



## London Civic Forum July 2011 e-bulletin

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### FORUM NEWS

#### London Civic Forum EGM

LCF held an EGM on 21st June to consider a Special Resolution to extend the term of office of Council Members and Executive Members for up to a further 12 months. Following an adjournment until 27th June due to lack of quorum, the resolution was passed with overwhelming support.

The reason for the Special Resolution was that LCF's biennial elections to the Council and Executive, were due this summer and the Executive Committee decided it would not be appropriate to hold elections during or in advance of the conclusion, of the transition work (reported in last month's bulletin). Extending the term of the current Council and Executive members means that they have ample time to deal with the process they have initiated. The alternative would have involved new members less familiar with the issues, and less time within which to resolve them.

**Athletes Village 2013> A model of community led regeneration and neighbourhood development? Thursday 28 July 2011 Toynbee Hall 9:30 am. – 1:00 p.m.**

This seminar will bring together policy makers and community organisations to explore the challenges and opportunities for community led regeneration presented by the transformation of the Athletes Village on the Olympic Park into a new neighbourhood in East London in 2013/14. The seminar will also look at what aspects of the development might be a model for other regeneration initiatives across London.

Speakers from the following organisations are scheduled to participate; London Civic Forum, Olympic Park Legacy Company, Olympic Delivery Authority, London East Research Institute, Toynbee Hall, London Citizens, and Shelter.

If you would like more information about this event please e-mail Paul Bower [paul@londoncivicforum.org.uk](mailto:paul@londoncivicforum.org.uk)

*This is a free seminar produced by London Civic Forum, London Citizens, London East Research Institute, Shelter and London Tenants Federation*

### **New evidence supporting active citizenship learning: National Take Part Report published**

Community Development Foundation (CDF) has published its final report from the government-funded National Take Part Programme 2008-11. LCF was London Take Part Champion from 2009-11; Southwark Active Citizens Hub and Sutton CVS were the capital's Take Part Pathfinders.

The report evidences a wide range of positive outcomes from the programme, and makes a range of interesting recommendations for future programmes supporting civil society. Download the report from the LCF website [here](#).

### **National Take Part Network gets active online**

London Civic Forum is supporting the independent National Take Part Network to develop a strong online presence, enabling closer networking for all those with an interest in active citizenship learning. Join in by going to [www.takepart.org](http://www.takepart.org) to set up your own user account, and follow links to [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

### **Paid Internship: Take Part Researcher**

London Civic Forum is recruiting for a new Take Part Research Intern (3 days a week, 4 months) to support the development of our new active citizenship learning programme. Applications must be received by **5pm on Friday 8th July**. For more information please see [www.londoncivicforum.org.uk/vacancies](http://www.londoncivicforum.org.uk/vacancies). Interviews for shortlisted candidates will be held on **14th July**.

## **FUNDING/RECRUITMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Recruitment Opens for Community Organisers**

Cambridge House and Community Links, London's 'kickstarters' for the national Community Organisers Programme, have begun recruitment for senior Community Organisers to be based at their organisations. Cambridge House will hold an open meeting on Tuesday 12th July from 6 – 8pm. For more information please see [www.ch1889.org/jobs](http://www.ch1889.org/jobs) or contact Beatriz Dominguez at [bdominguez@ch1889.org](mailto:bdominguez@ch1889.org). For more information on Community Links recruitment process click [here](#)

### **Launch of Team London's Small Grants Programme**

***Opens for applications on 15th July, with a closing date of 15th August.***

Worth £0.5 million, the programme targets small charities and voluntary and community organisations, which use volunteering in order to create high social impact in their communities.

Grants of up to £10,000 per organisation are available to fund activities that support one or more of the following three objectives:

- Increasing youth opportunity
- Contributing to cutting crime
- Improving quality of life

Applicants will need to be able to:

- Demonstrate they have the capacity to use volunteering to support small community projects
- Deliver activities that will continue beyond the life of the grants programme and
- Spend the Team London grant by April 2012

[Express an Interest in applying for a grant](#)

### **Big Lottery Fund**

#### **Improving Financial Confidence programme**

The Big Lottery Fund has launched a £30 million fund for projects in England aimed at helping families and individuals avoid financial difficulty. It will offer grants between £500,000 and £1 million for projects lasting three to five years, to be delivered by partnerships led by voluntary organisations and with the aim of giving people confidence and skills to use financial services such as bank accounts and affordable loans. The fund will focus on social housing residents, in particular those who have been moving in and out of work, are in the first 12 months of their tenancies or who are young. Grants will be available in 15 London boroughs that have been identified as having the most financially excluded residents. **Application deadline 16 September.** More detail [here](#).

