

# CommUNITY Barnet Newsletter



News from CommUNITY Barnet and the Sector



## Introduction and News from our CEO, Julie Pal

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2017.

Following on from my last e-newsletter, I said that our 2017 work would be unity – focusing on cooperation, community, achievements through working together, embracing and celebrating diversity – enter 2017, and we have already had the inauguration of Donald Trump and the global response, the Supreme Court ruling that the Government has to seek permission from parliament to trigger ‘Article 50’ of the Lisbon Treaty, and several government departments have released new funding pots to finance innovation, partnership working and re-designing public services. So, I think unity is a good 2017 word.

January is also the time when many organisations are agreeing their 2017/18 budgets – an exercise that always feels daunting as we all anxiously view the ever-changing funding landscape and think how we can spread our money to reach even more beneficiaries and demonstrate our added value to everything that we do.

Our key focus for 2017 is to develop our 2018-2021 Strategy. Over the past few years, many of you who have attended our AGMs have found yourselves being part of round table discussions where we have asked you what you would like from CommUNITY Barnet. We have taken that feedback and will use it to inform our new strategy and work plan. Our aim is to present it to you, our members, at our next AGM later on this year.

Other priorities for this year for us include developing partnerships with local organisations to co-design services which benefit our residents, explore ways of building on our

successful funders' fairs and supporting some of our smaller organisations whose viability will be placed at risk due to funding changes.

Finally, it is with great sadness that I must inform you that our colleague, Nicola Mills, passed away on 2 January following a long illness.

Nicola joined CommUNITY Barnet as part of the Healthwatch Brent transfer of staff arrangements from Brent Mencap. She was responsible for setting up the very successful Community Chest, establishing the Advisory Board and agreeing the contractual agreements with our Performance and Reach partners – a significant amount of work on a weekly contractual arrangement of 9 hours between July – December 2015 when she unfortunately had to stop working.

I am sure you will join me in sending condolences to her family.

Thank you.



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**Do You Know?**



### **Accredited Incredible Years Basic Parenting Group Leader training**

Community Barnet is offering a valuable accredited Incredible Years Basic Parenting training course. The goal is to prevent and treat young children's behaviour problems and promote their social, emotional, and academic competence. The programs are used worldwide in schools and mental health centres, and have been shown to work across cultures and socioeconomic groups.

**Event:** Accredited Incredible Years Basic Parenting Group Leader training

**Date:** 15 – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2017

**Time:** 9am – 4.30pm

**Place:** Community Barnet Board Room

**Cost:** £250 (includes registration with Incredible Years; User guide; Refreshments and Lunch)

**Target Audience:** Learning Mentors; Family Support Workers; Professionals such as therapists; counsellors; parent educators from psychology, social work, education, nursing and psychiatry and those working with families of young children with conduct problems (ages 4-10 yrs.), or with single parents, abusive and teenage parents.

Click [here to register](#) your place on this course. If you have any questions please contact Zoe Kattah on 020 8364 8400, 216; or by [email](#).

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### Skype Inspires Literacy

Celebrate reading and writing with your classroom by inviting an author to talk to your students over Skype or participate in one of our fun literacy activities. Running from 3rd January through to World Read Aloud day on 16th Feb, & World Book Day on 2nd March!

Find out more [here](#).



## Members News and Events

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### Welcome to the New Year update from Barnet Boroughwatch

It's been a busy year for us, with increasing recruiting across the borough. As you may be aware, the police have been carrying out their Smartwater distribution to priority Roads. These are determined by the company based on police burglary statistics and issued free of charge to residents. In fact, Barnet saw the most delivered in London with over 12500 sets being issued.

That was phase one with phase two about to complete in the next few months. When issued, the homeowner is asked if they require info on neighbourhood watch. So far, I have been sent a list of over 14000 individuals to contact. A challenge indeed! So, this is a major task for the coming twelve months.

Incidentally, if you are not given the free set of Smartwater it can be obtained through us at a discount if you are a NHW member. Contact us [here](#).

