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Happy New Year from everyone at North Ken News!

This year, our resolution is to continue working with the local community to produce a handy and informative newsletter that residents will enjoy reading and that will keep you up to date with local goings-on.

For you

This newsletter is a dedicated publication for North Kensington communities that the Council produces each month. If you've got news for us, or any other feedback on North Ken News, why not get in touch? We're always on the lookout for good news stories, whether it's an event you're running, a local hero who works wonders in your community or a programme or course that people could benefit from.

Email northkennews@rbkc.gov.uk if you'd like to get in touch and we'll get back to you as soon as we can.

We want to make sure that readers enjoy North Ken News, so let us know what you find useful and what you'd like to see more of.

Stay in touch

There are other ways to stay up to date with borough-wide news and daily updates from Kensington and Chelsea Council.

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

 www.facebook.com/royalborough

 www.nextdoor.co.uk

For updates on Grenfell

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

 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



Stay in the loop

We've launched a new newsletter to keep you more informed than ever on the local goings on in Kensington and Chelsea – K&C Life.

Receive news on a range of topics with updates arriving in your inbox each month. Discover what's on for families during school breaks, learn about our latest community safety initiatives, receive updates about our services, what we're doing to help the environment, the many cultural places in your area and so much more.

Visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search K&C Life to find out more

Have you visited the Dalgarno Trust recently?

If you haven't, you might not know about the activities that take place every day for residents to take advantage of.

The community space, located at 1 Webb Close, Dalgarno Way, W10 5QB is welcoming and friendly, with a member of staff always happy to sit down for a complementary coffee and a chat. If you're looking for a more active way to pass the winter months, get your heart racing at a Monday morning Zumba session or a mums and babies Wiggle and Rhyme on Wednesday mornings.

A community kitchen opens its doors on Thursday from 1pm with a free nourishing meal offered to anyone who drops by. Alongside this, from 11am on Thursday, the sewing group meets to learn, stitch and natter. Following this, the open-to-all Sing to Live group event takes over the space.

All this, alongside conferences and community discussion events, make Dalgarno Trust a real hive of activity and resident togetherness in North Ken.

A full programme of events taking place can be found on the Dalgarno Trust website.

For more information, visit

 www.dalgarnotrust.org.uk

or get in touch

 reception@dalgarnotrust.org.uk

Successful Grenfell Projects Fund applications shortlisted

We have been busy reviewing all your Expressions of Interest for the Grenfell Projects Fund ahead of the Decision Day in January.

We received more than 100 Expressions of Interest and have now shortlisted all of the successful bids that meet the eligibility criteria. These Expressions of Interest are hoping to secure some of the £600k grant pot to deliver projects which will help Grenfell-affected communities.

All applicants have now been contacted with successful applicants being offered detailed feedback to help with their Decision Day preparations and presentations.

For those who were unsuccessful we have also explained why they did not meet the eligibility criteria this time. There will be another funding round in summer 2020 where further applications can be made.

There is £100k available for each of these six outcomes:

- Wellbeing for children, young people or adults
- Educational opportunities to increase skills, knowledge, enterprise and qualifications
- Social and cultural events that bring communities together and provide information to increase connections across the community including initiatives to reduce isolation for older people
- Community safety that increases the safety of everyone
- Activities for young people
- Food growing/greening and food-based activities that increase communities coming together and enhances the local environment.

Know an unsung hero who deserves to be recognised?

If you know someone who is making a major contribution to life in the borough, either through volunteering or taking part in a community activity, a Mayor's Award could be the perfect way to recognise their dedication.

Some of last year's winners showed outstanding leadership as the heads of their residents' associations or dedicated their time to a musical project that enriched the lives of local people. Others had dedicated decades to local nurseries and educational facilities, volunteering their time to improve reading ability in young people.

Running since 2000, the awards provide an opportunity for the Council and residents to come together and pay tribute to those that give their time to make the borough a better place.

Nominations must be sent by Friday 31 January 2020 so don't delay if you have someone in mind.



Each Expression of Interest has applied for grant money linked to one of the outcomes. The local community will decide which projects receive funding when they vote at the Decision Day on Saturday 11 January from 10am to 4.30pm at Kensington Aldridge Academy, 1 Silchester Road, W10 6EX.

