

Redbridge Faith Forum E-News Bulletin – June 2022

We do hope that this bulletin finds you safe and well. Please do keep in touch and send us any details of any information or events you would like us to promote to faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk.

This month marks the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee of our Queen Elizabeth II who has consistently testified to the importance of her faith and served our country faithfully. Some examples of her achievements during her reign follow.

The Queen has visited over 100 countries as Monarch, including Canada 22 times – more than any other country in the world -and France 13 times - more than any other country in Europe. Her Majesty's first solo public engagement (as Princess Elizabeth) was on 21st April 1942, her sixteenth birthday, when – then Princess Elizabeth - she inspected the Grenadier Guards at Windsor Castle. The Queen has carried out more than 21,000 engagements over the course of her reign.

Her Majesty has given Royal Assent to approximately 4,000 Acts of Parliament The Queen has hosted 112 incoming State Visits to the United Kingdom, including Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia (1954), Emperor Hirohito of Japan (1971), President Lech Wałęsa of Poland (1991) and President Barack Obama of the USA (2011). She is currently Patron of over 500 organisations, including: over 70 education and training organisations; over 60 sports and recreational organisation; over 30 faith organisations; and over 40 arts and cultural organisations. The Queen has sent over 300,000 congratulatory cards to people celebrating their 100th birthdays, and over 900,000 messages to couples marking their Diamond (60th) Wedding Anniversaries. Her Majesty is a committed Christian and Churchgoer and has often spoken of her faith in her speeches and broadcasts. "For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life, " she said in her 2014 Christmas Broadcast. "A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none."

The Queen has sat for over 200 official portraits during her reign, the first was in 1933 when she was seven years old and was a portrait painted by Anglo-Hungarian artist Philip Alexius de Laszlo.

Over 180 garden parties have been held at Buckingham Palace since 1952 and over 1.5 million people have attended a Garden Party during The Queen's. There have been 14 Presidents of the United States during Her Majesty's reign, and, with the exception of President Johnson (1963-9), Her Majesty has met each one. The Queen has been served by 14 Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom during her reign – her first Prime Minister was Winston Churchill. Her Majesty has conducted over 650 investitures throughout her reign.

The Queen has awarded the George Cross – given for "acts of the greatest heroism or of the most courage in circumstances of extreme danger" - collectively to just two groups over the course of her reign: officers and families of the Royal Ulster

Constabulary for their bravery during the Troubles in Northern Ireland and, most recently, to NHS staff for their work during the Coronavirus pandemic.

And finally, can we ever forget that as part of the London 2012 Olympics opening ceremony, secret agent James Bond escorted The Queen from Buckingham Palace to the Olympic Stadium by helicopter before they both parachuted into the event!

LOOKING FORWARD

Tuesday 26th July at 12 noon – Network Meeting “The Cost of Living Crisis”

Please save the date – further information will be included in our July eNews.

LOOKING BACK

RFF AGM and Open Forum on “Youth Violence and Knife Crime” Wednesday evening, 25th May

Redbridge Faith Forum held its Annual General Meeting at the Gardens of Peace Cemetery at Hainault. Members voted to reappoint all trustees and accepted the Annual Report and Accounts. The meeting was followed by an Open Forum

The Open Forum focussed on “Youth Violence and Knife Crime” with excellent speakers working in this field. Patrick Green, Chief Executive of Ben Kinsella Trust and Superintendent Gordon Henderson CID Lead for East Area. Mohamed Omer as Director of the Gardens of Peace also shared his experience of working closely with the Royal College of Pathologists and supporting bereaved families of knife crime victims. A full report is available on the website by clicking [here](#)

LOOKING FORWARD TO OTHER EVENTS

Voluntary Sector Network Meeting on Microsoft Teams Wednesday 1st June 10.00-12 noon

Topic – Volunteers Week including a demonstration on how to use RCVS new **self-serve platform**, where you can add and remove volunteering opportunities at any time.

The event will take place via **Microsoft Teams**. To book your place and or more information, contact Kay Kelleher on 020 3874 4150 or by emailing kay@redbridgecvs.net

Platinum Jubilee Summer Fun Ride in London Saturday 4 June 2022

There are limited spaces available to join this 40 mile charity bike ride being organised by the Singh Kaur Cyclists through London. Contact Baljit on 07951689097 if you are interested.