With the regeneration of the West side of the borough, we have had many requests from housing associations and tenants to start NHW's in their communities. I am in the process of starting 16 new NHW's in the area in and around the old Colindale Hospital for Crabtree properties.

Our Facebook page is very active and is attracting 5 or 6 new members every day, if you wish to join search in groups for [Barnet Boroughwatch](#).

We have good news as well: on February 10<sup>th</sup>, Maureen West, our chair, will receive her MBE at Buckingham Palace. Congratulations Maureen!

Paul Hammond, January 2017



### **Barnet Group Programme: Picking up the pieces**

A group programme for women with no children & for mothers and female carers with children aged 11 years and over affected by domestic abuse.

**When:** Every Thursday from 2nd Feb 2017 until 4th May 2017  
Term Time only (8 weeks)

**Time:** 10pm-12pm

**Where:** Barnet DVAAS Office, Finchley Central

The criteria for the group is:

- Female parents and/or carers only.
- The perpetrating adult must NOT be living in the family home.
- Must be able to attend ALL 8 sessions

- You must inform and get consent from the client before referring her to the course.

If you have clients who are interested and fit the criteria, please can you fill out [the referral form](#) and send back to Leanne Higgins [by email](#). More information about the programme is available [here](#).

Please contact Leanne if require more information Thursday or Fridays. **Telephone:** 0203 874 5003

For more information, visit the [website](#).



## Time to Talk

We are taking part in this year's [#TimetoTalkDay](#)

Join us on Thursday 2nd February for arts, crafts & information at Mill Hill East Church.

Create something, talk to us or have coffee. Materials all provided and everyone welcome. Just drop-in and say hello!

time to change  
time to talk  
day 2017  
UK's most mental health discrimination

**It's Time to Talk**  
**Join Eclipse on**  
**02/02/2017 at 11-2pm**  
**at Mill Hill East Church**

Help us end mental health stigma and join us for arts, crafts and information! Activities & materials provided, refreshments available.

time to change  
eclipse  
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## Right and Early provider event: opportunity to hear about future commissioning

Adults and Health commissioning at Barnet council are developing proposals for a new type of early support offer.

We are looking at the evidence of what works for our different client groups to help them stay independent for as long as possible and to make sure that when they do need services they are supported in ways that mean they don't need additional care.

We now have some initial proposals of what we need to commission in the borough from 2018. We'd like to work with you to test what we can grow locally and where we may need to design new services.

We will be inviting a wide range of providers from the public, private and voluntary sector to work with us at this event.

### **Event information:**

**Date:** 27 February 2017

**Time:** 1pm – 4pm

**Venue:** Committee Room 1, Hendon Town Hall

It is free to attend this event.

Due to capacity, we can only accommodate one representative from each organisation. Please register your interest by booking a ticket via [Eventbrite](#).

Please contact Zoë Garbett [by email](#) / 0208 359 3478 if you have any questions.



## Large Office to rent in a volunteer lead community centre in East Finchley

The Green Man Management Group – a group of volunteer residents who run the **Green Man Community Centre, Strawberry Vale, East Finchley, London N2 9BA**, are looking to rent out one of their large upstairs rooms as office space.

We are looking for a like-minded charity/community group/not for profit organisations to rent out office space to on a long-term basis in our well-maintained centre.

Our centre is:

- Fully accessible with lift to the first floor and accessible toilets
- Lots of free car parking outside
- On major bus routes 263 & 382
- A short walk from East Finchley tube station (Northern Line)
- Some storage available
- Use of centre kitchen with fridge, dishwasher, microwave
- Additional rooms can be hired for meetings and activities from us too

For more information, please contact the GMMG secretary, Helen Shannon, [by email](#), or call her on 07866507609.



## The FSI Skills Conference: Sharing the essentials

Taking place in Central London on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017, [The Foundation for Social Improvement's](#) (FSI) annual [Skills Conference](#) will provide 200 small charity delegates the chance to access a range of expert speakers to build essential back office skills.

