

Press Release – for immediate issue.

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Redbridge Faith Forum (RFF) Annual General Meeting and Public Meeting in partnership with RedbridgeCVS on: ‘Fairness Commission - How can we tackle inequality in Redbridge? Have your Say!’



Attendees

The RFF AGM attracted a wide range of people to its annual general meeting. This was held to both inform all members and interested parties of the work carried out over the past year and to look forward to how RFF will contribute further to enhancing our inclusive and tolerant society in Redbridge. Jacquie Grieve (Chair), opened the meeting with a full report. She said that there had been some highly



Jacquie Grieve - RFF Chair

successful events during the year including the Annual Walk of Peace supported by the Metropolitan Police Borough Commander, the Interfaith Meal and a number of workshops aimed at both education and community cohesion. One such event was the Dementia Workshop, run with the support of the Alzheimer’s Society. Many of those attending the events became ‘Dementia Friends’.



Ali Qureshi - Treasurer

The meeting then heard from treasurer, Ali Qureshi the financial position of RFF. The work of RFF has benefitted from a number of sources: grants including from LBR, donations, and donations -in-kind from various Faith Communities in Redbridge. During the meeting the Trustees, who are representative of the faith communities in Redbridge, were elected.

There followed a public meeting- a partnership event

between RFF and RedbridgeCVS: ‘Fairness Commission - How can we tackle inequality in Redbridge? Have your Say!’

This was the first of 3 repeat public meetings on the Fairness Commission enabling people to really have their say.



Jacquie Grieve Cllr Hussain & Liz Pearce

Cllr Farah Hussain (cabinet member for ‘fairness’), Liz Pearce (RedbridgeCVS), Jacquie Grieve (RFF) gave a brief introduction on

- Why a Fairness Commission?
- Why are we here today? and
- How will your contribution make a difference?



Some of the MC Members

Liz explained the format of the evening and invited people to raise some of the important issues close to their hearts which they would like discussed within the small groups. Some of the issues raised included: the difference in services in the north and south of the Borough, the problems connected with prostitution in Ilford Lane, lack of swimming facilities in the south of the borough, housing and many more. These were further explored through a series of free flowing table top discussions. People were free to move around and participate in those issues which directly concerned them.



At the end of the session Liz assured everybody present that notes from each of the discussion groups and from the next two public meetings would be conveyed to the Fairness Commissioners for inclusion in the total evidence for making recommendations.

A full programme of future RFF events, including our forthcoming AGM is available from our offices. For more information contact RFF on 020 8708 2478 or email faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk For further information on the next two public fairness commission meetings please see www.redbridgecvs.net or contact Ross Diamond on 020 8514 9612 or via ross@redbridgecvs.net

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