

**FEBRUARY 2020**

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### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The next AGM will be on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. Please see the leaflet accompanying the newsletter on how you can nominate yourself to stand for election for the next committee. For more information email [info@lancwestra.com](mailto:info@lancwestra.com).

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### **NORTH KENSINGTON RESOURCE CENTRE**

The centre will return to full resident use at the end of March. If you would like to use the centre for a project or social event please contact the RA at [info@lancwestra.com](mailto:info@lancwestra.com).

At the moment we have a **Stretch with Jax** morning every Friday at 9.30am. This is a group of residents coming together to have an early morning stretch followed by a hearty and healthy breakfast club at 10.30am.

Moving forward as the refurbishment of the estate reaches full momentum, the resource centre will become a respite area from the noise where residents can go to have a coffee and relax. We are currently looking into having both centres on the estate fitted with wifi.

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### **CO-OPTED MEMBERS**

In December the RA co-opted four new members to the committee.

Welcome to Michelle Active, Miles Watson, Robert Pereno and Tayshan Hayden-Smith. All four are committed to ensuring that the residents of Lancaster West estate are supported and represented.

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### **COMMUNITY GARDENING**

Robert Pereno is our wonderful community gardener and his aim is to ensure every house on the estate has a plant. Robert has built strong relationships with some local businesses who are supporting this project by donating plants. Robert is also in the process of seeking funding to run a gardening project to encourage isolated or lonely residents to engage with outside activities.

## TEMPORARY ACCOMODATION UPDATE

A meeting is to be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 12pm at unit 1, Baseline Business Studios. There will be representatives of NHG & RBKC along with the Bishop of Kensington and members of his housing commission. There are many questions that have been raised around TA that have yet to be answered which this meeting will hopefully address.

## LEASEHOLDERS UPDATE

After a general mail-out to all the Leaseholders on the Estate and our previous efforts to build a mailing list, we had a very successful meeting of on the 6<sup>th</sup> November, which was attended by over 50 Leaseholders. It was decided to form a Committee to represent us and following a vote Effi Stergiopoulcu and Helene Hartley from Hurstway walk and Veliassarios Lataris (Ari) and Tony Rey from Clarendon Walk were duly elected. David O'Connell from Barrandon Walk was voted chair.

We arranged a meeting with Kim Taylor-Smith, Deputy Leader of the Council to tell him why we shouldn't be paying for this refurbishment/reparations and why they seem to have forgotten about the promise of the Council and Council Leader Elizabeth Campbell to give everyone the same.

The meeting went extremely well, and Kim has promised to go away and look at what can be done. I don't think we have what we want yet, but I do know that we can find a creative way to remove the charges, after all, how many people have to try and carry on living their life in a disaster zone and are expected to pay for it?

The RA has met with Doug Goldring and we will also be bringing it up again with the Government and our new MP, Felicity Buchan.

We'll be meeting up again as soon as we hear back from Kim and if you want to keep updated or haven't heard about this yet please come and say hello. There are about 100 Resident Leaseholders on the Lancaster West Estate and you're here because it's a great place to live. Please sign-up here: <https://www.lancwest.com/leaseholders> and help us fight for you.

David O'Connell

Chair

Lancaster West Leaseholders Association

# LANCASTER WEST COMMUNITY CENTRE (LWCC)

## WHAT'S ON?

### MONDAY

#### **PHT After School Club (RISE) – 4pm - 6pm**

After school club gives your child a time to reach their educational needs and hit targets without pressure. We offer guidance and support for each child's individual needs. For more information call 07944 280 655 or email [youthgrouprise@gmail.com](mailto:youthgrouprise@gmail.com).

### TUESDAY

#### **Baby and me with Notting Dale Champions – 10am - 11.30am**

Fun free nursery rhymes session for pre-walking babies and parents. For more information call Eva on **07961 232 431** or Matan on **07984 326 606**.

### WEDNESDAY

#### **PHT After School Club (RISE) – 4pm - 6pm**

We offer a safe space for art and meditation, a time to relax and enjoy. Coming soon the children will have the opportunity to tend to their own centre garden.

### THURSDAY

#### **Health & Strength with Notting Dale Champions - 10am – 11.30am**

Support and information to help manage common aches and pains. Exercise is the best medicine so come along and join this fun chair-based exercise group. For further information please call Eva on **07961 232 431** or Kate on **020 3181 0002**.

#### **Baby Massage with Notting Dale Champions - 1.45pm-3pm**

This wonderful programme can improve bonding, sleeping, tummy troubles and development. Relaxing for both baby and parents. For more information or to book please call Eva on **07961 232431** or Matan on **07984 326 606**.

#### **PHT After School Club (RISE) – 4pm - 6pm**

A place of fun and joy, the children can listen to music, play old-school champ, dance lessons finished with a relaxing meditation session.

## GRENFELL PROJECT FUND DECISION DAY

On Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February residents gathered at Kensington Aldridge Academy and St Clements Church in order to have their say on how the £600k funding was allocated. There were 88 bids from new collectives and organisations. Congratulations to all those who were successful with their bids, we wish them every success with their projects.

## VOLUNTEERS

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If you are interested in volunteering for the Residents Association, please contact Fiona at [info@lancwestra.com](mailto:info@lancwestra.com).

## THE GRENFELL ART PROJECT - UPDATE

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The Grenfell Walk Community Art Project is a collaborative art Project between the Grenfell Walk Residents' Association, Lancaster West Resident's Association, Lancaster West Neighbourhood Team and Kensington Aldridge Academy. Following on from residents' decision to paint the panels across Grenfell Walk light grey, a sample panel has now been painted and we will set out to hire local experienced residents to paint the remaining panels. More information will be provided in due course.

It has been agreed that the lights along the panels will be changed, light fixture samples will be presented to residents to vote for the one they prefer. Local children are currently working on their art pieces, once these are completed the artwork will be printed on Dibond panels and is scheduled to be installed in Spring. Residents and the children who participated will be invited to the artwork installation. Confirmed dates for the installation of the artwork will be circulated in due course.

## IN OTHER NEWS

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Got an idea for the newsletter? If you are a local resident who would like to submit an item which is estate related please email Fiona at [info@lancwestra.com](mailto:info@lancwestra.com). This could be in the form of a local history page, community event or project, photograph or poem.

