



**Earl's Court and Chelsea Forum**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> November 2011**  
**11:00am-12:30pm**

**Notes and Action Points**

**Attendees:** Brenda Nambooze and Mary Gardiner (KCSC), Linda Wade (Councillor, Earls court ward), Mohammed Arani(Age Concern K&C), Lily Ostasiewicz (New Horizons), Jennifer Ware (Earls Court Community Trust), Swati Shah (Open Age), Jill Watson(SMART), Francis Alexander(Chelsea Theatre), Emily Lim(Chicken Shed Theatre), Giulia James(LINK), Michela Ferrara(NICOLA), Ruth Lampard(St Mary the Boltons), Andrzej Wdowiak(Earls Court YMCA)

Apologies: Helen Leech (Open Age)

	<b>By Whom</b>	<b>By When</b>
<p><b>Housing Benefit Changes</b></p> <p>Ruth mentioned that London action group has put together a pack to help people having to move because of benefit changes.</p> <p>Mohammed said that the borough of Ealing has set up a forum to see who is moving from central boroughs to Ealing.</p> <p>Linda also brought up the issue of landlords not returning deposits to people so they can move on to cheaper areas. Mohammed said Ealing are helping with the problem by using their discretionary fund to pay for people that need deposits.</p> <p>Mary suggested it would be a good idea for all the information about what Ealing is doing be collected so she can also take it further and start a campaign and show the council what help is being provided elsewhere..</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Mohammed to write up findings and send to Mary to take to the next BVOAG meeting.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Ruth will send Housing Justice action pack to Brenda to send to the group.</p>	<p><b>Mohammed</b></p> <p><b>Ruth</b></p>	<p>ASAP</p> <p>ASAP</p>



**Upcoming events and projects**

**Jill**

SMART are starting a project in partnership with other organisations called The Expert Patient Service. It is aimed at people with long term health conditions and carers. They will be giving healthy lifestyle advice and giving people a chance to share their experiences.

**Emily**

Chicken Sheds theatre workshop on Tuesday evenings at Chelsea academy has 28 young people so far. They have just started 7-11 year old group. Workshops are free to Low income families free otherwise £60 per term There will be a play on 3<sup>rd</sup> December called Christmas Tales at Chelsea Academy.

**Francis**

Chelsea Theatre has just finished recruiting new members of staff. They have a Childrens media officer starting soon as well as a new Community Development Manager. They also have a Christmas Childrens musical play called the Snow Dragon on from 3-21<sup>st</sup> December.

**Lily**

New Horizons will be holding a regular jewellery and crafts event where open age members will be selling things that they make.

**Action:** Please let Lily know if you have an event where they can sell jewellery

**Swati**

Open Age has had to move Zumba classes from the YMCA to Mary Smith Court as they have become quite full. They are also planning on starting a Zumba class in the north of the borough. Spaces are now available for the digital photography course & telephone conferencing.

**All**

On going



