

StockwellUNITED

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The Newsletter of

The Stockwell Urban II Community Initiative

U Don't Understand

A new group in Stockwell looking at disability issues

This is the name of a newly-formed community group in Stockwell, looking at the issues around disability. Linda, Marsha and Josephine are the three women who are in the process of getting the group up and running. Together these three women live with disabilities that include physical disability, visual impairment and Sickle Cell Anaemia.

The aim of "U Don't Understand" is to give advice, information and training on issues to do with disabilities, to meet and have discussions, share experiences and organise social activities. The group also plans to see how accessible buildings in the Urban II area are.

If you are living with a disability, caring for someone with a disability and would like to get involved with the group then please contact "U Don't Understand"

through Jheni Arboine at Stockwell Partnership on 7735 5051 or jheni@stockwell.org.uk

Please come along to a launch event for "U Don't Understand": 14th December 2004 at 7.00pm at the Stockwell Community Resource Centre, just behind Stockwell Tube Station.

Are you interested in finding out more about wheelchair sports?

The British Wheelchair Sports Foundation coordinates a range of sports for people in wheelchairs including basketball, weightlifting, fencing, bowls, table tennis and field events. To find out more contact:

Glyn Hibbert on 020 7088 4512 or glynn.hibbert@tubelines.com

Advice and advocacy services

Stockwell Partnership aims to be first point of call for anyone who requires information on any issue that is important to them. **Call us on 7735 5051 Monday-Friday between 9am & 5pm.**

Stockwell Partnership oferece um serviço de aconselhamento em benefícios do governo de Segunda a Sexta -feira das 10 às 13 e das 14 às 16. Se desejar este serviço é favor de **contactar Maria Marques pelo telefone 020 7820 0799 ou e-mail maria@stockwell.org.uk**

Une fois la semaine, Khuabi Nsasi est disponible de donner des conseils et support aux francophones. Pour prendre un rendez-vous, contactez **Khuabi au 020 7737 2197 ou Khuabi.nsasi@lambethpct.nhs.uk**. (Lundi uniquement)

Mbala moko na poso, Khuabi azali mpo kopesa malaka (conseil) mpe bokumba(support) na bato balobaka Lingala. Pona kozua rendez-vous, benga **Khuabi na**

020 7737 2197 to Khuabi.nsasi@lambethpct.nhs.uk. (kaka mokolo moa Lundi)

Ururka beesha Soomaaliyeed ee Lambeth waxa uu u qaban karaa dadka af-Somaaliga ku hadla adeeg hufan oo ah talo bixin iyo tilmaamo. Haddaba, haddii aad u baahantahay hawlaha ururka la xidhiidh Cabdinassir Maxamud si aad ballan u samaysato **telefoonka ah 0207 7386372 ama nasir@lamsom.org.uk**.

Transport of delight?

Commuters are being called to give their views about public transport in Lambeth. The results will inform the council about where improvements are needed most. Your views are needed on traffic congestion, road safety, tube services, rail stations, town centre transport and quality of streetscapes.

Opinions are also sought on whether trams should be reinstated; what can we do to encourage alternative modes of transport like cycling or walking and how better we can help those with mobility problems.

Transport Policy Manager Eshwyn Prabu said: "Lambeth council is only responsible for some transport functions, and cannot directly control the provision of public transport, for example buses which are run by Transport for London. However, the findings will allow us to take action sooner through direct negotiation with the Borough's transport providers".

Email your views to lip@lambeth.gov.uk. Alternatively, post them to: LIP Consultation, London Borough of Lambeth, 3rd Floor, Blue Star House, 234-244 Stockwell Road, Brixton, London SW9 9SP.

Project update

Wandsworth Road Demonstration Project

New lamp columns and more trees have recently been introduced on parts of the Wandsworth Road thanks to Urban II funding. Urban money is also contributing to a major package of improvements between Fount Street and Brayburne Avenue that is due to start in April 2005 and be completed by the end of 2005. These will include:

- re-paving of all footways with pavement widening in some areas
- new pedestrian and cycle crossings & new cycle lanes
- side road entry treatments
- new and improved lighting
- re-surfacing of the road
- improved signage and removal of existing street clutter

Two specific environmental improvement schemes are also planned: the entrance to Larkhall Park by Courland Street will be re-designed to improve community safety and provide a more positive window to the park; and the open space area in front of the shops between Union Road and Albion Avenue will be landscaped and re-configured to remove vehicles from directly in front of the shops.

Bronze Woman Monument Project

A grant award of over £30,000 from Urban II has provided the final piece of the funding jigsaw to enable the Bronze Woman Monument Project (BWMP) to commission the creation of a 7 foot bronze statue that will be sited in Stockwell Memorial Gardens. The statue will be of an African Caribbean woman holding a young child aloft and

has been designed by the renowned bronze sculptor Ian Walters who has also been commissioned to create the proposed statue of Nelson Mandela in Trafalgar Square. The statue intends to symbolise and celebrate the contribution made by women across the world and also commemorate the contribution made by African Caribbean men and women during the two world wars.

The statue will take nine months to complete and will be unveiled during Black History Month in October 2005.

