years

In May, Lancaster West Estate resident Shirley Sylvester was a recipient of the 2019 Mayor's Award, which is given by the Mayor to acknowledge the contributions of local people making outstanding contributions to their community and improving the lives of those they meet.

Shirley is the manager of the Grenfell Early Years Nursery and has been working for the Lancaster West Children's Community Network since 1994. She has been recognised for her nursery work to support all its users irrespective of their circumstances, and for her services to the children and families of the Lancaster West Estate.

After finding out she had won, Shirley said: "It is a great honour to receive a Mayor's Award, and I hope it inspires others to also work in and support their local community in any way that they can. It has been a privilege to serve the residents of North Kensington and beyond.

"Working for Lancaster West Children's Community Network for the last 25 years has allowed me to care for youngest members of our community, their parents and carers which has been so rewarding over the years. I still enjoy my role as nursery manager/early years practitioner and hope I get to continue supporting my community for many years to come as they have supported me over the years."

To see the full list of 2019 Mayor's Awards winners, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search Mayor's Awards.



Get composting at home

The Council has teamed up with www.getcomposting.com to give residents access to a range of subsidised compost bins.

Why compost? Composting at home is a great way to reduce food waste and diverts household waste from going to landfill.

For home composting tips, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/homecompostingtips and to find out more about how to get your subsidised bin visit www.getcomposting.com

What's on at The Curve?

The Curve Community Centre hosts courses, events and programmes as well as continuing to offer support to those who need it. It's located at **10 Bard Road, W10 6TP** and is open **Monday to Friday, 10am to 8pm** and **Saturday and Sunday, 11am to 6pm**.

Throughout July, The Curve has all the usual events that regular visitors love, as well as some special events just for this month. Whether you're a regular visit to the centre or you've never been before, why not pop-in and try something new?

Get fit!

The new gym at The Curve is ready for residents to come and trial. Come and join some free exercise taster sessions ahead of the grand opening of the space in the near future.

Every Tuesday and Friday, 10am to 11am

Women only legs, bums and tums class.

Every Wednesday, 10am to 12 noon

Men only circuit training with a qualified instructor, ages 18 plus.

Every Wednesday, 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Aerobic training with a qualified instructor, ages 17 plus.

Every Thursday, 10am to 12 noon

Cardio training with a qualified instructor, ages 18 plus.

Every Saturday, 11am to 12 noon

Junior Box Fit with a qualified instructor, ages eight to 11.

Every Saturday, 12 noon to 1pm

Senior Box Fit with a qualified instructor, ages 11 to 15.

Catch-up and a cuppa

Pop-in to The Curve Coffee Morning every Wednesday from 10am to 1pm for a bite to eat and a nice warm drink in a friendly and relaxed environment.



Salsa

Come and let loose on the dance floor and show off your best salsa moves. There's a free session to suit all abilities, from dance floor novices to salsa pros.

Every Saturday

2.30pm to 3.30pm for beginners and learners.

3.30pm to 4.30pm for intermediate and advanced.

New this month – Arts with healing qualities?

Come and see the new art display at The Curve. The abstract colour filled canvas' are said to have healing and calming properties. Created in cooperation with The Sacred Factory, the Pharmacy of School of Awakening and The Curve.