Small charities and community groups are encouraged to select their skills gaps and the FSI will match them to workshops taking place throughout the day. Delegates will take away relevant and practical skills from four out of 20 interactive workshops including: HR, Law, IT, Finance, Governance, Policy and Marketing.

To find out what topics are on offer, and to book on to the conference, click [here](#).

**Venue:** Resource for London, 356 Holloway Rd, London N7 6PA

**Date:** Thursday 9th March 2017

**Time:** 9.30am-4.30pm (registration from 9.00am)

**Cost:** The FSI Skills Conference has an average market value of £295, but is delivered to our members for £15. To secure a place, you will be required to pay a £50 deposit, but on attendance and after completing the full day of the conference,

£35 will be refunded to you. Retained fees contribute to booking, administration and material costs.

The hashtag is **#SC2017** on social media.

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## Barnet Safer Neighbourhood Board

### Deputy Mayor of Policing & Crime will be speaking in Barnet!

Have your say about crime and public safety in your local area. Guest speaker, Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor of Policing and Crime in London will be there to speak and answer your questions.

**Venue:** Hendon Town Hall, Committee Room 1

**Date:** Monday 20th March 2017

**Time:** 7.00pm

Further information can be found [here](#).

Register your interest [here](#).

Follow on [Twitter](#).

## Funding News and Opportunities



### Team London Small Grants Programme for volunteers

Grants are to support organisations that aim to recruit older adult volunteers or for projects that support older people. The grants will be for between £5k and £10k for a 12 month project.

More information [here](#).

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## MOPAC Victims Fund

We are delighted to launch The MOPAC Victims Fund to benefit victims of crime across London. The aim of the Fund is to maximise the potential of voluntary, community and social enterprise (VCSE) organisations to help ensure the continued and improved provision of vital services to support victims of crime and help them cope and recover. A portion of the fund will be ring-fenced for both hate crime victims and victims of violent crime.

Grants of between £10,000 and £35,000 (with up to £5,000 of the grant award for capacity building such as in-house training, purchasing of software etc.) are available to individual organisations providing support to victims of crime to help them cope and recover from their experience. Partnerships of three or more organisations applying together can receive up to £100,000 – please note, partnership applications will need to be submitted by one lead applicant and we encourage larger organisations to partner with smaller groups in order to exchange learning.

**Deadline:** 5pm Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017

To apply and for more information click [here](#).



## Peabody Community Fund

Grants of between £500 and £5,000 are available for activities which improve the quality of life of Peabody residents by supporting local activities that:

- Are responding to identified community need
- Bring communities together
- Promote wellbeing

The Fund is able to support activities benefitting residents of all ages and priority will be given to:

Organisations/projects addressing the needs of the most disadvantaged members of the community

- Peabody resident-led projects. If an applicant organisation is not resident-led, they will need to demonstrate strong connections with local residents,

strong partnership working in the locality, a commitment to the locality after the proposed project is complete, and a clear understanding of community needs

- In 2016/17 up to 50% of the funding will be available for projects located in the following boroughs: Haringey, Hillingdon, Redbridge and Wandsworth
- Youth led projects up to the age of 24.

**Deadline:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017 by 12 noon

To apply and for more information click [here](#).

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Proudly supporting  
youth social action



## Youth Social Action

Youth social action has huge potential to create enjoyable opportunities and skills development for young people, benefitting local people and places.

The aim of this grant is to raise the level and quality of youth social action. The programme aim is to increase youth social action by 50% by 2020 taking the percentage of young people that volunteer from 40% to 60%.

Social action involves activities such as campaigning, fundraising and volunteering, all of which enable participants to make a positive difference to their communities.

Social action develops the skills and knowledge of young people that employers look for.

**Deadline:** 6th March 2017 at 5pm

To apply and for more information click [here](#).

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## Better Boilers Fund

Just to update you on the new boiler fund which is to be launched this month:

If you're a homeowner on benefits and your boiler is inefficient or broken, we will replace or repair it for free.

