

Workplace opens in East Ham

EAST HAM » IN FOCUS

Covering East Ham South,
Central and Wall End



(standing l-r) Cllrs Conor McAuley, Unmesh Desai, Sir Robin Wales with Workplace manager Asif Sadeeq, (sitting) recruitment consultant Nicola Maamari and resident Bushra Ahmed

Workplace, Newham Council's innovative jobs brokerage scheme, has opened a third branch in High Street South opposite Newham Town Hall.

Following its success in Stratford and Canning Town, the free customised recruitment and training service will help job seekers and businesses in East Ham benefit from growing opportunities in the borough, including the opening of Westfield Stratford City in September.

The tailored service combines careers advice and free training courses to provide potential employees with the tools to secure jobs. John Lewis has already started working with the council to recruit for some of the thousands of

retail and hospitality positions that will be needed to open the new centre in September.

Bushra Ahmed of Seymour Road has been coming to Workplace since 2008. She said: "It's a great service – you get lots of support and it has really helped me. I've got two part-time jobs through it."

Over the past four years, Workplace has supported more than 5,500 people into work and trained over 6,000 residents.

Some of the services Workplace offers include:

- benefits advice
- job searching
- building a CV
- advice about what direction to

take your career in

- business start-up advice

East Ham Central ward councillor, Unmesh Desai, said: "It's an exciting time ahead with Westfield Stratford City due to open in September, creating thousands of jobs in retail. Workplace will be instrumental in ensuring that residents will reap the benefits by helping them every step of the way."

To register you need to have been a Newham resident for at least a year and will need to prove your identity and eligibility to work in the UK. Visit the website to see a full list of the documents you will need to bring with you: www.newhamworkplace.co.uk or call 020 8430 4331.



2011 Census is counting on us all

On 27 March every household must complete a 2011 Census questionnaire so that a detailed count of the whole country's population can be taken.

The census enables the Government and organisations like councils and health authorities to plan essential services.

You must give information about the people living or staying with you on that day, whether you fill in your questionnaire before, on, or after 27 March. You need to complete it online, or fill in the paper questionnaire and send it back as soon as you have completed it. The closing date is 6 April.

The Newham Census team is offering help to residents in completing the questionnaire. For a full list of the completion events visit www.newham.gov.uk/census

Locally sessions are taking place at East Ham Library, High Street South, E6 on March 21 from 3.30-7.30pm; March 23 from 1-5pm; March 25 from 2-4pm; March 26 from 9.30-12noon and 1-5pm; March 30 from 1-5pm; April 1 from 2-4pm; and April 4 from 3.30-7.30pm.

RE:LEAFing Gooseley Playing Fields



Gooseley Playing Fields will look perkier with the addition of more than 100 trees creating a leafy canopy in the park.

The green space in St Albans Avenue, is set to look a lot greener thanks to funding from RE:LEAF London, a London-wide campaign run in partnership with the Mayor of London to protect the capital's trees and encourage residents and organisations to plant more trees in Newham.

More than 100 trees are being planted to create a tree-lined avenue either side of the main path that cuts through Gooseley Playing Fields – see page 3.

Take a trip down memory lane with the Hartley Centre

A photo of the Hartley Centre in 1983



Community development organisation, The Renewal Programme, are putting on an exhibition of memorabilia to mark the Hartley Centre turning 90 years old next year.

Ann Easter of the Renewal Programme said: "We'd love copies of photos or programmes of events and we'd also like to capture people's stories, so we'd be very happy to come and interview people who have memories of their experiences at the Hartley, or they could come to us."

The exhibition will take place at the Hartley Centre, 267 Barking Road, E6 on Saturday 1 and Sunday 2 October this year.

To find out more call Ann on 020 8221 4430 or email ann@renewalprogramme.org.uk



Turn your fingers green at Central Park

Give something back to Central Park at new monthly practical horticultural sessions.

Join the park's volunteer gardening team, learn new skills and discover the delights of flora, fauna and all that nature has to offer.

A team leader will provide guidance on how to use tools. All you need to take part is enthusiasm for the outdoors, strong shoes or boots with good grip, clothes that you don't mind getting mucky and sunscreen - if required.

Sessions take place on the last Wednesday of every month from 10am-1pm; next session is on 30 March. Meet outside Central Park Café in High Street South, E6.

For more information contact Ola Rug on 020 3373 9296.



(l-r) Jobe (7), ACT volunteer Lim Sabu and Newham volunteer Tina Evans help plant trees at Gooseley Playing Fields

Scores of green-fingered enthusiasts helped to plant trees at a Plant for Life event in Gooseley Playing Fields in St Albans Avenue last month.

