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REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM LOOKING FORWARD

Tuesday, 2nd July 6.30 pm RFF Annual General Meeting
at Gardens of Peace, Hainault, IG6 3SW

There will be the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour of the Gardens after the formal Annual General Meeting has concluded at 7.15pm. All welcome.

Tuesday, 16th July RFF Quiz Evening 7pm
at The Drive Methodist Church Hall, IG1 3PP

Get together with friends and family to form teams of 8 to join us for an enjoyable and fun social evening whilst also raising funds for Redbridge Faith Forum. Entry £6 per head inclusive of tea/coffee and cake. We can match people up to teams if you are in a smaller group or wish to come on our own so please don't hesitate to join us – you will receive a very warm welcome.

Tuesday, 30th July RFF Network Meeting - 12 noon - 1.30pm
in Community Hall of Vine Church – access via Holstock Road IG11 1LG

Greening Redbridge, Facing the climate crisis in our borough

Our objectives for the event are to:

- Learn from groups across Redbridge who are working on environmental concerns in order to address the Climate Crisis
- Raise awareness about climate change issues affecting people living in Redbridge
- Suggest activities that Faith organisations could carry out to protect the environment

At this event, we hope to bring together individuals, voluntary, community and faith sector groups and organisations in Redbridge including sections within LBR and Vision which are working to draw attention to the threat of climate change, through their different kinds of environmental work. So far the following groups have agreed to participate.

- LBR Air Quality Control Team,
- LBR Our Streets Team,
- Nature Conservancy,
- Cleaner Greener Wanstead
- Wanstead Climate Action
- Transition Town Ilford
- Trees for Cities
- Barkingside 21

The event will be held in the Community Hall at Vine Church in Holstock Road, IG1 1LG, Central Ilford. For running the main session we will use the "world cafe" method, with 4 to 6 organisations hosting a table each, and addressing a different aspect of the climate crisis.

For further information about the event you can email PeterMusgrave1950@gmail.com

Or Redbridge Faith Forum (faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk)

JULY FAITH FESTIVALS

A full list of all the festivals can be found on our website under resources just follow this link [here](#).

REDBRIDGE FAITH FORUM

What is it and what does it do?

RFF hold regular public meetings to discuss social issues affecting faith communities such as education, health, and give people the opportunity to meet and share with other faiths.

RFF was set up in 2003 following a faith conference set up by Redbridge Council, which brought faith leaders together to talk about their communities' needs.

- RFF bring together local members of different faith communities.
- RFF promote social harmony.
- RFF foster a community spirit within Redbridge and the local area.
- RFF recognise the important contribution that religion and spirituality makes to the lives of Redbridge residents.
- RFF lobby relevant organisations that affect faith communities.

Current Trustees

RFF is an independent organisation with a charitable status (1118675). RFF has a board of trustees composed of representatives of different faiths :

Christian: ☩ Phil Butcher (Co Chair), Rev Bernardino Mandlate

Hindu: ॐ Vinaya Sharma, Appathurai Ramkumar

Jewish: ☆ Rabbi Larry Becker, Angela Banner

Muslim: ☪ Mo Dedat (Treasurer), Mohamed Omer (Co-Chair), Imam Khurram Rafiq

Sikh: ੴ Harbans Singh Seehra, Harmander Singh

Buddhist: ☸ Rev P Hemaratana, Dr Suhasini

Bahai Carol Khorsandyon

We hope that you will understand that in order to continue our work to the benefit of all living in Redbridge, the Faith Forum needs to raise funds to cover the various activities we organise. Membership is open to all and there are a range of options available.

Associate member: (open to everyone) receives all e-mail updates, invitations to all events, able to vote at AGM – suggested donation £10 per year.

Voluntary organisations - £20 per annum.

Place of Worship - £30 per annum

If you would like to become a RFF member please email faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk

DID YOU KNOW?

Nominate your work for a London Faith & Belief Community Award

Nominations are open for the 2019 London Faith & Belief Community Awards.

These awards celebrate the social action of faith and belief groups across London - work that is often overlooked and marginalised – by bringing together local heroes and shining a light on their work. Award winning projects are also given £500 to enhance their work.