Website www.singhkaurcyclists.com

Jubilee Community Street Party – Ashurst Drive Baptist Church, IG2 6QH Sunday 5th June 2-6pm

The local community are invited to attend this celebration including food, games and other activities. If you wish to bring food to share please bring store bought packaged food with ingredients listed. Location – Ashurst Drive between Headley Drive and Otley Drive – street closed to traffic.

Jubilee Community “Bring your own lunch” All Saints Church, IG8 ONH Sunday 5th June

Following a short family service at 11.15 am the church is hosting a “bring your own lunch” community event and an afternoon of fun family activities with the opportunity to watch the BBC coverage of the Platinum Pageant in the afternoon also.

Ilford Historical Society, Central Library, 1st Floor Studio 2 Monday 6th June 7.30-9 pm

This includes a talk entitled “The Way We Were 1952-2022” and a discussion. (Open to non-members £3).

Space Studio Sound Installation (Rear of Town Hall) 28 May – 30 September 2022 Free and Open to All – Wed 11am-5pm Saturday 11am-3pm

“We walked in Ilford with people who were local and not so local. We tried to listen and to see. We attempted to create songs together. Later, we gathered to impersonate animals and different living beings. The soundscape of an imagined nature.” – Lina Lapelytė

Step into a forest of sound with an immersive installation by the award-winning artist Lina Lapelytė, premiering at SPACE Ilford this summer. A multitude of speakers hang from the gallery’s domed ceiling, inviting audiences to immerse themselves in a soundscape that explores the broken relationships between human beings and the natural world around us. These relationships are translated as homophonic interpretations of nature’s echoes crafted by the human voice.

World Music Day at Forest Farm Peace Garden

Sunday 26 June, 12pm to 4:30pm

Venue: Forest Farm Allotments, end of Hazelbrouck Gardens, Hainault IG6 2XL

Website: www.forestfarmpeacegarden.org

Enjoy a relaxing, family-friendly day in nature with live music, talks and workshops, children's activities, therapies, craft & info stalls, food, cake and community. Free entry, donations are welcome.

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/343083237845851>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

London Hearts Funding Towards Defibrillators

Recent tragic Cardiac Arrest events has highlighted the fact that Cardiac Arrest can happen to ANYONE of any age, ANYTIME, ANYWHERE!

If an adult or a child goes into cardiac arrest, without a defibrillator, there is only a 7% chance of survival. If a defibrillator is on the patient within the first 3-5 minutes, the chances of survival is over 70%.

London Hearts has launched an initiative to assist you in obtaining this life-saving equipment. We are currently offering a £300 grant towards the cost of every Defibrillator we supply to across the UK.

With every Defibrillator we supply we provide free online training.

In order to proceed in obtaining a Defibrillator simply complete our short online application to receive a quote via the following link: <https://londonhearts.org/apply-for-a-defib>

If you have any queries or wish to discuss obtaining a Defibrillator please contact Tia, Development Officer on 02070432493 or by email reply to: tia@londonhearts.org

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATIONS

An invitation from the Greater London Authority's Engagement Team.

We would like to invite you to help shape and be part of a new network, the **London Engagement Collaborative (LEC)**.

What is the London Engagement Collaborative (LEC)?

The LEC is a pan-London, cross-sector group for anyone interested in working together to involve communities in the work to make London a safer, greener, and more prosperous city for all Londoners.

It will be run through a partnership between the GLA's Community Engagement Team, International Futures Forum, Koreo, and Migrants in Culture. We recognise that to better embed community voices in decision making, we need to have open and honest conversations about how we engage with communities across the city.

We're inviting local authorities, community and faith groups, funders, academics, and policymakers, to work with us to explore how engagement practice has changed and evolved in response to the pandemic and how it can shape London's recovery.

What's involved?

The LEC will offer creative and participatory opportunities to share learning and to test new ways of working. We're committed to creating inclusive and diverse spaces which centre the voices of those who face structural barriers to participation in decision making.

We want to ensure that we respond to the needs and priorities of participants, and we are holding a series of informal online conversations between May and June 2022 to help shape the priorities of the LEC. We're inviting you to join us to talk about:

- What are the engagement priorities for London?
- How can we work with other networks and spaces that are having similar conversations?

How to join

If you would like to find out more and/or would like to be involved, please

Complete this short form <https://forms.gle/ynZJ4bHWJZFx7xYW9>

and/or contact Aklima.Begum@London.gov.uk or Deirdre.McGrath@London.gov.uk?

