

Forest Gate Community Citizens' Assembly

Wednesday 23rd October 2019

18:30-20:30



Welcome!

- Welcome to the Forest Gate Community Citizens' Assembly
- Today is the 4th assembly of this current cycle of community assemblies
- **Sign up** to Bloomin' Forest Gate and get your free Daffodil bulbs today (see BFG table)
- **Suggest** locations for greening in the Forest Gate Wards (see relevant table)
- Please **get some** food and refreshment and claim a seat at one of the tables

Please now take
a seat



Thank-you

Housekeeping

- Fire exits and amenities
- Accessibility
- Photography
- Refreshments
- Table Hosts

Introduction

Cllr. Muzibur Rahman

Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities

Schedule

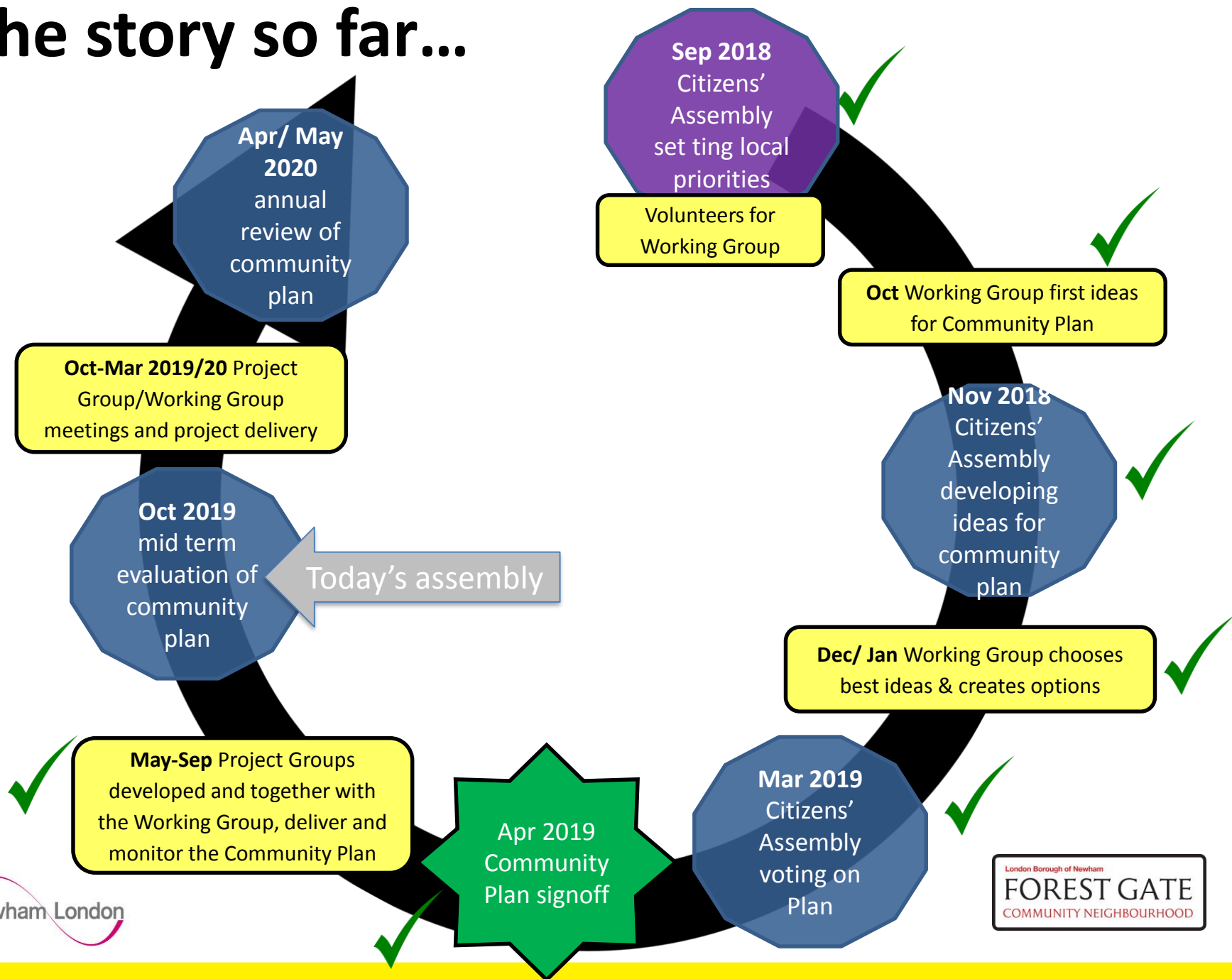
Time	Duration	Item	Presenter
18:30	5mins	Welcome	Ian Martin
18:35	5mins	Introduction	Cllr. Muzibur Rahman
18:40	5mins	The story so far	Ian Martin
18:45	35mins	Update on Citizens Assembly Projects	Working Groups
19:20	20 mins	Table discussions, feedback and roving mic	All
19:40	20mins	Update on Service Improvements and feedback	Representatives from partners and relevant Council departments
20:05	10mins	Service Updates Q&A	All
20:15	10mins	Next steps and what else is happening locally	Ian Martin
20:25	5mins	Closing remarks	Cllr. Muzibur Rahman