#### **Awards for All update**

Changes to this small grants programme mean that groups can now apply for £10,000 every year rather than every two years, and repeat events and activities more than three years apart may also be funded. The scheme aims to improve local communities and the lives of people most in need. For details, [click here](#).

### **London Tree and Woodland Grant Scheme and Western Riverside Environmental Fund**

The *London Tree and Woodland Grant Scheme* operates across London for projects

involved with tree and woodland planting and offers projects up to a maximum of £5,000. The current closing date is **Friday 15th July 2011**.

*The Western Riverside Environmental Fund* offers funding up to £25,000 for environmental biodiversity projects and public amenity improvement projects in the following four London Boroughs:

Wandsworth, Lambeth, Kensington and Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham

The closing date for the next round is **Friday 26th August 2011**.

For more information contact [Sharon.Robertson@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Sharon.Robertson@groundwork.org.uk)

## **CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITIES**

### **One Society/LVSC pay ratios and income inequality survey**

One Society and LVSC are sending out this survey (and accompanying best practice guide) as part of a pilot project about pay ratios and income inequality in the voluntary and community sector (VCS). One Society is engaged in surveying the private sector and they want to produce data for a VCS comparator.

[Take the survey.](#)

**Deadline July 21st.**

### **Consultation on changes to the Admissions Framework**

On 27 May, the Department for Education launched its consultation on the changes to the admissions framework.

In the White Paper 'The Importance of Teaching', Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education, announced a review of the school admissions system to make it simpler, fairer and more transparent, building on the principle of placing the trust back in schools and head teachers. The Department would welcome views on the draft School Admissions Code and draft School Admission Appeals Code, which are at the centre of proposed changes to the admissions system.

**Closing Date: Friday 19 August 2011**

[Click here for more information](#)

### **Compact Voice launches survey into local Compacts across England**

Compact Voice are encouraging anyone with a knowledge of their local Compact to take part in their first annual survey. The short survey aims to gather up-to-date information about the state of all local Compacts across England, identifying where they are working well and where improvement is needed.

The survey is open until 12 July, 2011 and can be found at

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Compact\\_Voice\\_Survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Compact_Voice_Survey).

For further information [go here](#)

### **The Citizenship Foundation and The Glasshouse Community Led Design would like your help**

'The Citizenship Foundation and The Glasshouse Community Lead Design are currently developing a project aimed at engaging young people with place shaping and the opportunities arising from the localism agenda. As part of the project development they have put together a brief survey in order to identify the impact that localism is likely to have on community groups, local authorities and private developers and ascertain how their work could ensure young people are empowered and able to engage with local regeneration and development plans. Please take a couple of minutes to fill out the survey and share amongst your colleagues and networks, all information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence with responses used anonymously.'

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/localism\\_survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/localism_survey)

### **LONDON NEWS**

#### **Mayor's Question Time**

The next Mayors Question time will be held on the: **13th July at 10.00am, Chamber, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA**

For more information contact: Rebecca Arnold, Committee Services Manager; Telephone: 020 7983 4421; E-mail: [rebecca.arnold@london.gov.uk](mailto:rebecca.arnold@london.gov.uk); Minicom: 020 7983 4458.

#### **Talk London in Bexley**

**Thursday 21 July, 7pm – 8.30pm (doors open at 6pm), Bexleyheath School, Woolwich Road, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA6 7DA**

The Mayor of London and a panel of local council and community figures will be in Bexley on the 21st July for 'Lets Talk about Bexley' event, part of the Talk about London series of events. These events aim to allow Londoners an opportunity to question the Mayor on what he does for London

The panel includes:

Boris Johnson - Mayor of London

James Cleverly - Assembly Member, Bexley and Bromley (Chair)

Lizzie Noel - Mayoral Advisor, Social Action and Volunteering

Teresa O'Neill - Leader, Bexley Council

Gurcharan Singh Dhese MBE - Special Constable, LB Bexley

[Apply for free tickets here](#)

### **Metropolitan Police Authority**

The Metropolitan Police Authority is consulting on London's policing priorities. If you would like to take part in the consultation please click here

<http://www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans/>

***Closing date: 25 November 2011.***

### **Indices of Deprivation 2010**

The ID2010 replace the Indices of Deprivation 2007 (ID2007) as the Government's official measure of deprivation from the Department for Communities and Local Government. The Indices show London remains an area of mixed fortunes, with some wealthier areas alongside pockets of deprivation across the capital. The indices help to pinpoint those areas where there is greatest need on a number of dimensions of deprivation.