Better Boilers - Mayor Sadiq Khan's £1m scheme to help people stay warm this winter - starts in January, but you can pre-register your interest now.

To be eligible you must:

- be a **homeowner** in London
- be in receipt of **qualifying benefits**
- have an **inefficient or broken boiler**

Clients can register online via [this link](#).

For homeowners who are over 65, or have a long term health condition who are not in receipt of benefits, but are in need of a boiler repair, please refer them to [Winterwell](#) or 0208 359 7441.

For all other homeowners who are in need of repairs to their heating systems which doesn't have to necessarily be a boiler, please refer them to [Winterwell](#) or 0208 359 7441 if they have a long term health condition or are over 65 years old.



## Volunteering Opportunities



### Looking for volunteers? Have you heard of Barnet Good Gym?

Barnet Good Gym is a group of runners who meet every Tuesday evening at the Phoenix in East Finchley and use our run to do good! We stop off on our runs to do manual labour for community organisations and to support isolated older people with social visits and one-off tasks they can't do on their own.

### How can your organisation benefit?

If you have tasks you'd like a hand with, [drop Pennie a line](#). Barnet Good Gym regularly has upwards of 12 runners and we can get a lot done in short space of time – in the past we have painted a hallway, done gardening, litter picking, painted garden furniture, and even decorated Santa's Grotto! We'd love to hear from you, so get in touch with your ideas for tasks we

can complete, or join us at the Phoenix at 6.45pm every Tuesday.



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ACTIVE VOLUNTEERING BARNET  
FROM VOLUNTEERING MATTERS

## Volunteers create beautiful, disability-friendly community garden in Whetstone

Active Volunteering Barnet teamed up with Royal Mencap and Whetstone Stray Allotments to create a disability-friendly allotment plot for the local community in Whetstone.

Ten volunteers who have a learning disability created the Whetstone Community Garden. It involved digging out a pond, building a shelter, constructing raised beds and making wheelchair accessible paths, and planting vegetables for spring harvest. Involving volunteers at every step of the process was important as the garden will become a place where people with disabilities can volunteer and also spend time socialising.

The volunteers have expressed a real sense of pride in their work. Volunteer Moishe Goldblatt remarked: *“the allotment is a fantastic place. What we do here is good for everybody.”*

The Whetstone Stray Allotments Committee is also passionate about the project. Brigid Falconer said: *“Gardening on the allotments is good for physical and mental health. We want as many people as possible to benefit, by making it welcoming and accessible.”*

Liz White, Project Officer of Active Volunteering Barnet: *“The Allotment Committee has shown incredible care, dedication and passion and created a role for everyone. Being out in nature,*

*feeling valued as part of a team and seeing the results of their hard work.”*

For more information, please contact the Project Officer, Liz White, [by email](#) or phone 07506 845 985.

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## **Volunteer at East Barnet and South Friern Libraries!**

Inclusion Barnet is looking for volunteers to support our library services in East Barnet and South Friern! Why not join our welcoming team and run a fantastic community service?

Further information can be found [here](#).

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## **The Challenge in Barnet needs you! Engage and inspire young volunteers in Barnet this summer**

Are you a local Barnet charity or community organisation?  
Would you like to engage with young volunteers this summer?

Here, at The Challenge in Barnet, we are starting to plan the NCS (National Citizens Service) programme for 2017 and have lots of opportunities available for local partnerships! Want a workshop in Art, Enterprise, Drama, Photography or Sport for your group? Do you have a project that needs volunteers? Are you interested in helping young people plan a social action project based around your organisation's mission, and fundraise on your behalf?

In 2016, our teams of young people spent time at 92 charities, community organisations and local businesses across Barnet. They planned and ran their own social action projects, and raised a grand total of £10,334 for Barnet charities!

For more information, please contact Zazie Clarke [by email](#) or 07867560675.