The purpose of today's assembly

To update you on:

- Progress made to date with community projects voted for at the last Citizens Assembly in March
- Find out what will be happening over the next six months with these projects
- Progress made to date with service improvements and hear from some key stakeholders
- Find out how you can get involved in the working groups and various local projects

The story so far...



The story so far...

Previous Assemblies:

- ✓ **More than 250 residents** attended the 4 previous assemblies
- ✓ **10** original Working Group Members
- ✓ **32** Project Group Members
- ✓ **17** Friends of Forest Lane Park members
- ✓ Support from LBN services and stakeholders

Your top three priorities for Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood:

1. Environment: Clean and Green
2. Community Celebrations and Community Spaces
3. Crime and Anti Social Behaviour

Forest Gate Citizens' Assembly

Forest Gate Community Plan: budget allocation					
Potential projects	Cost	Chosen projects	Potential projects	Cost	Chosen projects
1. Crime and ASB Poster Competition and Marketing	£5,000		10. Environmental Business Engagement Project	£3,000	
2. Community Engagement and Accountability Package	£1,500		11. Friends of Forest Lane Park (also included elsewhere)	£500	
3. Positive Role Model Campaign	£4,000	£4,000	12. Gardening classes for Residents (also included elsewhere)	£1,000	
4. Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops	£5,000	£5,000	13. Community Celebrations package	£8,000	£8,000
5. Forest Gate Enviromonth	£5,650		14. Party in the Park (also included elsewhere)	£6,000	
6. Enhanced Forest Gate Enviromonth package	£8,150		15. Forest Gate Public Arts Project	£8,000	
7. Forest Gate Bags for Life	£5,000		16. Forest Gate in Bloom (also included elsewhere)	£4,000	
8. Greening and Gardening package	£5,000		17. Supporting Communities	£2,000	
9. Enhanced Greening and Gardening package	£8,000	£8,000			
			Total cost		£25,000
			Money left from £25k		£0

Priority 1

Environment: Clean and Green

8. Greening and Gardening Package

Project description: A package of smaller projects which were suggested by the Citizens Assemblies and intended to enhance the environment and green spaces of Forest Gate and dissuade those who fly-tip and litter.