The GLA Intelligence Unit has authored a briefing presenting the key findings for London from the 2010 Indices

<http://data.london.gov.uk/datastore/package/indices-deprivation-2010>

### **NATIONAL NEWS**

#### **£55m Endowment Fund launched for arts and heritage charities**

Culture secretary Jeremy Hunt says fund will give grants of at least £500,000 to about 50 organisations. The culture secretary Jeremy Hunt has announced details of a £55m programme to help arts and heritage charities build endowment funds. The Endowment Fund will award grants of at least £500,000 to about 50 organisations. The fund, which will be chaired by the former Cabinet minister Michael Portillo, will open in October and issue its first grants in early 2012.

[For more information click here](#)

#### **Community Development Foundation to deliver government's £80m Community First programme**

Community Development Foundation (CDF) will partner with a number of organisations including Charity Award-winning Community Foundation Network (CFN) to deliver the government's £80m Community First programme, the Cabinet Office has announced. The grantmaker will now deliver a £30m small grants programme and £50m endowment match fund to encourage communities to develop their strengths and funding potential to strengthen their resilience for the future.

[For more information click here](#)

## RESOURCES

### **Big Society Deregulation Taskforce's final report, Unshackling Good Neighbours**

The governments Independent Task Force established to consider how to cut red tape for small charities, voluntary organisations and social enterprises has published a report containing recommendations to improve commissioning from voluntary and community organisations. Recommendations include that commissioners should be encouraged to use grant-aid as a payment mechanism for services delivered by small organisations, and should be encouraged not to use open competitive tendering as the default option for all services. Read the full set of recommendations in the final report, [here](#).

### **Trust for London Reports**

#### **No Longer Invisible**

New research highlights that the Latin American community in London is almost four times the size recorded in the 2001 census. Although now comparable in size to other large migrant and ethnic groups in the capital, its contribution and needs have largely been ignored. The report is the most comprehensive research to date into this community and was commissioned by Trust for London and the Latin American Women's Rights Service. Produced by Queen Mary, University of London, the report establishes the first robust estimate of the size of the community and explores a number of key economic and social features of the Latin American community in London.

To access the report, click [here](#).

#### **Safeguarding Children's Rights**

The final report of this independent evaluation has been published exploring issues relating to witchcraft and spirit possession in London's African communities. Launched in May at a joint conference with the London Safeguarding Children Board, it featured presentations from AFRUCA, Churches Child Protection Advisory Service, Congolese Family Centre, the Congolese Youth Forum, the Centre for Social Work Research and Victoria Climbié Foundation. To read the evaluation report, click [here](#).

### **WRC Research**

The Women's Resource Centre (WRC) has launched its own research and evaluation consultancy service as a social enterprise aimed at contributing to the long-term sustainability of WRC. The consultancy offers a range of services, including specialist research for and about equalities and the third sector, as well as expertise in a broad range of additional research and policy areas. To find out more, click [here](#).

## EVENTS

### **London's Children Summer Conference**

**London Councils**

**12 July, 9.45 am – 4 pm**

**Kennington**

**Fee £50+VAT**

Conference organised by London Care Services (LCS) to showcase outstanding services for children with special educational needs (SEN) and children looked after in special schools, residential and foster care; to promote discussion of commissioning and procurement of services for children in care and with SEN. Intended for managers and practitioners from Residential Special Schools, Independent Fostering Agencies and Residential Care Homes in London boroughs and their colleagues in the independent sector and NHS. To book, contact [Wesley Kanyere](#), or [book online](#).

**Guns, Gangs and Knives: Tackling Serious Youth Violence**

**Public Policy Exchange**

**3 July, 10.15 am - 4.30 pm**

**Central London**

Annual symposium for practitioners across the police service, education, health and third sector to assess progress in reducing serious youth violence, explore the impact of new policy, powers and funding packages, and consider the next steps in confronting gang and street weapon culture. To find out more and book a place, [click here](#).

**Corporate responsibility: walking the talk**

**European Association for Philanthropy and Giving**

**18 July, 6 pm-7.30 pm**

**The Wren Suite, St Paul's Cathedral**

Fee £45 corporate, £35 not for profit, free for full time students (proof required)  
In collaboration with New Philanthropy Capital and St Paul's institute, this event will look at different approaches to corporate giving, showcasing examples of best practice. Speakers, including Revd Dr Giles Fraser, will share lessons learnt from staff volunteering, grantmaking, cause-related marketing, match-funding schemes, etc. Second in the series Corporations and Giving: Good for All. Click [here](#) to register.

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