You can register to vote for the Decision Day if you live in Notting Dale, Norland, Golborne, St Helens, Colville, Pembridge or Dalgarno wards. Only one registration per person. Please visit our Eventbrite page to register www.decisiondayevent.eventbrite.co.uk

Proof of address and identification must be shown before the Decision Day event. This is required to make sure that the event is attended by the communities most affected by the tragedy.

You can show your ID ahead of Decision Day at North Kensington Library (108 Ladbrooke Grove, W11 1PZ) from 10am to 2pm on Monday 6 January to Friday 10 January.

Please visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search for Grenfell Projects Fund to find out more.

Visit  www.rbkc.gov.uk and search Mayor's Awards Nomination Form

If you'd like more information, please email  NKengagement@rbkc.gov.uk

See your art exhibited across Kensington and Chelsea

Open to all creatives including visual artists, sound artists, performers, creative organisations and curators, the third Kensington and Chelsea Art Weekend (KCAW) Public Art Trail wants your help in creating exciting temporary installations for exhibiting across the borough from June 2020.

The KCAW Public Art Trail showcases and celebrates Kensington and Chelsea as a place of artistic excellence where artists live and make their work, and where great art and culture is available for all who visit to enjoy. The theme for this year's trail is 'Transformation'.

Last year's art weekend saw the borough taken over with installations, exhibitions, open galleries and tours. Why not be part of making the 2020 week even better?



To apply, email rebecca@kcaw.co.uk

The deadline for submissions is Saturday 25 January 2020.

Find out more about KCAW

 www.kcaw.co.uk

 www.instagram.com/kcawlondon

 www.twitter.com/kcawlondon

Replacing the wrapping around Grenfell Tower

The outer wrapping surrounding Grenfell Tower is due to be replaced from February 2020. It's estimated the work will take about 10 weeks, although this will be dependent on weather conditions.

This work is part of the routine maintenance of the Tower and happens every year. It's the outer white layer of wrapping that will be replaced; the blue inner layer will not be changed. The building itself will not be visible at any time during the replacement.

The Ministry for Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) manages the site and has been talking with local schools, residents, residents' associations and neighbourhood teams to get their views on the rewrapping schedule. Community

representative groups and local faith groups will also be consulted. If you would like further information or have any questions or concerns, please contact MHCLG at

GrenfellTowerSite@communities.gov.uk
or **0303 444 0011**.

The Council and NHS understands that work in and around the Tower may cause feelings of distress or anxiety to those living locally. If you are feeling this way and need someone to talk to, please speak with your GP or contact the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service by phone, email or by self-referring on their website:

- **020 8637 6279**
- **grenfell.wellbeing@nhs.net**
- **www.grenfellwellbeing.com**

You can get the latest MHCLG information about the site by going to the gov.uk website and searching for Grenfell Community Updates.

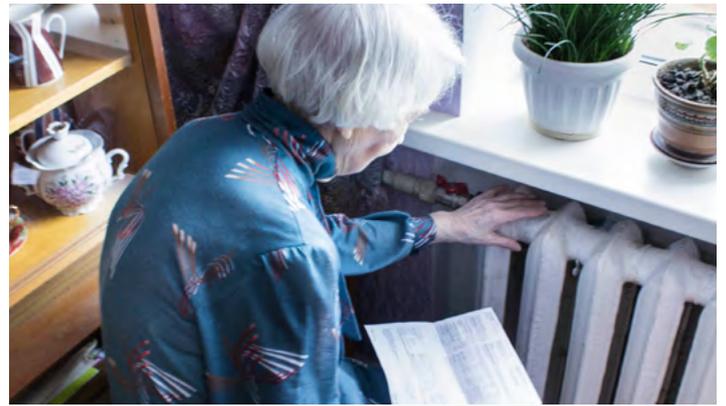
Donate your winter fuel payments to help a neighbour keep warm

Many local people who don't need their Winter Fuel Payments donate them to the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation who redistribute funds to local people who might be struggling to keep up with their energy payments this winter.

You will be eligible to apply to the Winter Fuel Fund if you:

- Live in Kensington and Chelsea
- Are struggling to afford your fuel bills
- Are aged 60 or over, or aged 50 to 59 and in receipt of benefits
- Have limited savings (£4,000 or less for a single person; £8,000 or less for a couple) or no savings.

Working alongside Age UK K&C, Citizens Advice K&C and Nucleus Legal Advice Centre, 100 per cent of the money raised goes to the people who need it.



If you're concerned about paying your energy bills this winter or know someone aged over 50 who is, get in touch with one of the listed partners for advice.

Age UK Kensington & Chelsea,
1 Thorpe Close, W10 5XL

☎ 020 8969 9105 ✉ information@aukc.org.uk

Citizens Advice Kensington & Chelsea

Kensington: 2 Acklam Road, W10 5QZ
Chelsea: Chelsea Old Town Hall,
King's Road, SW3 5EE

☎ 020 8962 3485

✉ winterwarmth@kensingtoncab.org.uk

Nucleus Legal Advice Centre
298 Old Brompton Road, SW5 9JF

☎ 020 7373 4005 ✉ advice@nucleus.org.uk

Workshops teaching recovery techniques to children

Sessions to teach children and young people recovery techniques are being offered by The Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service.

'Teaching Recovery Techniques' groups have been used all over the world to help children and young people learn skills to recover from trauma. The Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service Children and Young People's Team have been using the sessions to teach children, and young people skills and techniques to cope with the psychological effects of distressing events.

Among other things, the sessions will address intrusive thoughts and feelings, problems such as bad memories, nightmares, and flashbacks, and children's fears and difficulties in facing reminders of distressing events.

The sessions for six to eight-year-olds will take place every Wednesday from 8 January to 12 February 2020.

The sessions for eight to 12-year-olds will take place every Thursday from 9 January to 13 February 2020.

Two parent sessions will also be offered alongside each group, to enable parents to learn about the techniques their children have been practicing in the group sessions.

All sessions will be held at the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Service. For more info or to book call

☎ 020 8637 6279 or ✉ grenfell.wellbeing@nhs.net

Try something new this January at ClementJames



The ClementJames Centre's wellbeing programme is the perfect way to build confidence, boost relaxation and connect with others this new year.

For those looking to give gardening a go, the monthly gardening workshops, offered in partnership with the Pollinator Pathways project, will give you the skills and know-how needed to grow flowers, plants and vegetables at home. The next session takes place on Thursday 16 January from 11am to 1pm.

Bookworms will enjoy getting together at a ClementJames weekly reader group every Wednesday from 10.30am to 12 noon. The group discusses novels, short stories and poems.

All sessions take place out of the centre at 95 Sirdar Road, W11 4EQ.



For more information,
visit www.clementjames.org
or wellbeing@clementjames.org

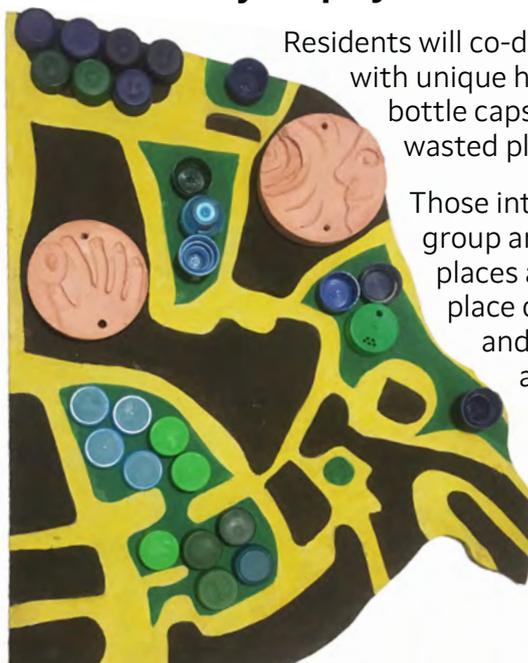
Transforming Maxilla Bays

The Maxilla Bays redevelopment project will see underused North Ken spaces transformed into useful facilities and resources for residents in partnership with the Council. An independently run recruitment process is now underway for seven paid roles. Members of the community are encouraged to apply in order to form an organisation that will run a consultation and develop a business plan to run the space.

For more information, visit
www.maxillabays.com

A splash of colour from recycled lids

A vibrant new mural is set to transform the railings outside ACAVA's Maxilla Studios on Maxilla Walk as part of a new community art project.



Residents will co-design and create the new artwork with unique handmade clay tiles and plastic bottle caps, bringing new life to otherwise wasted plastic.

Those interested can join the project group and booking is recommended as places are limited. Workshops will take place on Fridays throughout January and February (January 17, 24, 31 and February 14 and 28) so don't delay if you'd like to take part.



To stay up to date with ACAVA projects.

Lisa.nash@acava.org or follow [@ACAVAFLOURISH](https://twitter.com/ACAVAFLOURISH) on Twitter

Memorial mosaic turns over a new leaf



Photo credit: Zute Lightfoot and Ashleigh Ramel

The first leaves have been added to the Grenfell Memorial Community Mosaic at the base of Grenfell Tower. The original mosaic was formed over one year, with community groups expanding the mosaic with a new petal each month.

Thanks to support from ACAVA, Al Manaar and the Kensington and Chelsea Foundation, the project is continuing with 24 leaves being created by residents' associations, schools and community groups. The leaves will feature 72 gold

flecks, representing the lives lost at Grenfell.

The mosaic has become a focal point for reflection and commemoration for those paying respects when passing by Grenfell Tower.

If you would like to be involved or to keep up to date with this project,

✉ lisa.nash@acava.org

or follow  @ACAVALourish or  @ACAVAArts on Twitter

The Grenfell Inquiry wants to hear from you

The Grenfell Tower Inquiry wants to hear from local residents who have information about the emergency relief response in the immediate aftermath of the Grenfell tragedy.

Members of the team looking at the aftermath of the tragedy

will be at the next Inquiry drop-in to listen to local residents and take questions.

The next drop-in is on Tuesday 14 January at the Notting Hill Methodist Church, 240 Lancaster Road, W11 4AH from 4pm to 6.30pm.

For more information, visit  www.grenfelltowerinquiry.org.uk

Grenfell Community Leadership Programme

The Grenfell Community Leadership Programme provides individuals and organisations, who are directly supporting residents in North Kensington, with access to a free programme of workshops, one-to-one events and courses which can support them to strengthen their skills and help with the ongoing recovery. These include:

- how to build a business
- how to write an effective plan
- reaching your maximum potential
- developing leadership and management skills

New programmes, events and courses are being added all the time – check the website for updates.

www.rbkc.gov.uk/grenfell-community-leadership

Grenfell Community Leadership Programme

A Community Leadership Programme to build skills and capacity in local voluntary and community projects



What's on at The Curve?

In 2020 The Curve will be bringing you all the brilliant activities you're used to as well as a host of new additions. You'll be able to join new courses and some amazing training opportunities.

Kensington and Chelsea College will be offering training courses at The Curve. Want a challenge or a new career? The Curve has a variety of new courses starting in February including hairdressing, ICT skills and glass workshops, available from beginner level to intermediate.

Pursue a career in security

The Curve is offering Construction Skills Certification Scheme training for those aged 18 plus, delivered by Central London First. Spaces are limited.

Be the best parent you can be

The Curve parenting programme is designed to answer worrying questions and help with good parenting skills to give you a better understanding of what it is like to be a child in 2020.



For more information on these courses and more, contact The Curve.

The Curve has many more courses and training on offer such Public Health Training and Environmental Health Training more information on these courses can be found on The Curve website.

For more information about what's on at The Curve, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search 'events at The Curve' or drop in to the centre.

Contact The Curve

 **020 7221 9836**  thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

Out with the old, in with the New Year!

You can get the New Year off to a positive start by helping the environment and recycling your real Christmas tree and unwanted items.

Last year Kensington and Chelsea residents recycled 71.46 tonnes of real trees for composting. We will compost your tree for free. Just drop it at locations around the borough from Thursday 2 January to Sunday 19 January 2020.

To check where you can drop off your real tree for composting visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/christmascollections or for more information call Streetline on 020 7361 3001.

Do you have any small-medium electrical items or unwanted clothes you want to get rid of? TR Aid, the recycling charity, will collect your unwanted small-medium electrical items (like kettles and toasters) and clothes for free.

For more information and to book a collection visit www.rbkc.gov.uk/traid



For more information about recycling, and services available to reduce and reuse your waste, visit www.rbkc.gov.uk and search 'bins and recycling'