

For people working with Children & Young People in Barnet

## ALL CHANGE AND JUBILATION!

**Welcome to** the summer edition of the Children and Young People's newsletter produced by the Children's Services department at CommUNITY Barnet. Over the last few months there has been so much change and this can be a great worry but it can also *inspire people to work together*.

We hope that this edition will give you a small snap shot of all the wonderful things happening in Barnet for children and young people. We say a fond farewell to Ruth our CEO and a GREAT welcome all the new people and projects.

Please feel free to contact us for advertising and also advice as we are here to support children and young people in Barnet.

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## 150 Barnet school children sing to the Queen!

150 Barnet school children performed at the Diamond Jubilee Festival at Golders Hill Park on 4th June.

The borough's flagship event was hosted by Barnet Council and the City of London Corporation.

The event kicked off at 2.45pm with the unveiling of a specially designed Diamond Jubilee Weathervane which will sit on top of the park's bandstand.

During the day visitors enjoyed a range of classical and contemporary performances played by primary and secondary school children from across the borough.

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### Gypsy Roma Traveller Project

Need help in making people more aware of the culture and practices of the Gypsy Roma Traveller community?

**Contact Kelly O'Driscoll  
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### Getting to Grips with Social Finance Workshop

Community Barnet, together with Urban Forum are organising a FREE half-day workshop on 'Getting to Grips with Social Finance'.

*28th June 2012, 9.30am – 2pm  
at Avenue House 17 East End Rd, N3 3QE  
London*

In these times of austerity, public service transformation and changes to voluntary and community sector funding there is greater emphasis on new forms of financing social action through social investment.

Book now:

<http://urbanforum280612.eventbrite.co.uk/>

## We are now one big family

Communities and families across Barnet continue to be strengthened through parents from different cultures participating in the Strengthening Families Strengthening Communities (SFSC) programme. SFSC is a 13 week parenting programme that integrates various prevention and intervention strategies to foster a violent-free healthy lifestyle.

More recently, parents from three different continents, communities and speaking at least 3 other languages completed the SFSC programme at Childs Hill children's centre. These parents mainly of Albanian, Somali and Sri Lankan origin, were a vibrant, energetic and friendly bunch. The buzz word among them was 'family'; "we are now one big family" is what one parent said.



### Parent Graduates

Parents who graduate from the programme are encouraged to join the Barnet Parents' Voice a network of parents who have attended various parenting programmes keen to support each other, their families and the wider community.

### New Courses

We are currently running a programme at Whitefield School for parents with teenage children or those starting secondary in September 2012.

The SFSC programme is open to all those involve in bringing up children between the ages of 0-18 years. Programmes can be run in Arabic, Farsi, Pashto, Somali and Turkish. Other languages spoken by facilitators include Yoruba, Ibo and Ga. Groups targeted for future programmes will include young parents, Dads only, traveller parents and those who can only attend in the evening.

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## Goodbye and Hello

We say goodbye to Ruth Mulandi C.E.O at CommUNITY Barnet who is going to work with the Arcola Theatre in Hackney.

Rui Octavio leaves the Barnet Volunteer Centre to go back to the London Academy his old school as a study support mentor!

Robert McCulloch Graham Deputy Director of Children Services is seconded for 1 year to lead on the National Troubles Families Programme at DCLG.

### We wish them all every success.

And hello to:

Jim Ball new Youth Worker at Stone Grove.

Alice Griffey Refugee Youth Project Coordinator

Kelly O'Driscoll who joins CommUNITY Barnet as the Family Liaison Officer for the Gypsy Roma Traveller Project.

And finally Goodbye both to IPOP and Barnet Play Association and hello to the new merged Fair Play Barnet!