Projects included are:

- Pocket parks and community gardens
- Gardening classes for residents
- Adoption of green spaces troughs and raised beds
- The promotion of Forest Lane Park
- The development of a Friends of Forest Lane Park group

Benefits: This project will increase and enhance green spaces in Forest Gate, will bring the community together and has the potential to reduce environmental crime

Project timeline: April 2019 – August 2020

Cost: £5000



9. Enhanced Greening and Gardening Package

Project description: This package includes everything in the standard *Greening and Gardening* package plus additional elements to help enhance the program including:

- *Additional budget for a scheme which helps and supports residents who cannot manage overhanging gardens and greenery themselves*
- *Additional investment in pocket parks*
- *Additional investment in adoption of raised beds and troughs*

Benefits: This project will increase and enhance green spaces in Forest Gate, will assist those who need help with greening and will bring the community together with the potential to reduce environmental crime

Project timeline: April 2019 – August 2020

Cost: £8000



Progress made so far

**Priority 1:
Environment: Clean and Green**

**Now it's time to hear from
working group members**

Adoption of Green Spaces: Dames Rd



Adoption of Green Spaces: Dames Rd



Some of the Greening Gang



Adoption of Green Spaces: Dames Rd



Dames Rd Planter last Week



Adoption of Green Spaces: Inspiring Signage



Adoption of Green Spaces: Inspiring Signage



Adoption of Green Spaces: Capel Rd Corner



Community Gardens & Pocket Parks



Helping Hands Project



Bloomin' Forest Gate

Bloomin'
FOREST
GATE

The logo consists of three lines of text. The first line, 'Bloomin'', is in a green, cursive script font. The second line, 'FOREST', is in a green, bold, serif font. The third line, 'GATE', is also in a green, bold, serif font. A yellow five-petaled flower is positioned above the 'i' in 'Bloomin''. A larger yellow five-petaled flower is positioned between the 'F' and 'O' of 'FOREST'.

Bloomin' Forest Gate



Gardening Lessons for residents



Free Greening and Gardening Class

Join our experienced gardening tutor for this free class and be inspired to get greening in Forest Gate.

All levels welcome, from beginner to experienced gardener.

The session will cover many topics including:

Soil - what it is and how we care for it

Compost - What it is and how we use it and make it

Containers and pots - what are they how do they work when growing plants, sizes, types, practicalities

Watering - how much and when, do's and don'ts

Types of plants - annual, perennials, shrubs, trees, vegetables, fruit and herbs, bulbs

Growing plants in various locations - garden, balcony, patio etc.

Hanging baskets

Pest and diseases

Nutrients and feeding of plants for healthy growth

Questions and answers

When: Saturday 27th July 2019

Time: 11am-2pm

Where: The Gate Library (6-8 Woodgrange Road, E70QH)

Booking: Email CN.Forestgate@newham.gov.uk or call The Gate Library on 020 33730856

London Borough of Newham

FOREST GATE
COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Friends of Forest Lane Park



Priority 1 Spends so far

Environment: Clean and Green

1. Adoption of Green Spaces spend so far: £1716.25
2. Community Gardens spend so far: £0
3. Pocket Parks spend so far: £0
4. Helping Hands Project spend so far: £1000
5. Bloomin' Forest Gate: £506.23
6. Friends of Forest Lane Park: £18.54
7. Gardening Lessons for residents £132

Spend so far £3373.02

Budget remaining £6126.98 (inc' 1.5k from BFG)

Priority 2: Celebrations and Community Spaces

13. Community Celebrations Package

Project description: A package of celebratory events and programmes - each of which was put forward by residents at previous Citizens Assemblies – that brings together local residents to help foster and enhance a strong sense of social cohesion.

Events and programmes included are:

- *Forest Gate in Bloom – encouraging greening across the neighbourhoods in green and non-green spaces*
- *Party in the Park - increasing the use of Forest Lane Park and bringing the community together in celebration*
- *Play Streets – using residential streets as temporary play spaces, encouraging residents to get to know each other and for children to own the streets for play*

Benefits: Development of community cohesion, beautifying of Forest Gate and the increased awareness of Forest Lane Park.