If you know of a project that deserves wider recognition and could benefit from a £500 award then this is your chance to nominate them.

The categories for this year's awards are as follows

- Health and wellbeing
- Improving access to services
- Inspiring youth
- Interfaith relations
- Peace and reconciliation
- Promoting inclusion
- Supporting women

You have until the 15th July to make a nomination.

[Click here to read the nomination information and criteria](#)

[Click here to make a nomination](#)

Help Available to clean-up your neighbourhood

CleanupUP (registered charity 1120115) can help you run your own clean-up and put you in touch with others who also care and want to take action. You can improve your neighbourhood and make a difference to your local community.

For more information please get in touch with Neeta telephone 07463660843 – email Neeta.Kanagaratnam@cleanupuk.org.uk

Free Counter Terrorism Awareness Briefing for Faith Communities

As the current threat level from terrorism is at SEVERE which means an attack is highly likely, the Counter Terrorism team at Ilford police station are happy to come and deliver a briefing to your community members at your chosen date/time. The ACT project is a Home office led initiative to promote and encourage members of the community to work in partnership with the police to report, deter and detect terrorist activity and crime.

The briefing session provides essential knowledge in counter terrorism awareness to both help prevent an attack and to know what to do if caught up in one and usually takes two hours to deliver. For further queries and to book a session please PC TICKNER or PC HUSSAIN on 0208 345 2601 or e-mail EastAreaEABCUMailbox-.CTPBST@met.pnn.police.uk

Help & Support for Victims of Hate Crime

Redbridge Equalities & Community Council along with sister organisations run a project – Community Against Hate Crime. A hate crime is a crime motivated or aggravated by prejudice against a particular group in society – for reasons of race, religion, disability, gender, gender reassignment, sexuality, migrant or refugee...If you are the victim of hate crime please get in touch to make an appointment to see RECC advice worker on 020-8551 8178 for advice and advocacy services.

The organisation will also come along to speak at events to inform how to report hate crime and what can be done to support those being targeted and can establish mutual support groups of victims. You can also volunteer to become involved in the Community Witness & Support Team.

Email - Office1@redbrideequalities.org.uk - 020-8551 8178

RECC, Room 203, 2nd Floor, Heraldic House, 160-162 Cranbrook Road IG1 4PE.

HAVE YOUR SAY – CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

Consultation on proposed late night levy on licensed premises

The Council is consulting on a proposal to introduce a late night levy (LNL) on all licensed premises selling alcohol between midnight and 6am.

This would be an annual charge payable by licensed premises selling alcohol after midnight and before 6am and would be used towards the cost of late-night policing and clean-up.

The views of all residents are sought – please follow this link to have your say [click here](#)

Consultation on proposed redevelopment of Gants Hill library and car park

The council are proposing to redevelop the current site of Gants Hill Library and its adjacent public car park and are undertaking a public engagement now. There is an online survey now open so please do complete this to give your views – this is the link <https://www.redbridge.gov.uk/have-your-say/consultations/>

The plan is that this will become the site of a community hub serving Gants Hill, Barkingside, Clayhall, Fullwell and Valentines areas and the council have engaged consultants to get feedback from the local population.

Some suggestions so far have included:

1. making provision for charities to hold advice sessions eg macmillan for cancer patients and their carers, benefits advisors,
2. having a regular police presence so local residents could meet their neighbourhood teams,
3. providing public toilets with disabled facilities
4. making provision for local voluntary organisations to hold events/workshops etc

There will be **2 public meetings taking place on 10 July at the Redbridge Institute in Gaysham Avenue at 2.20pm and 6.30 pm** to see what the local needs for this hub are. Registration is free by clicking this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/public-meeting-for-gants-hill-area-community-hub-tickets-63103394953> and refreshments will be provided.

It will be an important opportunity to find out about, share opinions, discuss the community hub with other local residents and get involved in its development. Residents may be concerned about the potential loss of parking facilities especially as Gants Hill station has step free access to the central line platforms and is therefore well used by people with mobility issues. Please note that the online survey closes on 1st September. Further information is on the council website www.redbridge.gov.uk

Consultation on proposed relocation of Moorfields Eye Hospital

- **Consultation runs until Monday 16 September**
- **Public invited to give their views at <http://oriel-london.org.uk>**

People in Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge are being asked for their views on a proposal to move Moorfields Eye Hospital from its century-old site at City Road to a new facility at St Pancras Hospital.

