

Dear ICN members and partners,

This month it's [Volunteers Week](#) and there are plenty of [opportunities to help out](#).

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

Big Lottery Fund Workshop: Reaching Communities Programme

17 June 2016, 10.00am – 1pm, Voluntary Action Islington, 200A Pentonville Road, London N1 9JP
Reaching Communities funding is for projects that help people and communities most in need. Grants are available from £10,000, upwards. This workshop will tell you about the application process and how to maximise your chances of success. To book, and for more information, please [visit the website](#).

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

Events

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.

Tollington Ward Partnership Community Event

11 June, 12 – 5pm, Duncombe Primary School, Sussex Way, N19 4JA

There'll be plenty of activities, as well as refreshments and a chance to meet your local councillors. [See the flyer](#) for more details.

Well-being Community Day

20 June, 12 – 3pm, The Laundry, Sparsholt Road, N19 4EL

Islington BME Forum and **Healthwatch Islington** invite you to enjoy a free, healthy lunch and fun activities, and to share your views on local NHS services. Contact despina@everyvoice.org.uk 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](#).

Third Sector Open Discussion Forum for Health and Wellbeing

29 June, 10am to 12pm, LIFT, White Lion Street, N1 9PW

Islington CCG invites the voluntary sector to join discussion at this meeting. [The agenda](#) includes CCG Commissioning, an update from the health navigators and Realising the Value. Please RSVP to Rebecca Muncey, Engagement Officer, Rebecca.muncey@nhs.net. Please arrive at 9.45am for teas / coffees and breakfast snacks.

Islington Council's Community Chest Celebration

5 July 2016, 5pm - 7pm, Islington Assembly Hall, Upper Street, London N1 2UD

Islington Council and **Cripplegate Foundation** will hold this event to celebrate the achievements of voluntary and community organisations funded by Community Chest. It will be an opportunity to showcase your work, meet and network with other Islington groups. Food and drinks will be served. **RSVP by 20 June** to Ben Diamond at ben.diamond@cripplegate.org.uk or 020 7288 6945.

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** is on the 6 July 2016, 1pm at Islington Town Hall. Meetings are open to the public. See all information, including recent minutes, [here](#).

The [final report of the VCSE Review](#) commissioned by the **Department of Health, Public Health England** and **NHS England** has been published. Recommendations on how the VCSE sector can be supported to improve health, wellbeing and care outcomes relate to co-design, grant giving, the Compact and more, and may be useful when talking to Public Health and CCG partners.

The **Office for National Statistics** projects that [Islington's population will grow by 16.6% between 2014 and 2024](#), the fifth biggest increase in the country.

The [Heatwave Plan for England](#) is intended to protect the population from heat-related harm to health.

NCVO has developed a free [Digital Toolkit](#) to help you plan, design and deliver a comprehensive digital skills development programme for your organisation.

Islington Mind's [Enablement Service](#) offers Islington residents with mental health problems, or a history of mental health problems, personalised time-limited support to enable them to maintain or

achieve independent living. An [electronic referral form](#) is available and there's [more information on the flyer](#), which can also be displayed to your clients.

The **National LGB&T Partnership** has published [Trans Health Factsheets](#) on a range of topics, which will be useful to service providers as well as trans people.

Funding & Support

Islington CCG, in partnership with Islington Council, has put out an [invitation to tender](#) for delivery of a community-based wellbeing initiative on the Andover estate. Please read the [specification](#) and [price schedule](#) and respond by **12 noon on 17 June 2016**.

Public Health England has announced an [HIV Prevention Innovation Fund](#) for 2016 to 2017 of up to £600,000 for local prevention initiatives.

Help The Homeless makes small [grants to charitable organisations](#) with the aim of helping homeless people return to the community and enabling them to resume a normal life.

The [Early Stage Support Programme](#), funded by the **Nationwide Foundation**, offers expert mentoring and small grants to help affordable community-led housing projects get started.

Islington Council's [Local Initiatives Fund](#) gives each ward £15,000 for grants for community projects recommended by local ward councillors.

The **Morris Charitable Trust** provides [grants to community projects](#) in Islington that relieve the deprived, sick and aged and advance education for the public benefit.

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**.

The **Cabinet Office** is seeking views on proposed new policy directions for the allocation of Big Lottery Funds. The [Big Lottery Fund Public Consultation](#) closes at **12am on 12 August 2016**.

Volunteering

It's [Volunteers Week](#)! **Islington Volunteer Centre** (IVC) marked the occasion with a Volunteering Fair, in partnership with **Camden Volunteer Centre**, that attracted 250 people and 35 organisations. Today, the 7 June, IVC, with the help of **Team London** And **Greater London Volunteering**, opens up its regular drop-in to people from across London, who will be able talk about all things volunteering.

Black Training And Enterprise Group is running free training around volunteering for small to medium BAME organisations. There's [Using volunteers – policy and practice](#), [Getting the Right Volunteer](#), and [Developing Your Volunteering Programme](#).

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

London Living Wage

At the Rio Cinema in Hackney staff are [striking for the London Living Wage](#), while all contractors and sub-contractors of Land Securities, the UK's largest construction client, will be [required to pay the London Living Wage](#).