Project timeline: June 2019 – April 2020

Cost: £ 8000



Progress made so far

Priority 2: Celebrations and Community Spaces

**Now it's time to hear from
working group members**

Party in the Park

PARTY IN THE PARK

**SATURDAY 7 2PM
-
SEPTEMBER 7PM**

FOREST LANE PARK, MAGPIE CLOSE, E7 9DE

**FREE ENTRY
FOOD AND DRINK ON SALE**

Party in the Park: street stencils



Party in the Park: The Orchard Stage



Party in the Park: The Main Stage



Party in the Park: The Main Stage



Party in the Park: Landscape Drawing



Party in the Park: Art Exhibition



Party in the Park: Fruit Picking with the NCV



Party in the Park: Councillors and Catering



Play Streets: Promotional Event

Party with Play-Streets

Thursday 8th August, 4-7pm
Forest Gate Library

Step into our super fun street scene at Forest Gate Library and discover the joy of Play-Streets. Enjoy live music, street poetry, street games and much more.

Meet representatives from London Play and Newham council to talk about Play Streets and how you too could create regular play streets on your road or around your school.

Refreshments will be available.
Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

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London Borough of Newham
FOREST GATE
COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Newham London

Play Streets: Promotional Event



Play Streets: Promotional Event



Play Streets: World Car Free Day

People at the Heart
of Everything We Do



SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER

car
free
day



On World Car Free Day leave your car at home and join your family, friends, and residents across London and enjoy walking, cycling, playing and just being outside.

Enjoy car free streets on the 9 roads that will be closed across Newham. Every time you leave your car at home you are helping to tackle the capital's air pollution crisis, which kills thousands of people each year and leaves two million – including 400,000 children – living in areas with illegally dirty air.

Newham Council has declared a Climate Emergency, and as part of this is committed to tackling pollution and improving air quality.

enjoy car free streets

As part of World Car Free Day, in Newham there will nine road closures in place. Each road that is closed will have tailored activities including traditional street games, air pollution awareness activities, arts and crafts, cycling repairs and much more. It will be an opportunity for you to learn more about air quality and get involved with your local community.



Community Neighbourhood	Event Time	Location / Street name	Post code
Green Street	12pm-2pm	Lens Road and Dorset Road	E7 8PU
Manor Park	2pm-4.30pm	Warrior Square	E12 5RP
Custom House and Canning Town	1pm-4pm	Hastings Road	E16 1GF
Stratford and West Ham	12pm-3pm	Richford Road	E15 3PQ
Stratford and West Ham	11am-2pm	Stratford Broadway	E15 1XA
Beckton and Royal Docks	12pm-3pm	Kingsford Square	E6 5JQ
East Ham	12pm-4pm	Masterman Road	E6 3NR
Forest Gate	12pm-2pm	Tylney Road	E7 0LR
Plaistow	1pm-5m	Dongola Road to Khartoum Road	E13 0AY to E13 8RF

Play Streets: World Car Free Day



Play Streets: World Car Free Day



Priority 2 spend so far

Celebrations and Community Spaces

1. Party in the Park spend: £6071.93
2. Play Streets Promotion spend: £299.27
3. Bloomin' Forest Gate Spend: £ Project moved to Greening and Gardening group for delivery

Budget spent: £6371.20

Budget remaining: £128.80

Priority 3: Crime and ASB

4. Parenting and Co Parenting Workshops

Project description: Co-produced with parents, this project will deliver parenting and co-parenting workshops and network, that will support parents to identify, address and resolve parenting concerns around challenging behaviours of school aged children.

The project will work with parents to provide support and strategies that will help and encourage children to make positive associations and choices in spite of personal circumstances at the influential year 5-6 age group.

Benefits: building family cohesion and supporting parents to keep their children focused and engaged in learning and extra-curricular activities.

Project timeline: Start June 2019

Cost: £ 5000



Progress made so far

Priority 3: Crime and ASB

**Now it's time to hear from
working group members**

Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops

The story so far:

- Working group developed
- Aspirations and ideas fully scoped
- Key partners engaged and on-board
- Resident opinion survey carried out
- Plans in place for early 2020 delivery
- Support of partners delivering programmes aiming for the same outcomes

Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops

Forest Gate Citizens Assembly Parenting and Co Parenting Project Questionnaire responses:

What do you think are the main challenges for children and young people growing up in Newham?

