

Plaistow Together

Mark it in your diary now: Plaistow's spring festival, **Plaistow Together**, is on **Saturday 2 April from 12noon-4pm at Newham Sixth Form College (NewVlc) in Prince Regent Lane.**

Guaranteed to break the fun-o-meter, this FREE festival, brought to you by Newham Council and NewVlc, has something to suit all ages and tastes, from arts and crafts to sports and beauty therapies.

Top live entertainment will come from local singer Mumzy Stranger and Newham Youth Steel Band will be banging the drum for live music. Watch out for Plaistow's upcoming talent as they perform live in a talent quest to find the best act to perform at the Mayor's Town Show in July.

For the footie fanatics, there's a football tournament open to for under 12s, under 14s and under 16s. Just

turn up on the day with your trainers and register.

Get your groove on for the Bollywood and street dance workshops or try Zumba – a high-octane workout to a mish mash of latin and international music.

If you'd rather take it easy and get creative, then the arts and crafts making workshops will be more up your street.

For the young ones, there will be interactive story telling, flower making and planting by Discover storytelling centre. Make sure you don't miss Kaizen Primary School's exhibition on dinosaurs, and bird lovers, get up close

and personal with owls and eagles.

Community lead councillor, Rohima Rahman, said: "Make sure you join us in a small procession down Prince Regent Lane, starting at Newham Leisure Centre and making our way down to the college. Meet us at Newham Leisure Centre at 11.40am."

Plaistow Together
Saturday 2 April
12noon-4pm
NewVlc
Prince Regent Lane, E13
Call 0800 519 4015 or email
community.forums@newham.gov.uk

Get your groove on in the street dance workshops at Plaistow Together





We've bin on your street

Recycling has got a whole lot easier with the introduction of recycling bins with an orange lid across the borough.

We've almost finished delivering the bins to homes that we have determined have space following a door to door assessment.

If you haven't received your bin yet, don't worry, we're getting them to you as quickly as we can.

You should continue using orange recycling bags, placing them beside your rubbish bin, not inside, until you receive your recycling bin.

Please note that:

- you can recycle all cardboard in your new bin
 - rubbish bins will be collected in the morning
 - recycling bins will be collected in the afternoon/evening
 - put your recyclables directly into your bin – you don't need to put them in a bag first
 - if you live in a high or low rise flat you should continue using orange recycling bags as normal.
- We'll be consulting with residents in these properties to see what improvements they would like to see with their recycling service soon – look out for details.

For more details on what you can recycle visit www.newham.gov.uk/recycling



Curwen Primary School head teacher Paul Harris and pupils show community lead councillor Joy Laguda the improvements being made

PROGRESS AT CURWEN CONTINUES

Curwen Primary School in Atlas Road has been undergoing a transformation since 2009 to refurbish and enlarge the school and bring its buildings up-to-date.

The work is being carried out in phases to provide fit for purpose teaching spaces and to make them more comfortable and spacious by increasing classroom size by one third as part of the Primary Capital Programme to improve primary schools.

Now, in its final phase, the £8m refurbishment is expected to be completed by summer this year. As a result of the improvements, the school will be able to increase in size from 420 to 630 pupils including nursery places.

Plaistow North ward councillor and school governor, Joy Laguda, said: "Curwen School has got an outstanding Ofsted report and is proving popular with parents in the area. By increasing the capacity of the school, we can ensure that more parents can send their children here. The credit also goes to the head teacher and all the staff who are working very hard to minimise any disruption and to ensure the high standard of learning continues, while the work is going on."



Take your talent to the stage

If you're aged 16-21 and have a musical or poetic talent, grab your moment in the spotlight at the Hot Spot talent show.

Whether you can sing like a songbird or have a way with words, sign-up for an audition, which take place every Thursday until 7 April at NewVic (Newham Sixth Form College) in Prince Regent Lane.

To secure your chance to perform at the final in April email contactus@b2si.co.uk, text Rachel Nabudde on 0796 1019 177 or message Rachel via Facebook.

The final takes place on Wednesday 20 April from 6.30-9.30pm at Newham Town Hall, Barking Road, E6, with the judging led by Cllr Rohima Rahman and special guests. Tickets cost £3 for adults, £2.50 for under-16s and students and are available on the door, or by calling Rachel on the above number. Ticket price includes entertainment and food. The event is organised by Youthenicity with funding from a Newham Council Go For It grant.





TV presenter Gail Porter and Olympic gold medalist Duncan Goodhew launch the Swimathon challenge

JOIN THE WORLD'S BIGGEST FUNDRAISING SWIM

Make a splash for charity next month by taking part in the Swimathon 2011 challenge at Newham Leisure Centre in Prince Regent Lane.

You can sign up to swim a variety of distances and raise money for Marie Cure Cancer Care and the

Swimathon Foundation over the Swimathon weekend from 8-10 April.

Individual swimmers can sign up to cover 1.5k, 2.5k or 5k in laps of the pool or alternatively you can register as part of a team or get your school involved.

The deadline to get your entry in is 6 April. Don't be disappointed and make sure you register early.

For more information and to register visit www.swimathon.org, call 0845 36 700 36 or email info@swimathon.org



Free female street dance sessions

Calling all girls aged 14-24 - get your groove on for FREE street dance sessions at Newham Leisure Centre in Prince Regent Lane.

Every Friday from 3.30-5.30pm you can learn the techniques behind such dance styles as house waacking, krump, popping and locking.

The street dance programme is being launched after the success of the recent Dare2Dance Empowerment Day where more than 100 girls from Cumberland, Lister and other secondary schools learnt new moves from professional street dancers.

If you're interested in going to the free Friday sessions you can simply turn up on the day or call 020 3373 1564 for more information.

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



Two ladies in Braemar Road salute the Queen in 1977 for her Silver Jubilee

more people may require an application for a Premises Licence.

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 Thursday 31 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 PLAISTOW

Plaistow together – Plaistow's spring festival

Saturday 2 April
12noon-4pm
NewVic
Prince Regent Lane, E13
Read p1 for more information

Hotspot talent show

Wednesday 20 April
6.30-9.30pm
Tickets cost £3 for adults/£2.50 for under-16s
Newham Town Hall
Barking Road, E6
Read p2 for more information

For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events visit www.newham.com

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 1804 or email shamilla.kumari@newham.gov.uk. To email your local councillor write firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk



Alan Griffiths



Forhad Hussain



Joy Laguda

Plaistow North Ward

Alan Griffiths
1st and 3rd Saturday of the month 10.30-11.30am
Plaistow Library, North Street
Plaistow E13

Forhad Hussain
2nd and 4th Saturday of the month, 10.30-11.30am

Plaistow Library
North Street, Plaistow, E13

Joy Laguda
3rd Saturday of the month
10am-12.00noon
Curwen School, Atlas Road,
Plaistow, E13



Charity Fiberesima



Neil Wilson



Sheila Thomas

Plaistow South Ward

Charity Fiberesima, Neil Wilson and Sheila Thomas
Every Monday and Wednesday (alternating)
6-7pm
Newham African Caribbean Resource Centre,
627 Barking Road, E13

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.