Meeting to discuss next steps around potential soil contamination

Grenfell United and the community have asked for a meeting to give local people the chance to ask questions about possible soil contamination following the Grenfell tragedy. The meeting will be on Monday 29 October from 7pm at the Kensington Hilton Hotel, Holland Park Ave, W11 4UL.

We know that many people are worried about possible air pollution and soil contamination in the Grenfell area and our top priority is to look after people’s health and protect them from harm.

Those in attendance will include:
- Professor John Ashton, Director of Public Health for Kensington and Chelsea
- Professor Yvonne Doyle, Regional Director for London at Public Health England
- Louise Proctor from the NHS West London Clinical Commissioning Group.

Other attendees will be confirmed nearer the time.

There’s something for everyone at the Notting Dale Festival

Don’t miss out on the Great Cook-Off at the first ever Notting Dale Festival on Saturday 27 October from 11am to 8pm in Maxilla Gardens, W10 6JG. Presented by “Notting Dale Together”, the event will host six groups competing for the crown of Notting Dale’s top chefs. Groups competing at the event include the NHS, the Police, the Fire Brigade, Westway Trust, residents and RBKC.

There will be plenty of activities and entertainment for guests to get involved with, including live music, stalls, art, exhibitions and a chance to make your own smoothie on a smoothie-bike.

Come and enjoy a day of community togetherness. For more information call 020 8960 2889
Monday 22 October

- **12.30pm–2pm** – Dance Class with James for ages six to 11 (drop-in)
- **2pm–4pm** – Community Contact Team. Drop-in advice.
- **2.30pm–4.30pm** – Black History Month talk on Black History Legacy – Presented by Claud ‘Adisa’ Steven (drop-in)
- **3.30pm–5pm** – Dance Class with James for ages 12 to 18 (drop-in)
- **4.30pm–6.30pm** – Creative arts with Jay (drop in)
- **5.30pm–7.30pm** – Black History Month talk on Black History Legacy. Presented by Claud ‘Adisa’ Steven (drop-in)
- **6.30pm–7.45pm** – Jambi presents Tribo Samba-Reggae percussion workshop. All abilities welcome (drop-in)

Tuesday 23 October

- **10am–3pm** – Fouzia’s Sewing Club. Drop-in sewing club for all, grow your skills, knit and natter
- **11am–12.30pm** – Healthy Eating Workshop for children. Come and make some fruit kebabs and smoothies (drop-in)
- **12.30pm–2pm** – Dance Class with James for ages six to 11 (drop-in)
- **1.15pm–3.15pm** – Drug and alcohol support session (drop-in)
- **1.30pm–2.30pm** – Relaxed creative arts workshop hosted by the Grenfell Health and Wellbeing Team for ages 12 to 18. Only 10 spaces available. Booking required, contact the Curve on 020 7221 9836
- **3.30pm–5pm** – Dance class with James for ages 12 to 18 (drop-in)
- **5pm–7pm** – African Print Workshop – Design custom bags and accessories. Everyone welcome (drop in)
- **6pm–7pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **7pm–8pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Wednesday 24 October

- **10am–12noon** – The Curve coffee morning. Come along for a coffee and a chat
- **10am–4pm** – Construction Skills Certification Scheme (CSCS) training – booking required, contact the Curve on 020 7221 9836
- **12.30pm–2pm** – Dance Class with James for ages six to 11 (drop-in)
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- **5pm–7pm** – African Print Workshop – Design custom bags and accessories. Everyone welcome (drop in)
- **6.30pm–8pm** – Movie Night. Come and enjoy a movie and popcorn. For ages 13 years and over
- **6pm–7pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)
- **7pm–8pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for intermediates and advanced (drop-in)

Thursday 25 October

- **12.30pm–2pm** – Dance Class with James for ages six to 11 (drop-in)
- **1pm–2pm** – Circuit Training with James for ages eight to 11 (drop in)
- **2pm–3pm** – Circuit Training with James for ages 12 to 18 (drop in)
- **3.30pm–5pm** – Dance Class with James for ages 12 to 18 (drop-in)
- **4.30pm–6.30pm** – Creative arts with Jay (drop in)
- **5pm–7pm** – African Print Workshop – Design custom bags and accessories. Everyone welcome (drop in)
- **6pm–7pm** – Free Cuban salsa class for beginners and improvers (drop-in)

Friday 26 October

- **12.30pm–2pm** – Dance Class with James for ages six to 11 (drop-in)
- **1pm–2pm** – Circuit Training with James for ages eight to 11 (drop in)
- **2pm–3pm** – Circuit Training with James for ages 12 to 18 (drop in)
- **3.30pm–5pm** – Dance Class with James for ages 12 to 18 (drop-in)
- **4.30pm–6.30pm** – Creative arts with Jay (drop in)
- **5.30pm–7.30pm** – Black History Month talk on Afrofuturism – Presented by Prof Khonsu (drop-in)

Saturday 27 October

- **12noon–6pm** – Black History Month talk on the history of a record collection presented by Claud ‘Adisa’ Steven. Followed by a music quiz hosted by James (drop-in)

The opening times for the creche at The Curve are:

- **Monday and Tuesday**: 10am to 3pm
- **Wednesday**: 10am to 12noon
- **Thursday**: 10am to 12noon

To book a place in the creche, call 020 7221 9836 or email thecurve@rbkc.gov.uk

This information is provided weekly by The Curve Community Centre. For more information call 020 7221 9836
Get creative this half-term with Flourish Retrospective

Arty youngsters are in luck this half-term (Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October) with a full programme of creative activities to enjoy. Delivered by ACAVA Flourish, the series of workshops is for children aged four to 11 and their parents/carers.

