

Dear ICN members and partners,

This month it's network member Disability Action in Islington's 20th Anniversary and they're [inviting us all to the party](#).

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

Anticipating and Adapting to Change: Islington Voluntary Sector Conference 2016

7 July 2016, 5.30 – 8.30pm, London Metropolitan University, 166-220 Holloway Road, London, N7 8DB

In its sixth year, our conference asks: What sort of city will Islington's voluntary sector wake up to in 2020? The end of core government grants for Local Authorities, the loss of social housing through the extension of Right-to-Buy, and other significant political and social changes make the future for our communities and the organisations that support them difficult to predict. We want to look ahead and start responding now. [More information and booking](#).

Members updates

Disability Action in Islington 20th Anniversary and Relocation Party

27 May, Events throughout the day and official celebration at 7pm, Unit 3 Saint Paul's Rd, N1 2SY

In May 2016 **Disability Action in Islington (DAI)** will be 20 years old. DAI is also relocating and plans to celebrate these two events together. RSVP as soon as possible to reception@daii.org, advising of any specific access or dietary requirements.

Welcome: Refugee Week Celebration

21 June, 10am - 2pm, Islington Town Hall

Islington Refugee Forum will celebrate with speeches, Art competitions from schools in Islington, Film screening about the experiences of Refugees in the UK, Stalls, Information sharing, Music, Dance, Zumba, African drumming and wonderful cultural food. You're [invited](#) to send a short video (30 second to 1 minute) via mobile phone or [email](#) on "what welcome means and what we can do to welcome refugees" to demonstrate Islington residents' spirit in welcoming refugees. If you're a refugee, then you're also [invited](#) to be interviewed for a short film (3-5 minutes) about your experiences. Please complete and return [the nomination form](#) to: info@islingtonrefugeeforum.org. Forms and videos should be sent no later than Tuesday 17th May at 5pm. The videos will be shown at the event and all those who participate are invited.

There is a [vacancy for a part-time Fundraiser and Capacity Building Officer](#) at **Islington Refugee Forum**. To apply for this post, see the [application form](#), [equalities monitoring form](#), [job description and person specification](#). The deadline for submitting applications is the 19 May.

Events

FSI Free Fundraising and Back Office Training

24-26 May 2016, 9.30am - 4.30pm, Amnesty International UK, Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA

Training sessions cover a wide range of fundraising techniques and back office skills delivered by experienced and knowledgeable trainers. There are 384 delegate training places to help all small charities, wherever they are, to access the skills they need to become self-sustaining. FSI are running more free training events in June. For more information, and to book, [visit the website](#).

Working with Chemsex

24 May 2016, 10.00 am – 4.30 pm, London Friend, 86 Caledonian Road, N1 9DN

Cost: £80.00 (includes Lunch)

A one day workshop from **London Friend** ideal for drug workers/drug service managers, medical and healthcare staff and those working in housing, mental health, sexual health and other support settings. Also useful for staff and managers working in LGB&T venues such as pubs and clubs. For more information, including booking, please see the [application form](#).

Go On Islington: Working together to get Islington online

25 May, 9.30am – 12.30pm, Lift Youth Hub, 45 White Lion Street, N1 9PW

This event will launch **Islington Council's** digital inclusion programme, Go ON Islington. Join the event to look at working together to get more of Islington's residents online. [Visit the webpage](#) for more information, using the password 'Islington'

Word2016 Festival

1-30 June, various locations

The Word Festival is an innovative programme of activities, events and workshops focusing on and exploring the pleasure of reading, writing and freedom of expression in Islington. [Visit the website](#) for more information.

Refugee Therapy Centre Annual Open Day

25 June 2016, 14:00, 1A Leeds Place, Tollington Park, London, N4 3RF

This year's event marks the International Day Against Torture (June 26th) and includes *Mud Men*, a short puppet show performed by the BlackBox Theatre Company that weaves together stories based on the real accounts of Syrian refugee children. For more information, and to book, please [visit the webpage](#).

News & Policy

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

Further dates for meetings of **Islington Health and Wellbeing Board** are yet to be confirmed. Meetings are open to the public. See all information, including recent minutes, [here](#).

Joseph Rowntree Foundation has released a [report on destitution in the UK](#), looking at how many people are affected, who they are, and the main pathways in and out of destitution.

nfpSynergy is a research consultancy for the voluntary sector. As well as providing paid for services, it releases regular [free reports on VCS issues](#) based on its archive of data.

From 6 April all companies, including charitable companies and community interest companies, must have a register of people with significant control (PSC register). There must be a register even if

there are no PSCs, or even if the company is dormant. **Anthony Collins Solicitors** has provided a [guide for charities](#).

Community Link, a new project from **Maytree**, the suicide prevention charity, aims to build on the success of the Maytree respite centre at Finsbury Park. Suicide awareness and prevention presentations and/or free training is available to any community group operating in Camden, Islington, Hackney or Haringey. For more information, please contact Rob at community@maytree.org.uk.

The **Charity Commission** has launched a [revised online registration service for new charities](#) which now appears to be the default process.

Islington Adult & Community Learning have a [new website](#) and have published their [summer brochure](#), full of useful courses – for instance, [free DIY taster sessions for women](#) who are Islington Resident, over the age of 19, unemployed, or low waged and receiving benefits. Sign up to learn new skills, save money and find a job.

Funding & Support

The April 2016 update of **Voluntary Action Islington's** [Funding Booklet](#) has been released.

A new, independent regulator of charitable fundraising has been established following the Etherington review of fundraising self-regulation (2015). It is accurately called [The Fundraising Regulator](#).

Youth Music's [grants programme](#) provides funding for music-making projects in England.

Power to Change is now taking applications for grants of between £50,000- £300,000 to community businesses in England from the £10 million [Community Business Fund](#) until 1 June 2016.

[Barchester's Charitable Foundation](#) is requesting applications for grants from £100 - £5,000 that combat loneliness and enable people to be active and engaged.

Consultations

The **Department of Health** has opened a [consultation on a new strategy to improve support for informal/unpaid carers](#) and wants to hear from carers, those who have someone care for them, business, social workers, NHS staff and other professionals that support carers. The consultation will close on **30 June 2016**.

Volunteering

Islington Refugee Forum is [looking for new members to expand its board of trustees](#). Apply by **16th May 2016, 5pm**.

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

London Living Wage

City Bridge Trust has joined the [Living Wage Friendly Funder network](#), whose members support charitable organisations to pay the London Living Wage through their grant-making, working together to end low pay in the voluntary and community sector.