

Redbridge Faith Forum E-News Bulletin – August 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.

LOOKING BACK TO RFF NETWORK MEETING “The Cost of Living Crisis” 26 July 2022:



Network Meeting held at Vine United Reform Church, Riches Road; Ilford

RFF was delighted that Welfare Manager Jane Smith newly appointed and her colleague Sharon Bashford , interventions and Support (LBR), Anglina Bhambra and Ruth Musgrave from Transition Ilford (TTI) were able to attend our July network on the topic of “**Cost of Living Crisis** “at first in person network since the pandemic at Vine church, Riches Road, Ilford. The meeting was chaired by Mohamed Omer, Redbridge Faith Forum Chair and Director of the Muslim Gardens of Peace Cemetery, 40 plus attended.

Due to technical difficulties Jane and Sharon were not able to share their PowerPoint presentation (this will be emailed to all the participants) so the time was used for questions from the floor. Jane and Sharon can give help with completing applications and attendance allowance. They no longer do appeals and tribunals for claims that are turned down but can signpost for appeals. They can't help with Universal Credit, and they don't deal with social care. It was also highlighted that those changes are coming up on Legacy benefits include working tax credit, this will be a staggered move and individuals should visit DWP website and LBR websites for more information. They were happy to be contacted if attendees had any benefit related questions.

Click [here](#) to view the PowerPoint presentation

Anglina Bhambra, Transition Ilford (TTI) helps Ilford to go green and build community. Anglina talked about their new Energy café and the fuel crisis. High energy use in Redbridge is a problem. TTI has trained volunteers to help people manage and reduce bills and save energy at home. Energy cafes will be held fortnightly and start on Saturday August 13 from 2pm-4pm at Ilford Library. They are offering free LED bulbs and radiator foil. They have trained 12 Energy Champions, they will also be running further training for new volunteers, they asked the participants to get in touch with them if they would like to take part.

They are looking for other venues to hold a one off cafe and they are happy to be invited to faith building to hold one off cafes.

Ruth Musgrave, also of Transition Ilford, talked about their Food co-op . They buy Cheaper organic dry food wholesale with reduced packaging. <https://www.infinityfoodswholesale.coop/> Members opt to buy the products and amounts they want. They order every 3-4 months. If you would like to set up a small Food Coop with your neighbours they could help you to do [it.contact](mailto:ilfordtransition@gmail.com) them at ilfordtransition@gmail.com. Ruth said the best size for a food co-op is 10 people or less as larger number would mean too much money to handle.

[They also run a number of other food related projects, for example, a yearly Food Fest, a Forest Garden growing edible plants and a project called "Growing Food Growing Friends". All of them encourage people to both grow food and cook healthy and cheap meals.Other inspiring food related projects are:](#)

Growing edible food on wasteland. Incredible Edible <https://www.incredibleedible.org.uk/>

Food Coops: Co-operation Towns: <https://cooperation.town/>

For more information on all Transition Ilford's projects check out their website <https://www.transitionilford.org/>

The Attendees were asked to talk to their neighbours for few minutes and share their thoughts on the topic of 'Cost of living' which they shared back with the rest of the group. These are the

TIPS AND COMMENTS SHARED

- ❖ Reduce waste and food waste and help others to do so.
- ❖ Share skills
- ❖ Ask "Do I need it?" Advertising tells us we need more than we do.
- ❖ Don't cook every day.
- ❖ Our time and energy are resources.
- ❖ Exercise to reduce stress.
- ❖ Use less electricity – hot tips
- ❖ Walk and talk...and laugh...and cry Mondays 2.30pm, Valentines Mansion
- ❖ When it's cold put on more clothes, and use a hot water bottle
- ❖ Save water – you don't always have to flush the toilet
- ❖ Be mindful of the earth
- ❖ We are responsible for looking after the earth.
- ❖ We have to look after one another, politicians won't.
- ❖ Prayer: "Almighty, make me a good human being."
- ❖ Everyone should be able to feel safe.