### Fairplay Barnet Free after school play clubs:

Dollis Valley Play Club

Mondays 4.45-6.45pm

The Valley Centre, 37-38 Homefield, Dollis Valley Way, EN5 2UJ

Stonegrove Play Club

Mondays 4-6pm

St Peter's Community Hall, Stonegrove, Edgware, HA8 8AB

Fosters Play Club

Tuesdays 4-6pm

Cheshire Hall, Foster Street, NW4 2AA

West Hendon Play Club

Wednesdays 4-6pm

West Hendon Community Centre, Marsh Drive, NW9 7DW

Grahame Park Play Club

Wednesdays 4-6pm

12 The Concourse, Grahame Park, Colindale, NW9 5XB

For more information on any of these clubs or services

Contact Henry:  
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## The Rainbow Centre celebrates reopening

Hundreds of people celebrated the revamp of the Rainbow Centre in April.

Following a volunteer-led makeover, The Rainbow Centre in Dollis Valley Drive has reopened with new facilities. Two hundred people turned out to see the centre's new cafe, The ARC, as well as try out a skate park and taster sessions, including cookery demonstrations and football skills with Barnet Football Club.

Steve Neale, Centre Manager, said: "We wanted to turn it into a real community hub where people could come and relax and different groups could use it. I think we've done that. There was a real buzz on Saturday. It was a special day."

The centre is also the base for a youth club, educational classes, Barnet Community Projects, Barnet Council for Voluntary Youth Services and the Somali Family Support Group.

New users to the Rainbow Centre offering Parent Support to families with disabled young people are pp4dan and also Fairplay Barnet.

For bookings please contact:

T: Steve 07929 754 522  
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Cafe and catering services  
T: Ben on 07801 983 999  
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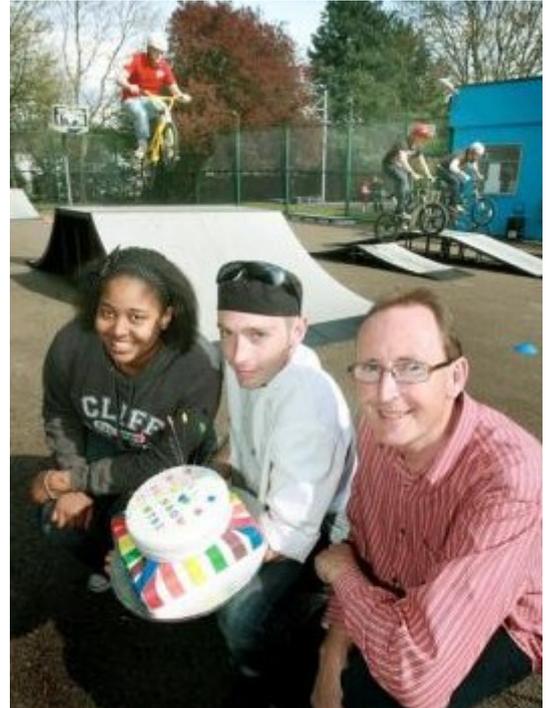
## Closure of Make and Play Club

We are very sorry to have to tell you that after 17 successful years the Make and Play Club will be closing at the end of this term. The last day for the after-school club will be Thursday 19 July. There will be no Summer Playscheme.

We understand that this will cause disappointment and inconvenience for those who use the Club, but we are giving as much notice as we possibly can so that they can seek alternative arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support of the Make and Play Club in the past.

JUDY LESTER  
On behalf of the Trustees



### Childcare Element of the Working Tax Credits Financial support for working families

If you are a single parent or part of a couple you could be eligible for help with up to 70% of the cost of registered childcare for children aged 0-15 (and up to age 16 if the child is on the blind register or you get Disability Living Allowance for that child).

You can also visit the online guide Quids for Kids at [www.barnet.gov.uk/quidsforkids](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/quidsforkids)

You could get money for childcare

Families and young people's information service

For further information please contact FYi:

T: 0800 389 8312 text: 07781 480 070  
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## Creating healthy teenage relationships: become a young trainer

