

Dear ICN members and partners,

This month we sadly wave goodbye to some ICN stalwarts, but can look forward to building on their work and meeting new colleagues.

If you have an event coming up, a new project, or anything else you'd like to share with Islington's voluntary and community sector, please contact me: christopher.taylor@vai.org.uk. Please note that this newsletter, and past editions, are also available [online](#).

Network News and Information

The report from the Islington Voluntary Sector Conference 2015 is now available. [Pulling Together: funding, resources and collaboration](#) was about finding real opportunities to access fresh funding and to work together, and the report recommendations encourage some of the key conference partners to build on the opportunities identified.

Our friend Katy Fattuhi, Director of **Creative Islington**, is [moving on at the end of the month](#), taking our good wishes with her.

In September we said goodbye to Liz Mercer, who represented the **Islington Carers Providers Forum** at the ICN. The work of Islington Carers Hub, including the forum, is being taken over by Age UK Islington, and Jane Chambers, already attending the ICN to inform us of older people's issues, will now feed in relevant news regarding carers too.

In yet another personnel change, Aisha Forbes has moved on to the board of Every Voice and so the **Islington BME Forum** will now be represented at the ICN by their new employee Despina Tsiakalou: despina@everyvoice.org.uk.

Members updates

Age UK Islington is setting up the [Power Loss Priority Service Register](#) helps older people and people with long-term health conditions living in Islington to register if need assistance. People can register independently by phone or on-line.

Islington Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Forum

14 October 2015, 10:45am – 1pm, St Mary's Parish Church, South Crypt, Upper Street, N1 2TX

This forum meeting is a follow up to the safety of children and young people event in June. For more details, [see the full programme](#).

'Let's get together!' - Connecting creative and social action organisations

21 October 2015, 10:30am - 12:30pm, Voluntary Action Islington, 200A Pentonville Road, London, N1 9JP

Creative Islington and **Voluntary Action Islington** are inviting their members to explore opportunities for working together through the sharing or exchanging of resources and skills and developing partnerships. The event will consist of the sharing of case studies, a spot of 'speed networking' and some general networking and discussion time. For more information, and to book, [visit the webpage](#).

Syrian Refugee Meeting

14 October 2015, 3pm, Committee Room 4, Islington Town Hall, Upper St, London N1 2UD
Islington Refugee Forum would like to invite you to a meeting to discuss and agree an offer of support for the 25 to 50 individuals who may be settled in Islington from the voluntary and community sector that is co-ordinated with the council. Please confirm attendance by emailing info@islingtonrefugeeforum.org.

Women making a difference

3 November 2015, 9.30am – 1pm, The Almeida Theatre, Almeida Street, London, N1 1TA
This [women's conference](#), hosted by **Islington Children and Young People's Voluntary Sector Forum**, will celebrate the achievements of women in the voluntary sector, connect people with each other, and inspire young women to see what is possible to achieve by activism and involvement. The keynote speaker will be **Shami Chakrabarti**, Director of Liberty and there will be several other local speakers and young people's involvement. A full buffet lunch will be provided. Early registration is advised due to limited places. To register please click [here](#).

Voluntary Action Islington Annual General Meeting and Volunteer of the Year Awards Ceremony

4 November, 6.00 – 8.30pm, Voluntary Action Islington, 200a Pentonville Road, London N1 9JP
Guest speaker Neil Jameson, Executive Director and London Lead Organiser, Citizens UK.
Refreshments will be served from 6pm. [Full agenda here](#). Please return the [registration form](#) to confirm attendance by 12 noon on Friday 30th October 2015. [Nominate local volunteers](#) for the Volunteer of the Year Awards by 10am on Monday 19th October 2015.

Events

Disability Sports Festival

17 October, 10am – 3pm, Islington Arts and Media School, Turle Road, N4 3LS
Sports and activities for young people with disabilities and their siblings. Sports and other activities on the day: football, Cricket, Boccia, indoor Athletics, Zone Basketball, Badminton, Short Tennis, Sitting Volleyball, Yoga. Competitions and prize draw. To register contact: tamara.awarieta@islington.gov.uk or call 0207 527 5148.

Healthwatch Islington's Annual Meeting

20 October 2015, 4 to 7pm, London Metropolitan University
The meeting will explore how local voluntary sector organisations can best influence health and social care commissioning. Follow the links for your [invitation](#) and an [agenda](#). RSVP to info@healthwatchislington.co.uk or call 0207 832 5814.