The chair finished with his thoughts "it is our duty to look after the earth and do our part, be kind to the animals, plants, earth, trees and to every aspect of this world. It is in every religion, this is a central theme, and the cost-of-living crisis is, we all need to look after each other, we cannot rely on politicians it is our duty to look after each other. We have seen that whenever there is a crisis our faith helps us; we saw that in the pandemic that people of a faith and no faith tried to get-together and look after each other and this is what we should be doing as human beings be kind to each other".

The chair thanked the Speakers, Rev Sujeeth Kumar, Dulcie, Ruth and Vine church for hosting the network and for the wonderful delicious and ample refreshments.

The next network meeting will be on Tuesday 25th October 2022, topic to be confirmed.

Keeping cool during this period of very hot weather



If you or others feel unwell, get dizzy, weak or have intense thirst, move to a cool place, rehydrate and cool your body down.

Read hot weather tips here: <https://www.nhs.uk/Live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/>

LOOKING FORWARD TO OTHER EVENTS

Adam Day 10th August 2022

Celebrating the Unity of Mankind

The Town Hall

Barking Road

East Ham

London E6 2Rp

7pm to 9.30pm

Let's unite together for a better and peaceful world.

RSVP: wahidamajeed@hotmail.co.uk

Talk for Health – Free Taster Day 13th September; 4-6pm

Tasters give the chance to experience some of the four key learning areas of our full programme: open and truthful talking, empathic listening, basic counselling skills and how to set up an ongoing group to take care of your own wellbeing and enable others to take care of theirs.

After our participants attend a Taster, they can:

- Come to Talk For Health Cafés (our monthly peer support groups) and be part of a community.
- Do a range of online group activities like breathwork, art journaling and therapeutic writing.
- Do the Talk For Health Programme.
- And yes, it's all FREE. Just share this link with anyone you think could benefit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/291198481497>

Train The Chair (ONLINE Thursday, 15 September 10:00 – 16:00)

This one-day training is designed to give you the Talk for Health model and style of peer group facilitation to a) join the Talk for Health Cafe and Chair & Share Group Facilitation Team and/or b) start your own self-generated group with known contacts.

[Register here](#)

FREE T4H Taster*Wednesday, 28th September* IN-PERSON

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/291200437347>

FREE 4-day Programme IN-PERSON *Starting September 16th*

[Full programme](#) starting on Friday 16th September @ Cripplegate Foundation, 13 Elliott's Place, London N1 8HX.

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/291201490497>

Talk for Health are funded by North East London Foundation Trust (NELFT). Talk for Health Cafés are open to anyone who lives or works in Barking & Dagenham, Havering, Waltham Forest or Redbridge. Cafés are monthly peer-support groups where everyone will have equal amount of time to share and respond in a safe, confidential space, using the Talk for Health feedback techniques. Sign up is easy, and the groups run on the same day of the week each month (e.g. the 3rd Friday, or 2nd Monday). You will learn to take care of your emotional health and lift your own and others' wellbeing through truthful talking and empathic listening. At a Talk for Health Café led by a trained Talk for Health facilitator, you will learn the skills to be able to:

- Talk honestly
- Be listened to without judgement
- Share stories
- Form new connections

Once you've attended at least 6 Cafés for 6 months, or completed the full Talk for Health Programme, you'll be a Talk for Health graduate! This means that you'll be eligible to attend further leadership training

Groups

2nd Friday of the month, sign up here (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/336539688267>)

2nd Sunday of the month, sign up here (<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/349512881437>)

If you have any questions, or are unable to sign-up using Eventbrite, please call or text 'call me' on 02034 093201 or email info@talkforhealth.co.uk.

Transition Ilford



FREE TALK
LOW MAINTENANCE
FOOD GROWING

Volunteers will be on site from 10am, so please do come early and help out

How can we work with nature to allow her to increase biodiversity while also growing our food and other resources with minimum effort. Be part of the solution with eco friendly food growing the permaculture way.

