

## 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)

	By Whom	By When
Housing Benefit Changes		
Ruth mentioned that London action group has put together a pack to help people having to move because of benefit changes.		
Mohammed said that the borough of Ealing has set up a forum to see who is moving from central boroughs to Ealing.		
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.		
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		
<b>Action:</b> Mohammed to write up findings and send to Mary to take to the next BVOAG meeting.	Mohammed	ASAP
Action: Ruth will send Housing Justice action pack to Brenda to send to the group.	Ruth	ASAP



All	On going
	Ali



<b>Action:</b> Swati to send programme of activities to Brenda to send out to the group.	Swati	
Linda Informed us of an Energy project which is available for residents in Earls Court Advisors are able to go into homes to advise them on saving energy for free. There are 1,600 visits available. Contact Linda for details.  Action: Let Linda know Christmas events for residents as she is will be providing a list of events to housing associations and people alone for Christmas.	All	
Earls Court Health and Wellbeing Centre		
Mary informed us that the launch for the centre is on Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> November and people are invited to go see the centre. She also said that Courtfield medical centre will now go private as a result of the new clinic so the area is also losing a doctor's surgery.		
Linda told the group that Turning Point community researchers are now being recruited.		
Mohammed commented that similar research has already been done and may be duplication.		
Mary said that people who have questions about the new centre should come to the KCSC AGM on 17 <sup>th</sup> November where Turning Points CEO Lord Victor Adebowale will be speaking and answering questions.		
Ruth Ruth mentioned the Time for Tea community project the church is doing in partnership with Age Concern. The project is targeting isolated people and is going well. Ruth also wants to encourage people to use the Church as a venue.		



Action: Contact Ruth if you are interested in using the church as a venue  Social Council	All	
KCSC encouraging organisations to help their users switch to digital. We have sent out information packs to organisations in the borough which include information on grants and training sessions available to your organisation		
We have also started a Governance project in partnership with the volunteer centre. We have received funding for a 3 year project from City Bridge Trust to help organisations to recruit and support trustees.		
KCSC are also thinking of providing mentoring and away days at a charge.		
Action: Let Mary know if you would take this up.	All	
Action: Anyone interested in help to recruit trustees contact Brenda.	All	
Next meeting date: Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 11:00-12:30pm		