- Exposure to Drugs/Gangs in Parks or on Streets
- Crime/knife crime
- To feel safe
- Austerity
- Institutional racism
- Off rolling
- Lack of social activities
- More Support for young children/young adults
- Newham is on the up generally. There is still undercurrents of stress and unsavoury characters roaming the street acting in a threatening manner
- Safe places to develop
- Peer pressure
- To interact with other young people
- Stay away from phones and computers
- Some young people have limited expectations for themselves
- Lack of access to healthy lifestyles (food and exercise)
- Threats of bullying/violence
- No youth centres, means kids roam on the streets

Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops

Forest Gate Citizens Assembly Parenting and Co Parenting Project Questionnaire responses:

What is the main reason your child/young person may need some extra support?

- Social behaviour and skills
- They need a strong/stable environment at home
- Lack of parental guidance and structure
- Parents inability to flourish in role
- Educational support to prepare for SATS
- More socialising with same age groups
- Single parents would benefit from more support and free youth centres

Positive Role Model Campaign

3. Positive Role Model Campaign

Project description: A series of inspirational talks and workshops run by role models to encourage positive choices and action for Forest Gate teenagers, supported by a social media campaign running alongside.

Benefits: Developing positive aspirations and choices for young people in Forest Gate.

Project timeline: Start June 2019

Cost: £ 4000



Positive Role Model Campaign

The story so far:

- Working group developed
- Aspirations and ideas fully scoped
- Key partners engaged and on-board
- Plans in place for early 2020 delivery

Complete your feedback and sign up forms (*it's double sided*) to get involved in this and any of the other projects

Priority 3 spends so far: Crime and ASB

1. Parenting and Co-Parenting Workshops spend: £0
2. Role model and social media campaign spend: £0

Budget remaining £4000

The plan has always been to first research and then deliver these projects in the second half of the financial year

What are your thoughts on the progress made to date with the projects that have been presented?

- good start so far
- the party in the park looked good but wasn't able to attend due to time
- very positive - talking - good
- Seems ok and resident is happy with the progress
- the role model project - detail - good
- Very positive
- Fine, is involved in some of the events and the updates all seem fine, looking forward to the upcoming events in the pipeline
- I really liked the Parenting and Co-Parenting project because there were practica skills that not everyone has., such as mental health awareness for parents and young people.
- this projects have helped created a good network

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What are your thoughts on the progress made to date with the projects that have been presented?

positive stuff - lack of serious issues such as drug dealing and prostitution

del Project would be great if it could hook up with local colleges such as Newham Sixth Form college.

very positive

There seems a lot is happening, the two things greening in Forest Gate and party in the park seem very successful

Very good hadn't realised on the progress and hadn't realised on the depth and the breadth of the projects and in particular on the role modelling project all very good very clear plan

Looking forward to the second half

Interesting to know progress made so far

Gardening group for elderly people was great

did not hear anything about Odessa park - what is happening



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What are your thoughts on the progress made to date with the projects that have been presented?

More publicity needed to keep up to date

another issue not mentioned - excluded children

On antisocial behaviour can we include the speed of the bikes that some of the riders are riding at and also that they are riding on the pavement

I'm interested in the Greening projects and what I would like is a feature around the awful recycling bins at Wanstead Park Station. I think this will help make people proud of the area and maybe stop fly-tipping.

Its all quite interesting and the range of the projects

planting is very good. planter outside wanted park station and near the dames road, Osbourne road, they are great. generally. I have seen a big improvement in the environmental an dcommunity in the area working together

good so far

publicise at train stations and other through routes

Working group is really good and the park involvement and the residents are really engaged with lots of ideas

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What are your thoughts on the progress made to date with the projects that have been presented?

most are benefitting the community - want to know more about what is being done to tackle asb

improved communication about the small green projects. eg flyers, social media

party in park well advertised

the greening project is really good idea

Different parts of Newham are looked after better.

patrolling the area has increased

I would like to see the area look nicer and the greening project can do this

ASB an issue - concerns

The Parenting and the Co-Parenting projects - how can we find out more about these projects?



