

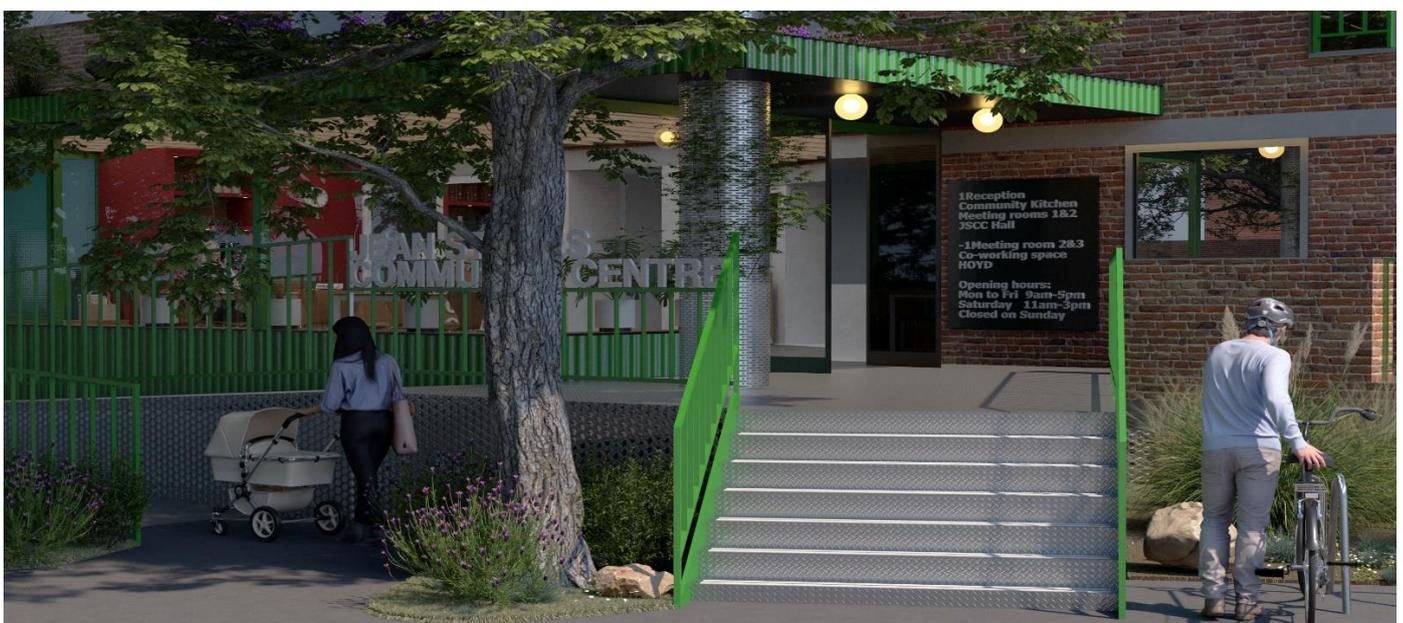
Voluntary and Community Sector Premises Allocation Programme: Jean Stokes Community Centre, Carnoustie Drive, N1 0DX

An opportunity has arisen for not-for-profit voluntary and community sector organisations to licence office space at Jean Stokes Community Centre, a multi-purpose community centre located on Bemerton Estate in Caledonian Ward, Islington. The initial licence is for a period of two years. There are five offices, with space for delivery of services and activities also available.

Currently Jean Stokes is undergoing renovation and the improved centre is due to re-open in June 2022.

We would like the successful not-for-profit organisations to support the needs of the local area and its residents as set out in the [We are Cally Community Plan 2021-24](#), and as a result will offer the premises at below market rent.

The community centre will be run and managed by Islington Council for an initial two-year period after reopening.



More details about the centre

Jean Stokes Community Centre is owned and managed by Islington Council. The property has five office spaces for licence available from June 2022 on the lower ground floor.

Internal layout, upper ground floor

The ground floor consists of a new 'community living room'/ reception area that leads onto a large kitchen. There is a lift opposite to the lower ground floor where the offices are located. There is a large hall (118 square metres) and two meeting rooms (33 square metres and 17 square metres).

Internal layout, lower ground floor

There are five office spaces. There is also some open-plan desk spaces which will be used as touch-down workspace for council staff and partners. There is a shared kitchenette for staff working in the centre.

Lower Ground Floor	
Office 1 (secure)	4.8m x 5.1m (24.48sqm)
Office 2 (no door)	4.8m x 2.6m (12.48sqm)
Office 3 (secure)	4.8m x 5.1m (24.48sqm)
Office 4 (secure)	4.8m x 2.5m (12.00sqm)
Office 5 (secure)	4.9m x 2.5m (12.25sqm)

Jean Stokes Community Centre is based on the Bemerton Estate, one of the largest in Islington, built in the late 1960s. Two thirds of the homes on the estate are socially rented. It is home to around 1,300 people, of whom 67% are of working age, 24% under 16 years and 9% over 65 years.

The area, known locally as 'the Cally', is a distinctive part of Islington with a strong sense of place, community and local pride. It is a collection of neighbourhoods where people of different cultures and backgrounds live and where extremes of material wealth co-exist.

Location and transport links

Jean Stokes Community Centre is located around 50m to the west of Caledonian Road. It is well served by public transport: 5 minutes' walk from Caledonian Road and Barnsbury station (London Overground), 10 minutes' walk from Caledonian Road station (Piccadilly line) and 15-20 minutes' walk to King's Cross (Northern line, Piccadilly line, Victorian line, Hammersmith & City Line, Metropolitan Line, and mainline train services), and a number of buses stop nearby.



Application information

- The application form and guidance accompanying this advert detail the application process and eligibility criteria.
- **Application closing date: 23:59 on Sunday 13 March 2022.**
- **Virtual Tour.** If you would like a virtual tour of the building please contact [Barry Winchester](#). The tour will be held on Tuesday, 1 March 2022, 3pm until 4.30pm.
- The application form and guidance information should be included as separate attachments. If not please email wearecally@islington.gov.uk
- If you have questions about the application after reading the guidance information, please email wearecally@islington.gov.uk