The consultation invites members of the public to have their say on the proposed move which will bring together excellent eye care, ground-breaking research and world-leading education in ophthalmology on one site, for the benefit of patients.

In 2017/18 nearly 34,000 people were referred from Barking and Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge to Moorfields and in that year alone, Moorfields had more than 740,000 visits in total from patients – making it the largest eye care provider in the UK. Every day 250 people in the UK start to lose their sight and almost 10 per cent of all NHS hospital appointments are for eyes.

The trust treats a wide range of eye problems, from common complaints to rare conditions that require specialist treatment not available elsewhere.

EVENTS TO COME

Redbridge Institute's Annual Art Festival

Saturday 6th July – 10 am to 1.30 pm at Gaysham Avenue, Gants Hill IG2 6TD

Stalls in the garden selling learners' and tutors' work (including: ceramics, paintings, jewellery, watercolours and postcards)

Pottery throwing demonstration

Decorate a pot

Jewellery-making taster session

Make your own clay self-portrait

Dot-to-Dot – Write a story in 10 minutes

For further information - email enquiries@redbridge-iae.ac.uk or phone them on 020 8550 2398

Fairlop Fair

Saturday 6th July 11am-6pm – Fairlop Waters Country Park, IG6 3HN

Free entry (small fee for some activities) - All day car parking £4 (cash only)

- Enjoy dance and drama performances on the RDC main stage
- Taster sessions - why not try paddle-boarding, kayaking or have a go on the high ropes?
- Redbridge Music Lounge will keep you entertained at the boathouse, showcasing a variety of musicians and bands all day long
- Arts & crafts activities for children
- Water activities and sports
- The return of the annual cardboard boat race!
- Nature walks
- Stalls and exhibitors - including painted pottery, tarot readings and story telling from a local book seller
- Vintage and craft stalls.
- Meet the human hedges!
- Fairground rides, tasty food, walkabout entertainers and much, much more...

Redbridge Music Lounge at The Cranbrook Centre, Valentines Park

Wednesdays 3rd, 17th & 31st July & Thursdays 11th and 25th June - 12.30-4.30 pm at Melbourne Gate, Melbourne Road IG1 4SB (for directions see www.cranbrookcentre.london)

The venue is for musicians and anyone interested in playing music, who are retired, in part-time work, unemployed or semi-professional, even if committed to bands/group already but have time and expertise to offer and share mainly, for daytime projects, events and local festivals. Feel free to bring along your instruments and perform – rehearsal equipment and performing facilities are also available. For further information contact Chris Wyatt mob 07929 071155 email criswyatt@aol.com www.rmluk.org. Registered Charity 1151132

Redbridge Green Fair – Valentines Park

Sunday 7th July – 11.30 – 6 pm on the Cranbrook Centre Lawn (previously the bowling club)

This is a free community festival event with lots of stalls, music, dance, community arts, eco workshops, repairs Dr Bike and at 3pm -4.30 pm Caribbean dancing and a carnival parade. All welcome.

Charity Lunch with the Mayor of Redbridge

Tuesday, 8th – 1.30pm onwards at Spice Khazana, 262 High Road, Ilford

Come for lunch with the new Mayor of Redbridge, Councillor Zulfiqar Hussain, at the Spice Khazana Restaurant in 262/266 High Road, Ilford on Tuesday 8th July.

Tickets are £20 for a South Asian buffet lunch with 36 delicious dishes to choose from, including desserts.

Proceeds from the event go to the Mayor's chosen charities for this year, Imagine Independence and Healthy Living Projects.

To reserve your place please call 0208 708 2297/M: 07985 161112 or e-mail

redbridgemayorsappeal@hotmail.com

Arrival time is 1.30 for a 2.30 sit down.

Harmful Practices Conference

Tuesday 9th July 9am-2.30pm at City Gates Church, 25-29 Clements Road Ilford IG1 1BH

Speakers include survivors of harmful practices, ministerial representation, Claire Waxman (Victims Commissioner, MOPAC), Cllr Jas Athwal (Leader of Redbridge Council). The programme will include specialist speakers, breakout sessions and a chance to network with organisations and individuals who work with issues such as forced marriage, female genital mutilation and honour based violence. Lunch will be provided.

