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Due to the planned power shut down on Dockside west wing this weekend, the gates to the underground carpark will also be closed. Please bear this in mind if you are planning on travelling to Dockside on Sunday or Saturday.



Public Health Newham success at the 2022 MJ Awards!



Our Public Health team were among the winners at last week's MJ Awards, beating competition from four other councils across the UK to win the prize for Place Based Approaches to Health Equity.

The winning project was Well Newham: 50 Steps to a Healthier Borough. Public health staff including Interim Corporate Director for Adults and Health, Jason Strelitz, were in attendance at the ceremony in Westminster on 24 June to collect their award from presenter, BBC presenter Clive Myrie.

It's wonderful to see our dedicated staff be recognised for their hard work - we'd like to congratulate everyone involved in the project.

[Find out more on the winning scheme>](#)

More on the [MJ Awards](#).

MY 2012 - share your story



As we approach the 10th anniversary of that extraordinary six weeks of Olympic and Paralympic sport, we're looking back – at the memories, the anecdotes and the

legacy of London 2012 – which changed the Borough and many of its people forever.

Sheila Roberts, now Assistant Director of Licensing & Regulation, and a 31 year veteran of the Council said: “I was in Meridian Square when the announcement was made. We were all expecting it to be in Paris ... when the live feed made the announcement that the 2012 games would be held in ... LONDON! ... there were a few seconds pause while we all looked at each other and it actually sank in that we had won the bid. To be honest I am getting emotional now thinking of that moment.”

We'd love to hear about your experiences of the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games, what did you see? Who did you meet? And how has Newham changed in the 10 years since?

[Share your story now>](#)

[Read Sheila's full story here>](#)

Forest Gayte Pride 2022



Forest Gayte Pride 2022 took place last weekend. This fantastic 3-day festival of Queer Pride was a series of events at favourite local venues and some of East London's most influential Queers, bringing a celebration of LGBTQIA+ culture to Newham.

To show our pride, our Highways Team created these pieces of street art using the Pride flag, the Transgender flag and the Progress flag.

[Check out Newham's LGBTQ+ Forum now>](#)

Anonymised Recruitment



Anonymised Recruitment to go live on Monday 4 July

As you will be aware, the [Tackling Racism, Inequalities and Disproportionality programme](#) has been working to deliver change in the way we operate as a council.

To support that work and to ensure that we are recruiting in as fair a way as possible, the Fusion Oracle Recruiting Cloud (ORC) module now enables anonymised recruitment. **As a manager you will only see the details of applicants for roles once you have shortlisted and selected them for interview.** This will be live from Monday 4 July 2022.

[Find out more>](#)

A win for you and your charity



During July and August, Payroll Giving are asking you to send your stories, explaining why you support your charity and how Payroll Giving has enabled you to give more for less.

Each month a charity a gift of £50 will be awarded to the best submission. The opportunity is open to those who join the Payroll Giving scheme during July or August or who make a new regular additional donation. Send your videos or stories with photos to benefits@stcpayrollgiving.co.uk.

[Find out more>](#)

Newham officially recognised as an age-friendly borough



We're pleased to announce that Newham has been officially named as a member of the UK Network of Age-Friendly Communities by the Centre for Ageing Better.

This recognises Newham as one of the growing movement of communities across the UK making places good to grow old by reducing inequalities and acting in partnership to enable long, healthy lives. The network is affiliated to the World Health Organisation's

Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities and Communities and aims to enable UK towns, cities and regions to become increasingly age-friendly.

[Find out more about Ageing Well in Newham>](#)

Appreciating Judie Felix

With Compliments

A Newham resident had some kind words to say about our colleague **Judie Felix**

"Dear Sir/Madam,

This email is for appreciating **Judie Felix** for her great help and support in sorting out my overpayment bill on time.

With her help I was able to pay the over payment and cancel my direct earning attachment before my June pay day. She went above and beyond and responded to my calls multiple times promptly and also sent emails when necessary.

I really appreciate her friendly and supportive approach in dealing with the case.

Thanks Judie."