Learn how to run a crowdfunding campaign for civic projects

28 October, 18:30 - 21:00, Union Chapel
The London Borough of Islington have partnered with **Spacehive**, a crowdfunding platform for civic projects. People use Spacehive to improve community spaces, from building new playgrounds, to hosting events. [See the webpage](#) for more details. To register for the event email Alan.Elborough@Islington.gov.uk with your name and a couple of lines describing your idea.

News & Policy

For the latest news on **social enterprise**, visit our [Facebook group for local social entrepreneurs](#).

The next meeting of **Islington Health and Wellbeing Board** will be on 20 January 2016 at 1pm. Meetings are open to the public. See all information, including recent minutes, [here](#).

Hate crime awareness events and activities are being mapped on the [National Hate Crime Awareness Week Google Map](#). Add your event using the form at the bottom of the page. **Lambeth council** is hosting [Hate Crime pages](#) with relevant local information for each of the London Boroughs, including Islington. To update, amendment or correct the page, contact mhealey1@lambeth.gov.uk.

The **ArchWay With Words Festival of Superstar Authors & Spellbinding Speakers** has returned for its third outing from 10 - 18 October with a spectacular line-up headed by Joan Bakewell. Programmes and tickets are available [online](#) and from the library at Archway: Hamlyn House, Highgate Hill, N19 5PH. Call 020 7527 7820 for information.

The **Department for Communities and Local Government** has published the [English indices of deprivation 2015](#). These are statistics on relative deprivation in small areas in England. More useful statistics and information can be found on the **Greater London Authority's** [London Datastore](#), which includes the [London Borough Profiles and Atlas](#).

Camden council is proposing [a new funding model](#) offering seven-year contracts to local organisations working in areas of need, such as tackling deprivation and inequality. A spokesperson said: "In the past we have brought in bigger, external national charities and our local charities have missed out." Of the £5.1m budget, £1.5m-£2m will be spent on a strategic partners fund, which will be spent in areas where the council believes there is most deprivation.

Islington Council has agreed a fresh set of [equality objectives](#) to work towards between now and 2019: Hate crime, Employment, Social isolation, Our workforce.

Funding & Support

Expression of interest are invited for the [Substance Misuse Specialist Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service](#) by **12 noon on the 29 October 2015** for a service starting 1st April 2016.

Expressions of interest are invited for the [Local Healthwatch for the Borough](#) by **12 noon on the 1 November 2015** for a service starting 1st April 2016.

Expressions of interest are invited for the [Camden and Islington Adult Healthy Lifestyles programme](#) by **12 noon on the 11 November 2015** for a service starting 1st April 2016.

The second round of [Building Better Opportunities](#) projects funding has now opened for stage one applications. Two opportunities cover the 9 Central London Boroughs: Common Mental Health (Project 10) - £2,351,000; Support for refugees (Project 15) - £570k. One covers the 16 Central and South London Boroughs: Complex needs/SMD (Project 19) - £1,297,500. The closing date for stage one expressions of interest is **12 noon on Monday 30 November 2015**.

Set up a profile for your organisation on the new [Beehive](#) website and get recommendations of which funders to approach for your best chance of success.

The [Edge Fund](#) supports work that challenges abuses of power and aims to change society by bringing an end to the systems that cause injustice. While applicants may be working on short term

reforms, they ultimately aim to end or replace these systems with a just alternative, rather than trying to improve or reform them. Deadline: **25 October 2015, 5pm**.

Applications are open for [FreeSport Winter / Spring 2016](#) grants to run activities and sports. The deadline for the submission of [applications](#) is **12 noon 26 October 2015**.

Consultations

Islington Council is conducting an audit of voluntary, community and arts sector premises to understand more about the challenges for organisations and their current and future property needs as it will help to plan for the future stability of the sector. They are asking local organisations to spend 10 minutes completing a [premises survey](#). They also want to promote organisations' work through the Geographic Information System which will provide map-based information about services and facilities around Islington. If you have any comments or questions, contact Justin Ho: justin.ho@islington.gov.uk, 020 7527 3513, 07710 764 783.

Volunteering

The Volunteer Centre at **Voluntary Action Islington** has launched the [Islington Volunteer of the Year Awards 2015](#), so please nominate local volunteers and trustees for an Award, which will be presented by the Mayor at our AGM on 4th November 2015.

Islington Volunteer Centre can help you to find volunteers and volunteering opportunities in the borough: www.vai.org.uk/volunteering.

London Living Wage

Breakfast event: a Living Wage for Refugees in Islington

5 November, 9:30- 11:30am, Committee Room 4, Islington Town Hall, Upper Street, London, N1 2UD
Islington Refugee Forum and the **Living Wage Foundation** invite you to a Breakfast event to hear about the London Living Wage, organised as part of the [UK Living Wage Week](#). Read [full details here](#).