Support for Somali's to branch out

Funding from Urban II will enable Stockwell-based Lamsom to expand its services both for local Somalis and other nationalities. Lamsom plan to extend their advice service provision and expand their supplementary school and mother tongue classes. They will also be running classes on environmental sustainability. For more information on Lamsom's activities visit their web site at www.lamsom.org.uk



Pineapples across Stockwell

The 2004 Stockwell Festival was held over three days in early July. This year's theme - the pineapple - was chosen to remember the famous Stockwell resident John Tradescant who is credited with bringing the first pineapple to the UK in the 16th century. Attendance held up well despite rather inclement weather for the main Saturday event in Larkhall Park and the sun shone on the Festival parade through the streets of Stockwell which was the largest yet, primarily due to an increase in the number of pre-festival workshops held in schools and youth projects where local children made



Lady pineapple

costumes, banners and movable contraptions. The parade was led by Our Lady Pineapple and lots of youngsters in mini-pineapple outfits. It finished at the Annie McCall Hospital to coincide with an event organised by Stockwell Artists' Studios.

On the Sunday, a football tournament - arranged in partnership with Fulham Football club - was held in the park and over a dozen local youth teams took part. This year's festival recently featured in an ITV programme about Stockwell called "The Street Where You Live" and Our Lady Pineapple took part in this year's Thames Festival parade and will also be part of Lambeth's entry to the Lord Mayor's New Years Day Parade.

The 2005 Festival is now in the planning stages. If you have an idea, would like to be involved or just wish to find out more **contact: Justine on 7735 5051 or Justine@stockwell.org.uk.**

Training opportunities for stewards

We are developing the opportunity for 20 local residents to receive accredited stewarding training. This is likely to be two sessions of 4 and 2 hours respectively and will be led by Helen Wilding for the Thames Festival. They will enable participants to apply for paid stewarding at a variety of community festivals over the summer season. **Contact Justine for more information.**

Putting the Community First

St John's Church on Clapham Road plan to expand their services for young people, parents and senior citizens after receiving a grant award of £140,000 from Urban II. They will also be buying a new minibus on which the EU logo will be prominently displayed. For more information on the services and activities available contact: **Dan Charlish on 7978 2878 dan@christchurchstjohn.com**

SCRC going places

Stockwell Community Resource Centre have big plans for this much-valued community building. To find out more, pop into the centre or log on to their web site at www.stockcomm.net

Let them eat cake...

Something very delicious is cooking in our area - the Stockwell Cake Society. There are many different cultures in Stockwell and the society's main aims are strengthening community cohesion and bringing different Stockwell communities and cultures together. It is very keen to look at the role that cakes play in healthy living and will be researching and developing recipes for cakes that are low in fat, can be eaten by those who have diabetes and those with an intolerance to gluten.

If you would like to get involved please contact **Jheni Arboine at Stockwell Partnership on 7735 5051**. The launch of the group will be in the New Year. You don't have to be a brilliant baker to join!

Access to ICT services in the Stockwell area

Where	Provision	When	For whom	Access/cost	Contact
South Lambeth Library, 180 South Lambeth Road	Access	Library Opening Hours: Mon 1-6, Wed 10-6, Thur 10-8, Fri 10-6, Sat 9-5.	Any member of Lambeth libraries. In addition one open access computer available for 15 min slots.	Free	Speak to a librarian on 020 7926 0710
	Basic skills for 'Silver Surfers'	First Friday of the month 10.30-12noon.	Over 50s		
Yvonne Carr Community Centre, Thessaly Road (off Wandsworth Road)	Access	9.30-5	Members	Courses and access are free to members (£20 annually or £10 if unemployed)	Sharon or Sally on 020 7622 1250 sally.plumb@tcp.uk.net or Sharon.hunt@tcp.uk.net
	Training	Tues 9.30-12 noon IT for improvers (crèche), 6.30-8.30 pm IT for beginners, Wed 6-9 pm basic skills and computing Thurs 10-12 noon ESOL (crèche), 6.30-8.30 pm IT for improvers, Fri 9.30-12 noon IT for beginners.	Members over 18		
UK online, West Stockwell Springfield Estate, Smedley Street	Training	Weekly courses covering basic skills, European Computer Driving Licence, Equal Skills* & Skills Café.	Lambeth residents (proof of address and 2 passport sized photos).	Free	Lorna Rosenoir 020 7720 4809 or ldrosenior@lambeth.gov.uk
	Access	Centre open Monday to Friday, 10am – 1pm and 2pm – 5pm			
Stockwell Community Resource Centre (behind Stockwell tube)	Training	CLAIT**, Microsoft Word, IT for over 50s & Desktop Publishing	Lambeth residents	Free	Beatrix Costa 020 7501 2501 or beatrix@stockcr.co.uk

Job Centre Plus hold specific information about IT training tailor-made for individuals in specific groupings, e.g. lone parents or those with disabilities. Drop into the Centre (Jebb House, 155-157 Clapham Road) and floor staff will be able to give information relating to your specific situation.

Free computer courses available from Lambeth College 020 7501 5736 or for further information - please note that you must be at least 19 years old to enrol.

The next Stockwell United newsletter information slot will feature youth groups and facilities. If you would like your service included please contact rebecca@stockwell.org.uk

The Urban II Stockwell United programme is coordinated jointly by staff from the Stockwell Partnership and Lambeth Council. If you want to find out more contact Rebecca Gibbs on 020 7735 5051 or rebecca@stockwell.org.uk.

The Stockwell Partnership will be holding its Christmas Party at SCRC on 15 December. Ring 020 7735 5051 for more info.

If you would like this newsletter in large print, on audio tape or another language, please contact the Stockwell Partnership on 020 7793 7730.


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