Friday 30th September 11am to 1pm

Facilitated by Rakesh "Rootsman Rak"

@VALENTINES PARK
COMMUNITY FOREST GARDEN
ILFORD, ESSEX

ROOTS N PERMACULTURE

Use QR To see map



Transition Ilford is a community group in Ilford which aims to build community and promote the well being of all living things.

Having trained 12 Energy Champions, we are just about to launch an Energy Cafe project. Ilford residents will be able to drop in to the cafe, have a hot drink and get advice on how to save energy in the home and reduce energy bills. Initially it will run every other Saturday from 2pm -3-45 in Ilford Library, but we are looking for other venues to hold one off cafes so if you could invite us to your faith building we would be happy to come.. We will also be running further training for new volunteers so if you would like to take part then get in touch with us.

We also run a number of food related projects, for example, a yearly Food Fest, a Forest Garden growing edible plants and a project called "Growing Food Growing Friends". All of them encourage people to both grow food and cook healthy and cheap meals.

Transition Town Ilford Food coop ***We buy organic dry goods in bulk***

Cheaper
Saves on packaging
Easy-to-use model shared on Google Sheets
Fun, hands-on, measuring jobs
Conversation, cooperation, learning about food & recipes



We can share our model and help others with it. And we can share about other models too
www.transitionilford.org/food

Our Food Coop is a small group which buys organic dry foods in bulk at wholesale prices and members opt to buy the products and amounts they want. We order every 3-4 months. If you would like to set up a small Food Coop with your neighbours we could help you to do [it.contact](mailto:ilfordtransition@gmail.com) us at ilfordtransition@gmail.com

For more information on all our projects check out our website <https://www.transitionilford.org/>

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

OTHER INFORMATION

Consultation on developing North East London Community Diagnostic Centres

NHS North East London is seeking feedback from local people and stakeholders on our plans for new Community Diagnostic Centres.

Health and care partners have been working together to develop the proposals that would see freestanding, digitally connected, multi-diagnostic centres in north east London.

The aim is to increase capacity where it is most needed, for a range of key tests; improve patient access, experience and health outcomes; whilst reducing health inequalities and increasing efficiency – for example reducing pressure on hospitals.

Local people and their representatives will be able to share feedback on our proposals until 11.59pm on 13 September 2022. We are proposing to:

- expand our two most developed sites at Mile End Hospital and Barking Community Hospital
- look at the costs, benefits and possibilities of developing other NHS sites in the next few years. We are looking in particular at King George Hospital in Ilford and/or St George's Health and Wellbeing Hub in Havering, a suitable site in the west of the area and the Whipps Cross Hospital site
- consider the development of smaller centres in shopping centres – for example Canary Wharf, Westfield Stratford and Liberty Romford that would focus on a smaller range of tests either as temporary centres to clear the backlog or longer term, perhaps instead of some of the NHS sites detailed above
- change the patient pathway to access tests, enabling GPs greater ability to book patients directly into clinics at times to suit their conditions and lifestyle. This will put patients in more control of their care.

Paper copies of the document and questionnaire will be available at locations around north east London (including hospitals and libraries) and can be requested by emailing: nelondon.nelcdsprogramme@nhs.net or phoning 020 3688 1216.

There will also be a number of online events. Details are on our website for the events on:

- **13 August at 10am**
- **25 August at 6pm**
- **7 September at 10am**

To find out more and share your views, you can read the proposals and respond to an online questionnaire www.eastlondonhcp.nhs.uk/communitydiagnosticcentres

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

Strengthening collaboration in healthcare research

The Research & Development department of the North East London NHS Foundation Trust (NELFT) recognise how essential it is that research reflects the variety of life experiences in our communities.

As a Trust, we carry out research into many different kinds of mental and physical health conditions, which we promote both through our services and to the wider community. To make sure that the research we do and the services the research informs is reflective of the diversity of our communities, we as a team are seeking groups and organisations who would like to work with us.

If you and/or your organisation would be open to talking with us about what our Research & Development team does, what we can offer, and how we could possibly work together, then please get in touch. We are also available to attend any meetings if you would like us to.