Book now on <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/harmful-practices-conference-tickets-63327849302>

Afternoon Tea with Barkingside 21

Thursday 11th July 2-4pm at Sweet, Barkingside High Street

This is an informal social event – everyone welcome. Cup of tea or coffee and a patisserie for £3 per head.

Workshop: -How to develop a heritage project for Lottery funding

Delivered by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and Havering Museum

Thursday 11th of July, 9.45am to 1pm @ Havering Museum, High Street RM1 1JU

Calling all voluntary, community and social enterprise sector organisations from Barking & Dagenham, Havering and Redbridge - the National Lottery Heritage Fund has new funding available that we want to share with you! This session covers requests from £3,000 to £250,000.

Attend our Workshop to be inspired, to improve your understanding of heritage, and to learn about what to include if you want to design a project we could fund. Havering Museum will be on hand to provide an introductory session to exciting heritage material from their collections, and will give us a curator-led tour of the Museum itself.

The workshop is interactive and will include:

- Introduction to Havering Museum's collection and heritage material you could use in your project
- 'What is Heritage?' discussion to help you shape your idea
- Information and tips to help you design a fundable project

- A short guided tour

Refreshments will be provided

To book a place please sign up online at: [Ticketsource](#)

The National Lottery Heritage Fund distributes the heritage share of National Lottery ticket sales, supporting a variety of projects across the UK. The projects funded vary from recording diverse community histories to providing life-changing training, restoring natural landscapes to rescuing neglected buildings.

Redbridge Music Fest - Redbridge Music Lounge & Green Fair Music Club

Sunday 14th July – 11am to 4.30 pm in the Walled Garden, Valentines Mansion, Emerson Rd IG1 4XA

A fest of musical pleasures will be provided by many high quality musicians and singers from in and around Redbridge. A limited amount of seating will be available so you may prefer to bring your own chairs or picnic blankets.

Enquiries to rgfmusicclub@gmail.com or call 07306 729555

Programme information www.rmluk.org or www.rgf.org.uk

Barkingside 21 Coffee Morning “Hainault Forest – Past & Future”

Tuesday, 23rd July 2019 9.45 am for 10am-11am – Hainault Room Fullwell Cross Library

The talk is by Francis Castro of the Nature Conservation Ranger Team. This event is free and open to anyone and everyone.

For further details email Barkingside21@btinternet.com

East London Three Faiths Forum – Guided Tour to Jerusalem & The Holy Land

OUR EIGHTH GUIDED TOUR TO JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND Sunday 8th December – Sunday 15th December 2019

Led by Rabbi David Hulbert, Revd. Ulrike Bell & Imam Dr Mohammed Fahim



Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit places in the Holy Land (both Israel and the Palestinian territories) sacred to our three faiths:

Jerusalem	<i>Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Jesus' tomb) Western Wall Yad Vashem (Memorial to Holocaust victims)</i>
Dead Sea	<i>Masada (King Herod's palace), swim in the Dead Sea</i>
Bethlehem	<i>Jesus' birthplace</i>
Hebron	<i>Tombs of the Patriarchs</i>
Nazareth	<i>Jesus' home-town; site of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary</i>
Caesarea	<i>Capital of Judaea and major port in Roman times Boat-trip across the Sea of Galilee and many more!</i>

COST £1,500 per person, sharing twin room.

Includes:

- Return coach from Woodford to Luton Airport
- Return flights
- Half-board in top-quality, modern hotels
- Travel in comfortable air-conditioned tour coach
- Qualified tour guide, with us for the whole week
- All entrance fees

The cost is made up of a deposit of £300, payable immediately, that will buy your EasyJet ticket. The flight tickets will go up in price as the plane fills up, so it is important to commit yourself and secure this price as soon as you can.

The balance of £1,200, covering the hotels and the tour, will be payable in September. This price is unlikely to change, unless there is another major fall in the value of the £ against the \$. If you would like to come, send your name and full postal address to david.hulbert@whsmithnet.co.uk and you will be sent all the details and the booking form, with full terms and conditions.

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