HAVE YOUR SAY

Consultation on Proposals to expand the Ultra Low Emission Zone to all London Boroughs

The Mayor of London is proposing to extend the Ultra Low Emission Zone on 29 August 2023 to all London Boroughs (including Redbridge). This would mean that drivers of non-compliant vehicles (diesel fuelled vehicles and some older petrol fuelled models) would have to pay a daily charge of £12.50 to drive within the zone thus not only affecting residents of the borough but also friends and family driving into Redbridge from outside London if they drive a non ULEZ compliant vehicle..

Proposals are also being made to change the penalty charge level for non-payment of the daily ULEZ and Congestion Charge from £160 to £180, remove the £10 per vehicle annual Auto Pay registration fee for the Congestion Charge, ULEZ and Low Emission Zone, and make changes to the Mayor's Transport Strategy

The consultation is open until 29 July – there is an online survey but you do have to register with the Have Your Say platform to participate – to take the survey [click here](#)

This is a link to the report [click here](#) which also mentions the possibility of introducing road user charging as early as 2030 in London as next steps.

If you prefer not to complete the survey, TFL requests you to submit your response to us in writing to cleanairyourview@tfl.gov.uk ([External link](#)) or FREEPOST TFL HAVE YOUR SAY (no stamp required). You can also phone this number 0343 222 1155 to leave your feedback or ask a question about our proposals.

PLEASE SHARE HOW YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTED TO THE COVID EFFORT:-

Spurgeon's College launches campaign to record faith groups' contributions to the COVID effort for future generations

Spurgeon's College, a leading theological institution, has launched its #FaithInCommunity campaign to reflect on and record the contributions of the faith community during the COVID-19 crisis. The campaign seeks to collate these contributions which will be submitted to the British Library as an official record - creating a piece of history for future generations.

From food bank support to community leadership and volunteering, faith organisations and groups across the country have provided much needed support to their local areas throughout the crisis. This campaign calls on faith organisations to share these efforts using an [online form](#) hosted by Spurgeon's College.

The campaign forms an exciting opportunity for the faith community to come together to document the valuable contributions made during the crisis for future generations to remember and reflect on.

The campaign is supported by partners from across the country and different faiths – including the Faith and Society APPG, the Baptist Union, Leo Baeck College and the Islamic Medical Association – and

comes as the country continues the work of recovery from the pandemic and seeks to recover from the societal and economic impacts of COVID-19. Other organisations looking to get involved with the campaign and record their stories can submit an entry [here](#).

Speaking about the campaign, Principal of Spurgeon's College, Philip McCormack said:

"As we work to recover from the pandemic, now is the time to take a moment and reflect on the essential contributions made by faith communities over the past two years. By recording these efforts, we will be creating history for future generations to learn about. We want to encourage faith organisations and groups from all denominations and religions to take part in this campaign and share their stories."

Welcoming the campaign, Chair of the Faith and Society APPG, Rt Hon Stephen Timms MP said:

"The All-Party Group for Faith and Society welcomes Spurgeon College's #FaithInCommunity campaign. It aims to highlight the outstanding contributions to our communities made by faith organisations and groups during the pandemic. This support has included, among other things, providing food banks, clothes, shelter, hot meals, workshops and medical advice to those most in need."

"The campaign builds on the APPG's work to develop the Faith Covenant and strengthen the relationships between faith organisations and their local authorities. It is vital that the work of these organisations during the pandemic is recognised."

SWIM ENGLAND SURVEY

Sporting Equals are working with Swim England to better understand the experiences of swimming and the barriers some communities face.

It is really important we have a voice for the communities. This survey is an opportunity to help ensure communities have a voice to enable more inclusive and accessible provision for the future (this should only take around 5-10 minutes of your time to complete

Please find link [HERE](#)

Be the role model they need. Foster for Redbridge.

Children need role models in their life to help to shape their morals, beliefs and behaviour. Over 200 children in Redbridge are unable to stay at home for a variety of different reasons and need foster care. Be the positive role model that they need and help to change their life.

If you have space in your heart and home to foster for Redbridge Council, helping them to understand and , listen to them please call us on 020 8708 6068 or email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk or join us on our next virtual information session on 17 June 2022 10am to 11am. Visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/foster-for-redbridge-coffee-morning-170622-10-11am-tickets-240065431167> to book a place.