Email: Jonathan.Simpson@nelft.nhs.uk

Number: 07857 716585

REDBRIDGE STOP SMOKING SERVICE –

There is free stop smoking support available in Redbridge – just call 0333 005 0095 or text the word quit to 60777

Shisha



One hour of shisha is equivalent to the toxins of 100 cigarettes.

Shisha has become very popular amongst many social groups recently with many attending shisha lounges to socialise.

Shisha tobacco is smoked in a hookah waterpipe and is usually flavoured, fruit flavours do not mean it's healthy and this also includes herbal Shisha.

Similar to smoking cigarettes shisha can contain:

Nicotine (Which is highly addictive), Tar , Carbon Monoxide, Heavy Metals e.g. Arsenic and Lead

Just because it travels through water doesn't make it any safer.

Even if shisha users are not using shisha regularly, they are at risks of:

Heart attack and stroke ,Cancer , Nicotine addiction, Lung conditions and breathing difficulties

Inhaling second hand smoke from shisha can be HARMFUL to your health and sharing mouthpieces can spread disease.

We can also help those who want help to quit shisha.

The NHS App

The NHS App will see a number of updates over the coming years, as the government continues with its plans to improve access to health care services.

By March 2023, more users will be receiving messages from their GP through the App and will be able to see their medical records and manage elective-care appointments.

The government are hoping that video consultations will be offered through the App by March 2024.

The government also wants to see 95% of NHS trusts with electronic patient records in place, or be processing them, by December 2023 and for all social care providers to adopt a digital social care record.

The move is part of the government's attempts to drive a digital revolution within healthcare, so as to meet the challenges of the future and provide powerful tools to achieve patient-centred, accessible system.

Introducing 'NHS North East London'

On 1 July our name is changing from North East London CCG to **NHS North East London**. Our organisation will become an [Integrated Care Board \(ICB\)](#) for north east London. The name of our [integrated care system](#) is not changing – this will continue to be **North East London Health and Care Partnership** (NEL HCP). Follow the links for more information.

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.”

Life Line Projects

Life Line currently have a number of youth mentors in schools in Redbridge and are running a number of positive activities across the borough. I have attached the flyer of activities in case you know any young people that are interested in coming. More details can be found via the Instagram Lifeline youth team . We will be sharing future summer activities which may be of interest.

Mentoring Training

Upcoming training:- . The training is for those that are interested in becoming a local mentor and will take part In Life Lines unique VIP mentoring model. The training will also include first aid training to incidents of knife crime. There is some potential training dates on a Saturday in August.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor , know someone else that does or just finding out more please get in touch- 07874 058 824. We can update you to our coffee mornings where you can meet other mentors.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT & CONSULTATIONS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Elizabeth Line Parking Consultation

<https://pclengagement-hub.co.uk/en-GB/projects/elizabethlinecpz>

This is a consultation for people living near Elizabeth Line Stations suggesting the introduction of residential parking permits which will not be free. Other commuter areas have an alternative scheme of just banning parking for a particular hour in the day thus preventing commuters leaving their cars all day in residential streets without expecting residents to pay to park outside their own home. If you live in these proposed areas please do participate in the consultation and “have your say” – if implemented this will affect both places of worship and residents who have family and friends visit from out of area.



NHS help available for people who are trying to get pregnant – share your thoughts

North East London Clinical Commissioning Group is seeking feedback on a proposed new fertility policy that outlines the NHS help available for people who are trying to get pregnant.

How you can help us

We want to hear what you think about our proposed changes and for you to share this information among your networks. You can do this by directing people to our website – www.northeastlondonccg.nhs.uk/fertility – to read our [engagement document](#), [proposed new policy](#) and supporting documents, and to fill in our [online survey](#) by **11.59pm on 22 August 2022**.

We are also holding a series of online meetings for the public to find out more and ask questions.

- Wednesday 3 August, 6-7.30pm

Details of how to sign-up to the events are on our [website](#).

Why do we want to update our fertility policy?

We want to make it so that wherever you live in north east London you are able to have the same fertility treatment, such as IVF – this is not currently the case. We also want to make our policy fairer and closer to the latest national guidelines and best practice, while recognising the variety of fertility situations and needs today.