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What are your thoughts on the progress made to date with the projects that have been presented?

helping hands project. please can this be marketed more , eg door to door flyering.

concerns - drug dealers and prostitution

Closer links and work in schools

The Clean and Green looked good but there seemed to be less work on the Clean bit!

want a community safety forum

flyers in shopfronts would be useful

We really like the different celebration events particularly the Play Streets and the Forest Lane Park.

want more info about parenting course

Headteacher influence is essential

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What are your thoughts on the progress made to date with the projects that have been presented?

Clean before Green

How are the projects going to be evaluated?

Flytipping and better reporting and residents should download the love newham app

loved the greenery

great - would local groups like to link up more with council officers

Is there any opportunity for some of the projects to be continued?

where are groups advertised

role model project. need to work with 15 billion ebp. young person presented really well and clearly

Can I have a copy of the slides? (Sylvia Hynd)



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What are your thoughts on the progress made to date with the projects that have been presented?

Communication needs to increase to raise awareness

also need role models that are representative

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Comments from tables:

2 minute quick fire summaries



Progress to date:

Service Improvements and Updates

Please note that there will be a quick fire Q&A after all service updates

Our journey so far...

Service Improvements – Cleansing Waste and Recycling

- Overview of the services role
- Door Knocking
- Road shows
- School workshops
- Libraries
- Evening talks
- Community events/ fete festivals
- Fly-tipping workshops
- Newham Junior Citizens
- Joint Enforcement tasks
- Projects



Our journey so far...

Service Improvements – Cleansing Waste and Recycling

What has happened in Forest Gate since April

- Easter activities in libraries
- Arts & crafts, sorting games
- Forest Gate festival
- Space recycling



Our journey so far...

Service Improvements – Cleansing Waste and Recycling

What next- Our journey continues- we continue to educate the residents by using different platforms.

It is really important that your recycling bin is only used for the items that we can accept.
CLEAN –DRY- LOOSE

- PAPER
- CARDBOARD
- PLASTIC BOTTLES
- FOOD TINS and DRINK CANS

- Glass- Please take them to nearest Bring Bank



Our journey so far...

Service Improvements – Cleansing Waste and Recycling

Play Film

Our journey so far...

Help us to make your Newham your Forest Gate cleaner and greener.

To book a workshop, please email- Ruma.Jana@Newham.gov.uk

“RECYCLING. It’s in your hands”

**Watch our Recycling videos on
Facebook and Twitter**

Progress to date continued:

Service Improvements and Updates

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Comments from tables

2 minute quick fire Q&As



Next Steps:

- Continue through implementation stage
- Existing Working Group members will continue their work in driving and monitoring the implementation of the Plan
- If any new volunteers wish to join the Working Group please leave your contact details with us on the forms provided at your tables, give to your host and we'll be in touch
- The Annual review assembly will take place in April / May 2020

What's Else is Happening Locally

Woodgrange Market: Christmas Market and Christmas Lights Switch-on. Saturday 30th November 4-7pm

Bloomin' Forest Gate community planting day: Saturday 16th November. 10am at The Gate Library

This is likely to take place and start from multiple locations so sign-up via the feedback form to receive up to date information.

The Good Shepherd, youth program: See Christine or request more information via your feedback forms

New Horizons, Parenting Support: See George Brown or request more information via your feedback forms



What's Else is Happening Locally

WELCOMING WINTER

Forest Gate Community Garden

136 Earlham Grove, E7 9AS

Join us to welcome Winter with live music, hot and cold refreshments (including homemade soup and bread!) Seeds and bulbs to swap plus gardening advice and plenty of greening and creative, family friendly activities to enjoy...

Saturday 26th October

Midday - 3pm

11am - Midday: Woodchips (Under 5's) Join the mini Woodcraft Folk group for songs, stories, exploring the garden and having fun.