**Attendance: 13 young people aged between 15-23**

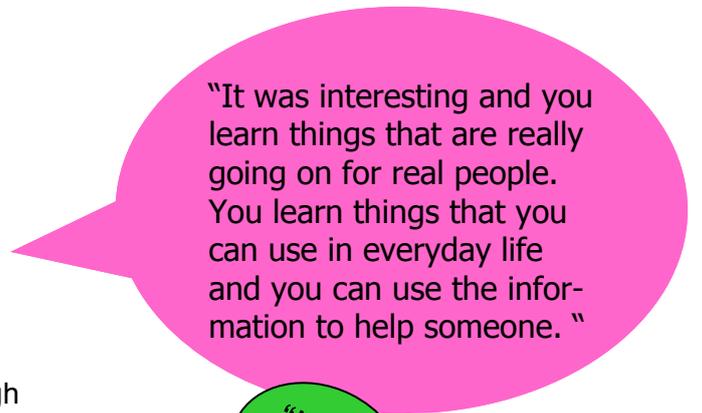
Youth Shield carried out a survey for young people in Barnet (Barnet Young People's Safeguarding Consultation 2011). 60% said they do not receive enough relationships education in schools. 15.8% said they had been grabbed, pushed or shoved by a boy or girl they were going out with and 69.5% thought that domestic violence exists in teenage relationships. 16-24 year olds are most likely to experience abuse from someone they know and every week 2 women are being killed by a partner or ex partner here in the UK.

We worked with Tender, an organisation which uses drama and education to actively prevent domestic abuse and sexual violence. Together, we developed the training for Youth Shield and 2 trainers from Tender came along to deliver it. The first part of the training course taught the participants about relationship abuse and healthy relationships amongst young people using drama and media.

In the afternoon, the group developed its own training session using techniques learnt in the morning but also including their own ideas.

The session is now being practised and will be ready to deliver to young people aged 14 or over in schools and youth settings from mid June.

If you are interested in our peer educators coming to deliver a session on how to identify healthy and unhealthy relationships, early warning signs and what to do about it, please contact us.



**Barnet LINKs**

The participation team will be gathering together the views of young people who have an interest or experience of using health services. It will help inform the Health and Wellbeing strategy which in turn will structure the way our health services work in the future. If you work with or know young people who would be interested in getting involved in a health reference group, do let us know. We want young people to have a say in how services they use are developed in the future.

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**Barnet Participation Workers Forum**

A new Participation Workers Forum had its first meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> May at the Rainbow Centre. It was a good meeting and interesting to bring people from both the voluntary sector and the Council together. We aim to share information, training requirements, tackle common issues and create a resources hub. Most importantly it will be a forum for us to support and communicate with each other.

If you work with groups of young people and help them to make their voices heard, you are a participation worker! Come along to the next meeting. Contact Jo Domingo or Allison Cooper for more details.

## Why did the chicken cross the road? It didn't, it was too scared!

Road safety is no joking matter and the BOBBY panel know this. That is why it is one of their top priorities is to deal with this issue in Barnet. Road Safety Week is coming up at the end of November (19th-25th) and the BOBBY panel want to raise awareness of road safety in Barnet for all its young people whether they're being driven in a car, or are on a bike or on foot.

The BOBBY panel is coming to a school near you! (If it isn't, it should be!)

We have 40 BOBBY members now but we want more! We will come to your school, put on an assembly, meet with your school councils and get more young people involved in what affects them in Barnet. We want young people to have a voice!

Schools that have recently taken up this challenge and want to be involved are:

St Catherine's	Tudor
Queenswell	Holy Trinity

We look forward to working with them and welcoming their elected BOBBY members to the Panel.



### Grand Loo Design at the Rainbow

Over 25 young people helped create and design a new mosaic for the girls toilets at the Rainbow Centre during the Easter holidays. With thanks to Marsida Cela our volunteer designer, Audrey Montet from Montet Designs, Kelly from our Traveller project, Shema from Somali Family Support group and Samadi from the Albanian School. The day was a huge success! Fundraising tips and advice on how to raise the money for the redesign of the Rainbow Toilets was provided by Misha from Volunteer Centre Barnet. Contact [dadia@barnetchildren.org](mailto:dadia@barnetchildren.org) to get involved with more projects like this one.



As the members grow so must the BOBBY panel, so at the last meeting the group decided they wanted to promote and develop the BP to make it more recognisable and easy to access.

**So this is what they want to do.....**

Develop the BOBBY Panel Website so any young person can see what we're up to and find out more. To have members login so you can access BP Information, a forum or chat room to discuss issues in Barnet and an Anti-Bullying section to promote the anti-bullying work they have done. Have a regular presence at young people's events over the summer such as Playday or school fetes so they can promote BOBBY and talk to young people about what they want to see in their Barnet. Develop links with other groups around London and all over the UK to share ideas and be involved in participation on a national scale.

All schools and young people's groups to know about the BOBBY panel and be represented.

Let's give young people a voice and make the BOBBY panel and Barnet a success!

If you are aged 8yrs – 13yrs or know or work with young people who would like to be involved with the BOBBY panel you can contact

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### **Mousetrap Theatre Projects FAMILY FIRST NIGHTS 2012**

Monday 23rd July – Monday  
27th August  
Adults & Children (3-17 years)  
£5

Family First Nights (FFN) is a unique opportunity for low-income & disadvantaged families to enjoy a great

London theatre production for just £5.00 a ticket! Families are able to access the best seats for a selection of top musicals, plays and other productions. Families are able to access the best seats for a selection of top musicals, plays and other productions.

We work through representatives and ambassadors from community organisations, social service agencies, housing associations, and charities across London and the South-East to identify families to take part in the programme. This programme is open only to new families, and must be referred through their registered organisation.

Please contact Elaine Grant for more details.

020 7240 6606

[www.mousetrap.org.uk](http://www.mousetrap.org.uk)

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Voluntary Sector Mental Health Services  
for Children and Young People in Barnet

Mapping Exercise

You are invited to a meeting of all counselling and psychotherapy organisations who provide a service to cyp and families in Barnet.

**Friday 6th July 11am—1pm**

65a Watford Way, Hendon, NW4 3AQ

For more information contact

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0208 201 6101

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**Are you aged 14-17 years?  
Interested in becoming a  
Police Cadet?**

**For more information call  
PC Sandy Clifford  
On 0208 733 5879**

Ding ding Round 2 of the Barnet Innovation Bank opens  
11th June

Round Two of the Innovation Bank will open on 11 June 2012. This year we will be pre-selecting people to take part. You will need to send us an Expression of Interest, telling us about yourself and your experience, skills and what inspires you about social innovation. You will not need to send us a

project proposal at this stage, but we will ask you about your ideas for innovation in one of more of the areas we will be working in.

Expressions of Interest can be submitted between Monday, 11 June and 17:00 (5 p.m.) on Friday 6 July 2012.

The full Round Two timetable will be published with the prospectus and everything you need to make your Expression of Interest will be available on the 'Downloads' page of this site by 11 June.

<http://www.innovationbankbarnet.org.uk/>

**The Novo Centre Introduces "NAH  
BLUD, NO SHANK PROJECT...." A  
gripping self defence course.**

Knife & gun awareness  
-Urban knife self defence training  
-confidence & leadership training  
-Personal, internet and street safety  
-Gang awareness & avoidance  
-Motivation, inspiration & leadership

This project is free for ages 11-16.  
For further information, Please contact  
Tite Omoware at The Novo Centre on  
02083584672

Barnet FC will be holding their annual Community Day on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2012 at Barnet Cricket Club, behind Underhill Stadium. Football for the day has been over the past few years in excess of 3,000 and the local charities who have joined us have found the day very beneficial.

Stalls cost £20 per pitch for charities and voluntary groups, and £25 for all other groups.  
Email: [sbackhouse@barnetfc.com](mailto:sbackhouse@barnetfc.com)

## Mr Walkley's walkabout

### Youngers to take the lead in Graham Park



Following the riots last year I spoke to Nick Walkley (Barnet Council's Chief executive) about how to make sure Barnet stays safe. As an idea we agreed to 'show him around' the borough with a young person's eye view. On 16<sup>th</sup> April I along with Darwin and Rui from Nutmeg and Temi Wale from Barnet Youth Board met Nick and Steven Evans on Grahame Park. After a tour of the area we sat down to express views, discuss ideas and to take a look towards a positive future for young people.

We have been thinking about what we could do next as it is clear that the problems will not go away without some hard work and support from the community and the authorities working together. Nick Walkley and we all saw the empty shops and the seedy life on the concourse. We want to bring some vibrancy, safety and hope to the place.

Both Community Souls and Nutmeg already do 'street work' talking to younger's and trying to get their problems sorted. But this can be a little random and having a base would mean that they can find us when they need us. We need to keep our credibility so the question is already out there- what's changed?

So our plans are to use one of the empty shops to open a youth led Workshop bringing in young people - With positive practitioners like myself, Darwin and other young people organisations, directing our skills and projects to the youngsters hanging about and making trouble. We will provide positive activities that will empower young people to become self-reliant and give them practical help and information and persuade them to help others and give something back to their new space. We know all young people have skills and talents they can offer to older and younger people in their communities. i.e. helping older people to get online and fill in forms and deal with new technology. Helping younger children with their reading and school work.

We already have some good contacts and partners here in Barnet and elsewhere that can help us get started. We feel sure we can make it work financially we will be making some funding bids to get some start up money, and will be selling burgers, Art etc maybe hair cuts & hair dressing, nails, using some students from Barnet college. We really believe this can work and want to use this as a pilot and to eventually see a workshop in every community.

If anyone in the borough would like to help with this initiative- have ideas to add please contact:

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## Your Views needed!

Currently Barnet Council funds 13 Children's Centres and 8 linked outreach venues with a budget of £4,300,000.

Barnet Council is proposing to redistribute the budget of £4,300,000 to more effectively meet the needs of vulnerable families. Give them your views on their proposals by completing their online survey by Friday 15 June.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Childrenscentreconsultation>

They are also holding a series of stakeholder meetings where the consultation paper and response forms will be available to complete and return to them.

To book a place at one of these meetings please email [childrenscentres@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:childrenscentres@barnet.gov.uk) or call 020 8359 7617.

## Lets All Play! Training aimed at play workers.

**DATE:** Thursday 19 July 2012  
**TIME:** 9.30am - 3.30pm  
**VENUE:** Building 2, NLBP  
 Developing participants' confidence in approaching disability issues.  
 Increasing participants' knowledge of the range and principles of inclusion, within games.  
 The Playwork Principles.  
 How to overcome barriers to inclusion in the workplace.  
 How to feel more confident in understanding different approaches to disability.

**BOOK NOW!**  
[childrens.workforce@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:childrens.workforce@barnet.gov.uk)

## Mark is an Olympic Torchbearer!

Following our previous article about Darwin Bernardo from Nutmeg community about being an Olympic Torchbearer, congratulations to our Centre Manager at the Green Man....

I am very proud to have been selected to be one of 8,000 Olympic Torchbearers who will carry the Olympic Torch in the lead up to the Olympic Games this summer.



As an openly gay man, as I carry the Olympic Torch I will do so acknowledging that I am lucky to live in a country where I am free to be who I want to be, knowing that I was nominated because of the work that I and others have done and are still doing to tackle prejudice and hate within our communities. I hope that my involvement will inspire other people to do more for the global community to which we all belong.

**Follow the Olympic Flame!**

<http://www.london2012.com/torch-relay/route/>

## Barnet Schools win more than GOLD!

Victoria & Albert Museum SW7 9-1 followed by networking lunch

A conference arranged by John Lyons Charity will highlight the partnerships between Supplementary and Mainstream schools in some London boroughs.

It will be an excellent opportunity to learn about the supplementary school sector, how these weekend community schools can help to raise attainment and develop relationships across communities.

With less funding and the loss of so much additional support (EMA teams and more) this is more important than ever if we are going to keep closing the attainment gap. 3 schools based in Barnet received Special Distinction awards for their partnership with mainstream schools Rustam/Christ's College, Paiwand / Whitefield and OYA.

It is unfortunate that the day coincides with publication of school results and so Mr Gove's team is busy! but other DfE and GLA members will attend as well as Lord Adonis and Simon Hughes.

Representatives from primary and secondary schools from each of the 9 boroughs of benefit; Harrow, Brent, Ealing, H&F, Camden K&C, City and Westminster will attend making it a most useful networking event all set in in the V&A with a free lunch!!!

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