Newham volunteers mucked in and helped plant 1,800 trees over two days. The work complements the RE:LEAF project (see p2) and the improvements being carried out to the park.

The revamped playground was completed last year but work continues to resurface the football pitches, four tennis courts and a new cricket square. Work is expected to be completed by mid-April.

Newham Volunteer, Tina Evans, who undertook a course in Gooseley on planting, was using her new

Gooseley gets green boost

found knowledge to plant trees. She said: "I never planted trees before until I did the course. I really enjoy it."

If you would like to become a Newham Volunteer call Liz Whitworth on 020 3373 1269, email liz.whitworth@newham.gov.uk or visit www.newham.gov.uk and search for Newham Volunteers.

SPOTLIGHT ON... STREET PARTIES

It's party time – and it's coming to a street near you. The only catch is you have to organise it.

With Newham Council's new street party planning pack, organising one has never been easier so celebrate St George's Day and the royal wedding next month in style with your neighbours.

A street party is one that is organised by and for all residents in one or two small streets without external publicity. They are a great way to meet your neighbours and have a good knees-up.

The planning pack contains an application form, useful contacts and top tips to help you get started, including how to apply for a Go For It grant to help towards funding the event.

Organising small private street parties is very simple and generally does not require a licence. However, if you want to sell alcohol or intend to provide certain types of entertainment such as music, singing, or dancing you will need a Temporary Event Notice if you expect no more than 499 people to attend. This costs £21.

Larger public events attracting more people may require an



Maryland Primary School pupils throw a street party to entertain elderly residents on the Samuel Lewis Trust Estate

If you would like to hold a larger public event, please contact the Licensing Team by emailing Licensing@newham.gov.uk or by writing to the Licensing Team, 1st Floor Town Hall Annexe, 330-354 Barking Road, East Ham, London, E6 2RT.

If you would like to hold a street party you must email or write to the council to register it. If you plan on closing the road for your party you need to get your application in by Tuesday 15 March.

Email street.party@newham.gov.uk or write to street party, 1000 Dockside Road, E16 2QU. To find out more about how to organise your own street party visit www.newham.gov.uk/streetparty

WHAT'S ON EAST HAM

FREE horticultural sessions

Last Wednesday of every month – the next session is on 30 March

10am-1pm

Meet outside Central Park Café

Central Park

High Street South, E6

Read page 3 for more information

Health walks -

Meet at 9.30am every Tuesday at Beckton DLR Station for a 45 minute free health walk and information about the wildlife in the local area led by the London Wildlife Trust. The route is via the Greenway, Beckton Alps and East Ham Nature Reserve.

Voluntary conservation work afterwards at East Ham Nature Reserve

Norman Road, E6

Call Cairis or Lauren on 077345 99286 or

visit www.wildlondon.org.uk

For even more things to do check out the What's On calendar on the Newham website, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events:

www.newham.gov.uk/whatson

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on 020 3373 2684 or email infocus@newham.gov.uk

MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

Councillors out and about: If you would like a councillor to visit your community organisation, school, place of worship, meeting or event please call 020 3373 3578 or email kim.vasa@newham.gov.uk

To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk e.g. kevin.jenkins@newham.gov.uk



Kevin Jenkins OBE



Rev. Quintin Peppiatt



Lakmini Shah

East Ham South Ward

Cllr Jenkins
Every Saturday
(except bank holidays),
9.30-11am
Brampton Primary
School, Masterman
Road, East Ham, E6

1- 3pm
Roman Road
Primary School
Roman Road, E6
Cllrs Peppiatt and Shah
Every Saturday
(alternating)
10am, Vicarage Lane
Primary School Vicarage
Lane, East Ham, E6



Ian Corbett



Unmesh Desai



Mary Skyers

East Ham Central Ward

Cllrs Corbett and Desai
Every Friday
5.30-6.30pm
Committee Room 3
Newham Town Hall
Barking Road
East Ham, E6

Cllr Skyers
First Saturday of
the month
10-11am
The Hartley Centre
267 Barking Road
East Ham, E6



Omana Gangadharan



Lester Hudson



Ted Sparrowhawk

Wall End Ward

Cllr Gangadharan
Second Saturday of
the month
Cllr Hudson
Fourth Saturday of
the month
10am-12noon
Altmore School
Altmore Avenue
East Ham, E6

Cllr Sparrowhawk
First and third
Saturday of the month
10.30am-12noon
Nelson Primary
School
Caretakers House
Napier Road
East Ham, E6

Need to talk to Mayor Sir Robin Wales? Being an elected mayor, Sir Robin is directly accountable to you.

Look out for Question Time times and dates in the Newham Mag, visit www.newham.gov.uk/mayor or call 020 3373 0437.