If you have any compliments or words of gratitude for your colleagues - either from residents or yourself, let us know!

£150 energy bills Council Tax rebate

In Spring, the Government announced a £150 energy bills Council Tax rebate for most households living in a property in Council Tax bands A-D on 1 April 2022.

We are working hard to support residents and ensure they receive the energy bill council tax rebate as soon as possible. We have been updating our systems to allow us to make the payments as efficiently and accurately as possible, so that the right money is paid in to the right bank accounts, and we can properly account for it.

We have around 98,000 households to process for payment, 47,000 of which pay by direct debit. These Direct Debit households (where we have their correct details) started to receive the rebate from the week commencing 6 June, 2022.

Residents who do not pay by direct debit will be contacted from late June to begin the application process through a secure portal to safely give us their bank details.

Eligible households can get their £150 council tax energy rebate quicker (in some circumstances) if they sign up to pay their council tax by direct debit.

While it could still take some time to receive the energy rebate, Direct Debit is the most efficient option so we do encourage you to set up a Direct Debit if you can.

[Find out more>](#)

Getting more girls on track

ABB FIA Girls on Track is calling for girls aged 8-18 to join in a full day of exciting activities in motorsport on **Friday 29 July** at ExCeL. They can also discover career opportunities in the motorsport industry. The Council is backing the ABB FIA Formula E World championship for bringing the net-zero carbon sport to London and working to promote electric cars and reduce air pollution. It is also supporting gender equality.

Activities include:

- Careers Talks
- ABB STEM Workshop, Robotics
- DHL Virtual Reality.

[Sign up by Friday 8 July>](#)

Commissioning Network

As a council, we want to instil tackling racism, inequality and disproportionality through every commissioning action. You are invited to our next Quarterly Commissioning Network which takes place on **Tuesday 5 July, 10:00-12:00**.

The aim of the network is to: share good practice, develop tools to support with commissioning, and keep commissioners (and anyone who supports commissioning or is interested in such things) informed on latest developments.

The session will be held over Microsoft Teams and if you are interested in attending, please contact raceequality@newham.gov.uk.

Solar-panel making workshop



Fancy having a go at making a solar-panel? We're hosting a workshop with [Repowering London](#) this **Saturday 2 July, 11:00-17:00** at Beckton Globe Library, 1 Kingsford Way E6 5JQ.

You can learn how solar panels work and generate electricity to power desk accessories, including charging your mobile phone.

Refreshments will be provided. As electrical tools will be used, this workshop is for over16s only. Spaces are limited.

[Register now>](#)

Free sign language qualification opportunity



[Enabled Living](#) are offering 2 FREE places on their British Sign Language Level 1 Qualification to adults who work or live in Newham.

BSL Level 1 will introduce you to fingerspelling and basic signs. This course will cover everyday conversations and will give you confidence when communicating with deaf people. At the end of the course you will receive a Level 1 qualification in BSL.

Course start date: **22 September 2022**

Weekday: Every Thursday

Time: 15:00-17:00

Duration: 32 weeks

Venue: The Enabled Living Lounge, The Resource Centre, 200 Chargeable Lane, Plaistow E13 8DW

If you are interested and are able to commit to 6 months of training and complete the exams at the end of the course please contact Rukshana.Ahmed@enabledlivinghealthcare.co.uk.

5 STEPS FOR LIVING WITH COVID-19 SAFELY



The government's Living with COVID strategy has removed legal requirements to follow self-isolation and universal access to testing in March/April 2022.

However, COVID levels due to Omicron and its variants are still high.

The five steps above are your guide to staying safe:

1. Do the basics - Wear a face covering in crowded places or where airflow is poor.
2. Get your vaccine - It is the best protection from going to hospital AND it is safe – more than 11.5 billion people worldwide have had a vaccine.
3. Keep testing if you can, especially before seeing people who are at high risk from COVID-19
4. Stay at home, if you have symptoms or a positive test result
5. Stay Healthy – sleep, eat vegetables where you can and quit those bad habits.

[Find out the latest COVID guidance now>](#)

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