The aim of the new policy is not to reduce the treatments that we fund or who is eligible to have them. What we are proposing is likely to increase the amount of treatment you can have, depending on where you live, and improve access to some treatments. We need to make best use of NHS money given the increasing needs of our population and competing demands for resources. The proposals set out here will require increased investment, but we believe the policy addresses inequalities across north east London and is fairer.

We have used the latest national [clinical guidelines](#), treatment techniques, research and best practice to develop the proposed new policy. Clinicians, including GPs and fertility experts have also helped to shape it.

Life-saving lung checks come to north east London

Residents who are aged between 55 and 74, who are current smokers or who have ever smoked, are being invited to take advantage of a new, free opportunity to have their lungs checked as part of a national NHS pilot called the Targeted Lung Health Check Programme.

Our Targeted Lung Health Check team has been working hard to get this service up and running and we have now gone live in Barking and Dagenham, where smoking prevalence is the highest. Over 14,000 residents in Barking and Dagenham should expect to receive an invitation over the next 12 months. We are planning to expand this service to other areas later this year and into next year.

This programme is being delivered by the North East London Cancer Alliance, working in partnership with Barts Health NHS Trust, Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust,

Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, our local GPs, and InHealth, who are providing the scanner trucks, as well as resources to support the whole process for patients.

Lung checks are by invite only and letters are currently being sent out to those who are eligible. It is really important for people to follow the instructions in the letter and keep their appointment.

Dr Rebecca Taylor, Clinical Director for the Targeted Lung Health Check Programme, explains: “A Lung Health Check is a free MOT of the lungs. It finds out how well your lungs are working and aims to rule out any serious conditions. Often, early problems with the lungs do not cause any symptoms. It is therefore important for people to attend even if they are fit and healthy.

“Most of the time nothing is found, but if there are any problems with how your lungs are working, such as cancer, finding out early can make treatment simpler and more successful. The outcome of treatment for lung cancer is much better when it is diagnosed at an early stage, so we will be helping to save lives.”

The lung health check takes place in two stages. The first is an initial phone assessment with a specially trained health care professional. If the assessment finds the person to be at high risk, they are offered a scan of the lungs for further investigation.

Scans are simple and safe, and are taking place for those who are invited in a dedicated scanning truck located at Barking Sporthouse and Gym at Mayesbrook Park.

The Targeted Lung Health Check programme also aims to promote healthier lifestyles with advice about stopping smoking and residents will be encouraged to get in touch with their local stop smoking services when they have their appointment.

Residents across London can also visit www.stopsmokinglondon.com or call the Smoking Helpline on 0300 123 1044 to get advice about how to stop smoking.

Femi Odewale, Managing Director of the North East London Cancer Alliance, says: “It is great news that we can start offering such a vital service to our local residents, which has the potential to save many lives. The team has put in a lot of effort to set up this new service, and I want to thank them for all their hard work. We look forward to seeing the results and to expanding this to other areas in north east London.”

If you have any questions about Targeted Lung Health Checks, please email the team at nelondon.lungcheck@nhs.net or visit our [web pages](#).

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 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](#) https://ehq-production-europe.s3.eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/39bc28e1df271326c400b28ec7622683a9582672/original/1652957227/eea52618f8dad9ee453e6e5ea5d3be5_Our_proposals_to_help_improve_air_quality_tackle_the_climate_emergency_and_reduce_congestion_by_expanding_the_ULEZ_London-wide_and_other_measures.pdf?X-Amz-Algorithm=AWS4-HMAC-SHA256&X-Amz-Credential=AKIAIBJCUK4ZO4WUUA%2F20220525%2Ffeu-west-1%2Fs3%2Faws4_request&X-Amz-Date=20220525T093221Z&X-Amz-Expires=300&X-Amz-SignedHeaders=host&X-Amz-Signature=3a7e768fa6e2017040e4a0ed8f44fa77add816c2e419b5c8174122422b62f083 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.

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/ynZJ4bHWJZF7xYW9>

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

or email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk