

GET INVOLVED

in BriEf

February 2017

Welcome to the February edition of our monthly E-Bulletin – Get Involved in BriEf.

We hope you enjoyed last months' bulletin, if you missed it please contact us to receive your e-copy.

The Resident Involvement Team aims to keep you up-to-date with what's happening in your community and across the borough. To find out more information on the updates, simply click on the relevant link. If you have any questions about any of the items, please contact Get Involved on **020 8753 6652** or email Getinvolved@lbhf.gov.uk

H&F's Ray Champion scoops Tenant of the Year award

Congratulations to Hammersmith and Fulham resident Ray Champion, who scooped the "Tenant of the Year" at last week's South Region TPAS awards, in recognition for his work in the community.

[Click the attachment to read more about Ray's amazing achievement!](#)

Resident Involvement Service Improvement Groups are looking for more members

Getting involved as a resident helps to improve your local community and the housing services you receive. Click on the links to get more information on the groups and how you can get involved!

[Repairs Working Group](#)

[Reading Group](#)

[Communications Group](#)

[Inclusion Group](#)

Download the handy [Resident Involvement Information pack](#) which contains all the information on how to get involved in a way that suits you.

Economic Regeneration, Housing and the Arts Policy and Accountability Committee

Hammersmith and Fulham Council wants to involve its residents in developing policy and scrutinising the administration. We want you to come along to meetings and tell us what you think.

The Policy and Accountability Committee (PAC) meets on Wednesdays at 7pm, usually at Hammersmith Town Hall, although we sometimes hold meetings elsewhere in the borough. On 7 March 2017 we will be talking about Greening our Estates and receiving an Update on the Stock Transfer. Then on 26 April 2017 we will be discussing Adult learning, Digital Inclusion Projects on Council Estates and Tackling Worklessness.

Provisional meeting dates for 2017:

7 June, 5 July, 6 September, and 8 November.

We have a work programme so everyone knows what we will be talking about (and so you can choose which meetings you want to come to). [Click here for more information about the PAC](#)

If you have an idea for what the committee should discuss, please email **Ainsley Gilbert**, Committee Coordinator on ainsley.gilbert@lbhf.gov.uk or call **020 8753 2088**.

Nextdoor - the free private social network for your neighbourhood

Nextdoor is the private social network for you, your neighbours, and your community. It's the easiest way for you and your neighbours to talk online and make your lives better in the real world. And it's free.

People are using Nextdoor to:

- Borrow a ladder
- Organise a Neighbourhood Watch Group
- Track down a trustworthy babysitter
- Find out who does the best paint job in town
- Ask for help keeping an eye out for a lost dog
- Find a new home for an outgrown bike
- Finally call that nice man down the street by his first name

Nextdoor's mission is to provide a trusted platform where neighbours work together to build stronger, safer, happier communities, all over the world.

[Click here to find out more or to set up a group in your area](#)

Got a great idea to improve your neighbourhood?

Why don't you make an application to our Neighbourhood Improvement Fund? The fund is for minor improvements up to the value of £20,000 that meet the criteria. Bids are reviewed and funding is allocated by the resident-led Investment Group. The deadline for the next round of bids is 27 March 2017. These will then be presented to the Investment Group on 22 May 2017.

[Click here to find out more](#)

Young people to cast their votes in H&F youth elections

Young people have hit the campaign trail and, if you're aged 11 to 18, they need your vote. The candidates are hoping to become Youth Mayor and Members of the Youth Parliament. You can vote for them from Monday 30 January.

Voting will take place at schools, youth clubs and community centres across Hammersmith & Fulham during the next fortnight. [Click here to read more](#)

Hitting new heights in quest to maintain H&F Council homes

Hammersmith & Fulham Council has begun using drones to help survey its homes and identify repairs. The drones are used in place of scaffolding. Over the past few months the council, with the support of the residents' Repairs Working Group, has used drones to help complete external surveys at Burne Jones House on the Lytton Estate and Shepherds Court in Shepherds Bush.

[Click here to read more](#)

Employability/Education programme for young people in Hammersmith & Fulham

The London ESF Youth Programme course is helping young people in Hammersmith and Fulham aged 18-24 in to employment. All courses will hold guaranteed interviews and support into live vacancies. [Click here to read more](#) . Also see the attachment for more information.

WHEN: The next enrolment session will be held on 17th February

WHERE: Gibbs Green Residents Hall, Gibbs Green, London, W14 9NB

In case you missed it

You can catch up on some of the items from last month's bulletin, just click on the headline to read more.

[Are you good company? You could help brighten someone's day](#)

[MEND sessions - Mind, Exercise, Nutrition...Do it!](#)

[Help with heating costs at our winter roadshows](#) **FINAL ROAD SHOW!!**

[Tesco Bags of Help - Up to £5,000 Funding Available in Hammersmith & Fulham](#)

If you are unable to access any of the links, please email Tony.Rodriguez@lbhf.gov.uk