Have fun with your family and create work for an exhibition at the end of the week where everyone’s art will be appreciated.

You will need to book your place on to each session. Email LNash@acava.org or call 020 8962 6083 for more information or to book.

Workshops on offer:
Tuesday 23 October 2pm to 4pm
Making sound with clay and cups
Explore fun ways to make a sound installation using clay and china cups.

Wednesday 24 October 2pm to 4pm
Autumnal light sculptures
Celebrate the new season by creating delicate suspended sculptures combining nature, and science with your imagination.

Thursday 25 October 2pm to 4pm
Dreamcatchers
Originating from Native American culture, some believe dreamcatchers have protective powers. Create your very own dreamcatcher using hoops, thread, beads, feathers and felt.

Friday 26 October 2pm to 4pm
Drawing and dancing with light
Have fun drawing using light and photography. This photography technique will help you build your technical skills in photography while creating stunning pieces.

Friday 26 October 5pm to 7pm
Exhibition: Flourish retrospective
Come and celebrate the wonderful work North Kensington families have made over the past year with the ACAVA Flourish programme. All are welcome and refreshments will be served.

Saturday 27 October 2pm to 5pm
Exhibition continues
If you were unable to visit the show on Friday, come along today to celebrate the work families have made over the past year through the Flourish programme.

Notice: Fire drill at the Grenfell site

Between 11am and 12noon on Tuesday 23 October, a fire drill will take place at the Grenfell Tower site. This is a routine process, designed to make sure those working on site remain safe. It is not in response to any issues with the Tower, which continues to be monitored and remains stable.

There will be no siren but you may see teams working inside the building evacuate and assemble within the site. The site management team apologise in advance should you experience any disruption. No action is required from members of the local community.

Celebrating North Kensington Library

North Kensington Library is kicking off its celebratory relaunch on Saturday 20 October from 11am to 5pm at North Kensington Library, 108 Ladbroke Grove, W11 1PZ. The celebratory events will begin on Sunday 20 October with a drum roll call, an unveiling of a written commitment, signed by the Council, that guarantees the future of the library, a tour of new artwork and tea and cakes afterwards.

The Friends of North Kensington Library have the full events programme on their website. Take a look and see what you can get involved with and support your local library: www.northkensingtonlibrary.org

See off half-term in style at the One Vibe music event

Come and see live music performances and sets from BBC Radio 1 and 1XTRA DJ’s at the One Vibe event, on Saturday 27 October from 2pm to 7pm at Subterania, 12 Acklam Road, W10 5QS. The event, hosted by Big Business, will feature performances from:

- B Young,
- Seani B, Dev,
- Melody Kane,
- Jeremiah A Siarnah EO,
- Aj & Deno and
- Zie Zinsert and plenty more.

This event is for young people aged 14 to 18 and is set to be the perfect way to finish off half-term.

Don’t miss out, register for tickets at The Curve, 10 Bard Road, W10 6TP or at the Harrow Club, 187 Freston Road, W10 6TH. Only those who have registered through the community groups will be allowed entry.

For more information email OneVibe100@gmail.com. You can follow the event’s page on Instagram at instagram.com/onevibe_community.
Charles Venn visits North Kensington

The Curve had a very special visitor this week as television star Charles Venn dropped in to find out more about the centre and the work that takes place there. Charles Venn grew up in west London and has since starred in shows such as Casualty and EastEnders. He gave a talk, answered some questions and even showed off a few moves. While at The Curve, Charles said:

“It’s something that every community needs - a community centre. It meant a lot for me to come here, when I was asked to come give a speech it was an automatic yes”

Street art workshop gives young people a voice

The Dalgarno Trust, together with Grief Encounter, is holding a unique urban arts workshop for young people aged nine to 16 on Tuesday 23 October from 12noon to 5pm at Dalgarno Trust Community Centre, W10 5LE. It will feature drama games, storytelling and a chance to learn more about street art. The workshop aims to bring children and young people together to create a piece of work with guidance from a trained professional.

The workshop will encourage young people to not only collaborate on a piece of art, but also to help promote discussion and conversation around support within the younger members of the community.

There’s no need to book, just drop-in on Tuesday to join the fun. For more information, call Helena on 020 8371 8455.

Support services on offer

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the Grenfell tragedy is asked to contact the Met Police on 0800 032 4539.

Important contacts

Grenfell Enquiries service
A one-stop-shop for support, advice and guidance around Grenfell. For more information visit grenfellensur.org.uk or call 020 7745 6414

Cruse Bereavement Care
Call the Freephone helpline on 0800 032 4539 or email helpline@cruse.org.uk. The helpline is open Monday–Friday from 9.30am to 5pm. Extended hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings until 8pm.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries
Call the Home Office advice line on 0300 303 2832. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure
If you have concerns about any symptoms, see your GP and mention Grenfell. They will be able to direct you appropriately.

Housing support
If you have any questions about housing or want to find out who your housing officer is please call 0800 137 111 or 020 7361 3008.

Victim support
Call 0808 1689 111 for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

You can also get emotional and practical support at The Curve Community Centre. Call 020 7221 9836.

Changes to overnight support

From Friday 26 October 2018 the NHS is providing a targeted clinical service for those who feel that they require overnight support. We hope that the small number of people who have been using the overnight service at the Notting Hill Methodist Church will feel the benefit of the continuing support provided by the NHS Outreach Team; this includes a dedicated phone-based mental health service throughout the night, with home visits for those who require it. If you need to talk, anyone can call the night service on tel: 020 8962 4393, between 10pm and 7am seven days a week.

Users of the service are also encouraged to complete this survey so the NHS know what kind of support they want and need: bit.ly/2ErWRqi.