See [our website](#)

Follow us on [Twitter](#)

## Job Opportunities



### CommUNITY Barnet are recruiting

#### **Patient and Public Engagement Officer (Barnet)**

CommUNITY Barnet has been funded by Barnet Clinic Commissioning Group to develop and support its patient and public engagement activity in 2017. A significant part of this work will be to help develop the Borough's GP Patient Participation Groups.

Are you passionate about patient and public involvement in health care?

Do you see the benefits of GP Patient Participation Groups?

Do you want to be part of a vibrant team?

Fixed Term contract: 1 year

£24,000 per annum (pro rata)

21 hours per week

**Closing date:** 12/02/17

**Interview date:** 20/02/17

Click [here](#) for further information.



### Barnet Mencap are recruiting

#### **Volunteer and Fundraising Coordinator**

21 hours per week (3 days)

Salary: £23,900 pro rata

The successful candidate needs to be an enthusiastic, creative and self-starting fundraiser to lead on community and grants fundraising and volunteer management

We are looking to recruit a talented fundraiser to join our passionate team and implement an exciting new fundraising and volunteer strategy.

You will be:

- using your communications skills and ability to inspire people to support our organisation to encourage fundraising by volunteers, local businesses and schools.
- identifying and pursuing fundraising from trusts and grant making organisations.
- required to work closely with our project staff so that you can recruit and train volunteers to support them, whilst ensuring your fundraising efforts are based on close knowledge of the results our services are achieving

Further details on our [website](#).

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## **Barnet Mencap are recruiting**

### **Community Services Deputy Manager**

21 hours per week (3 days)

Salary: £25,208 pro rata

This highly successful service enables young people and adults with learning disabilities and/or autism to access a wide range of community based leisure and learning opportunities.

We are currently looking for a focused individual with excellent interpersonal skills to assist the Community Services Manager in the day to day running and development of the service.

**Closing date:** 31st January 2017

**Interview date:** 10th February 2017

To apply, please either complete an application form or send a CV with a statement explaining how you meet each of the criteria on the person specification. The application pack is available on our [website](#). Alternatively, please contact us on 020 8349 3842 to request a pack to be sent to you. Completed applications can either be emailed [here](#) or sent to the address below.

[Send an email](#)

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## **Barnet Carers are recruiting**

### **Care Workers Needed**

37.5 hrs per week

Salary £24,000 pa

***(Living within the London Borough of Barnet)  
(EN2, EN4, EN5, NW2, NW3, NW4, NW7, NW9, NW11, N2,  
N3, N6, N10, N11, N12, N14, N20, HA7, HA8, WD6 only)***

***To work in the clients' own homes  
(Within the London Borough of Barnet)***

We offer our Care Workers:

- competitive hourly rates of pay, including mileage
- holiday pay
- free training & ongoing support.

Hourly rates are as follows:

- *Monday-Friday £7.58 (6am-10pm)*
- *Saturday & Sunday £8.94 (6am-10pm)*

Contact us for an immediate initial short interview on  
020 8343 9698.

See their website [here](#).

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## **Inclusion Barnet are recruiting**

### **Community Development Worker**

**12 months contract with possibility for extension**

£28,000 per annum (pro rata)

28 hours per week

We are looking for an experienced and enthusiastic Community Development Worker to support the development of services in two Partnership libraries. The libraries will function as

community hubs where a range of information, advice, and well-being services and activities will be delivered.

You'll be key to this – finding out what local people need, sourcing or developing the services to meet those needs, and recruiting and supporting volunteers. You'll also learn how to run the libraries in order to support the volunteers in the library manager's absence – full training will be given.

Click [here](#) for further information.

**Closing date:** 15/02/17



## Newsletter and Information Sharing

If you have any news or information that you would like us to include in our newsletter, please send it to our [newsletter email address](#). Two hundred words or less and attach your logo. If you are sending event information, please do not send it as a PDF. We do try and include all information sent to us; however, there will be times that this will not be possible.

Hope you have found the newsletter both useful and informative. If you have any suggestions about our newsletters, please send them to [Helen](#).



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