Everybody Welcome!

www.fgcommunitygarden.org @FGCommGarden

facebook.com/fgcommunitygarden info@fgcommunitygarden.org



GET GROWING

Forest Gate Learning Zone
1 Woodford Rd, Forest Gate, London E7 0DH

FREE 10AM - MIDDAY

Join us for one of these four specialist practical sessions for SEND Adults (Please note you will need to attend with your support worker)

Wednesday 13th November

Beautiful Bulbs: Turn your hand to bulb planting both inside and out.

Thursday 14th November

Sedums and Succulents: Plant up your own magical mini garden.

Wednesday 20th November

Drawing and Display: Create Art using natural materials and methods

Thursday 21st November

Wreath Making: Construct a wreath with seasonal foliage.

Booking required:

Dimple.Patel@newham.gov.uk

What's Else is Happening Locally: The Planning Process



Tuesday 19 November
6.30-8pm
Forest Gate Library,
Woodgrange Road,
E7 0QH

Join us for an evening to find out
how development and the planning
process works in Newham

You will be

- updated on the boroughs planning role and authority
- informed about how planning proposals are made
- and find out how you can get involved and influence what's built in Forest Gate

The event end with a Q&A session

What's Happening Locally:

Forest Gate Festival – Get Involved

After 20 years the local resident volunteer steering committee are handing over the baton. Come and get involved in taking the Festival forward.

Meeting Time and Date: Tuesday 19th November 6-7.30pm

Location: The Gate Library, 6-8 Woodgrange Road

Register your interest via the feedback form in-case the date changes



What's Happening Locally: Shape Newham

SHAPE NEWHAM

Improving public spaces together

Beckton, East Ham, Forest Gate,
Green Street, Little Ilford, Manor
Park, Maryland and Plaistow

Newham is a great place to live and we want to make it better – through Shape Newham we will improve places together.

Rohksana Fiaz OBE, Mayor of Newham

Newham Council is investing in improvements to public spaces across eight of its town centres and we want you to choose how the investment is spent! As part of a series of interactive assemblies you will be able to suggest and vote for your favourite projects. Ensure you have your say at:

For more information please visit
www.shapenewham.co.uk



BECKTON & EAST HAM
ASSEMBLY 1
26 September 2019 at 6–8.30pm
Beckton Community Centre

ASSEMBLY 2
29 October 2019 at 6–8.30pm
East Ham Library

ASSEMBLY 3
27 November 2019 at 6–8.30pm
Beckton Community Centre

GREEN STREET & PLAISTOW
ASSEMBLY 1
9 October 2019 at 6–8.30pm
Applecourt Arts

ASSEMBLY 2
6 November 2019 at 6–8.30pm
Portway Primary School
(back entrance)

ASSEMBLY 3
4 December 2019 at 6–8.30pm
Applecourt Arts

**FOREST GATE, LITTLE ILFORD,
MANOR PARK & MARYLAND**
ASSEMBLY 1
16 October 2019 at 6–8.30pm
Forest Gate Youth Zone

ASSEMBLY 2
13 November 2019 at 6–8.30pm
Stratford Old Town Hall

ASSEMBLY 3
11 December 2019 at 6–8.30pm
Forest Gate Youth Zone

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11 December 2019 at 6–8.30pm

Forest Gate Youth Zone

London Borough of Newham
FOREST GATE
COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD

Councillor Surgeries

Forest Gate North

Councillor Sasha DasGupta

Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am

The Gate Community
Neighbourhood Centre
2-6 Woodgrange Road
London
E7 0QH

Councillor Anamul Islam

Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am

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Councillor Rachel Tripp

Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am

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Forest Gate South

Councillor Mas Patel

Saturdays (except August and bank holiday weekends)*
10.30-11.30am

The Gate Community
Neighbourhood Centre
6-8 Woodgrange Road
London E7 0QH

Councillor Tahmina Rahman

Saturdays (except August and bank holiday weekends)*
10.30-11.30am

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6-8 Woodgrange Road
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Councillor Winston Vaughan

Saturdays (except August and bank holiday weekends)*
10.30-11.30am

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Closing Remarks

Cllr. Muzibur Rahman

Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities

**Thank you all for your time and
contribution today.**

**LET YOUR
VOICE BE
HEARD**