



Welcome to the new William Morris Big Local quarterly Newsletter!

Our newsletter, website, Facebook, Twitter and Community Forum are all up and running and we look forward to sharing news about not only Big Local but other news from the local area. For details of how to keep up to date with everything check out all our contact details on the back of this newsletter. We hope you enjoy the read!

New mural coming soon to William Morris Ward!

Everybody can have their say on the design of a new piece of local street art!

We are delighted to announce that we are supporting a really exciting street art project that is being carried out by Wood Street Walls.

Following a number of fantastic local murals painted over the past year by Wood Street Walls, they wanted to create a lasting artwork that gave us all a sense of ownership.

The new mural will be painted by ATMA, a Blackhorse Road resident, street artist, and a founding artist of Wood Street Walls. He will paint a portrait of William Morris combined with a Morris inspired pattern onto a property that overlooks the William Morris Gallery car park.

We need to know which pattern you would most like to have painted, so to vote for your favourite visit www.pickyourpattern.co.uk. You can also vote by picking up a postcard from William Morris Community Centre, Priory Court Community Centre or from The William Morris Gallery and putting your vote in the ballot boxes there! Voting closes on 1st August and the mural will be painted soon after using the most popular design!

The wall will also be fully insulated by HEET, a Walthamstow based organisation that works with the elderly and those on low incomes to improve energy efficiency of their home. With artwork and insulation combined, Wood Street Walls want to demonstrate that energy efficiency can be both "Useful & Beautiful."



Right - The six designs you can choose from at www.pickyourpattern.co.uk

Public Forum

Our next Forum is on Tuesday 26th July, 7.00pm – 9.00pm at William Morris Community Centre, 6-8 Greenleaf Road, E17 6QQ

This is an opportunity to find out what we have been doing, what's coming up and to meet the Partnership members. We also want to hear what is important to you and for you to give us your ideas on how to improve the William Morris Ward.

At the Forum we will be gathering views on our Community Chest programme, green space priorities and asking you about potential courses we could run in the area with WEA.

(<http://www.wea.org.uk/courses>)

Coming soon - register your interest

Here are two new project ideas looking to get up and running that have been granted some initial funding;

Over 50's club open to all William Morris Ward residents to be held at William Morris Community Centre. Activities will include keep fit, yoga, table top games and coffee mornings. If you would like to register your interest for this new group or know someone who may be interested please contact Gabriel on 07947 766 251 or email devwmb@gmail.com.

Women's Empowerment Project bringing together elements of keep fit, healthy eating, life skills, strengthening family ties and parenting skills. This will be open to all women aged 18+ living in the William Morris Ward. Please contact the Somali Women's Group on 0208 503 7121 for more information or to register your interest.



Meet Gabriel, our new development worker

I'm delighted to have joined the William Morris Big Local and to be part of such a fantastic project. I am a Walthamstow resident and have lived in E17 since 2007. I love so many things about the place from vibrant Hoe St to the market and marshes as well as the mix of east end history and cultural vibrancy. There are so many brilliant people in the William Morris Ward that make this area feel like a proper community and I'm looking forward to getting out and about meeting residents, organisations and community groups in order to further develop the reach of the William Morris Big Local. I recently worked at Priory Court Community Centre and so I've a great head start in my new role.

Gabriel's working days are Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. He can be contacted on 07947 766 251 or at devwmb1@gmail.com. Drop in sessions for Big Local enquiries and information are held every Wednesday at the Big Local office at William Morris Community Centre from 9.30am – 12.30pm.

Youth Club goes from strength to strength!

Thanks to funding from the Big Local a youth club was brought back to Priory Court Community Centre on the 17th March and since then over 50 young people have registered with the club and attended sessions. The club runs every Thursday and is run by Worth Unlimited. Activities include table tennis, football skills, drawing, interactive games, pizza making (and eating!) as well as having a say in what additional activities take place there. A trip to a west end show is happening in August as well as a sailing course. There are still a few places up for grabs!

Worth Unlimited youth workers provide a safe supportive and friendly environment for our young people to relax, learn and socialise in.

The youth club takes place every Thursday from 6.45pm – 8.45pm at Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, E17 5NB. It is open to young people aged 11-19 living in the Ward. For more information or to sign up phone 0208 090 5045 or turn up at one of the sessions!



Chair's Corner - Chryss Christy

Welcome again to our updated newsletter. I'm really excited about the next chapter for William Morris Big Local with Gabriel our new Development Worker, and Sian our new Big Local Rep working with the Partnership. Our latest Big Local plan which includes our aims and priorities for the area was approved by The Local Trust recently and can be viewed at wmbiglocal.org/our-big-local-plan-2

William Morris Big Local has received many grant applications from fantastic local community groups and organisations wishing to deliver quality activities and services in our area. We will soon be announcing the launch of new projects for whom funding has been agreed. Do have a look on our website, Facebook page, and Twitter for updates.

Our next funding round will be for Community Chest projects and will be launched in September. This fund will support small projects with the aim of bringing local people together. Look out for details in the next newsletter.

Do come along to our next Forum on 26th July to find out more and find out how you can help make a difference.

Join the Partnership

The partnership is responsible for delivering the Big Local vision and plan in the William Morris Ward. It is made up of local residents who meet for 2 hours one evening every 6 weeks to make sure the local plan is delivered in line with local views. To be a member you need to live in the William Morris Ward and be interested in what happens in your local area.

We currently need 4 new partnership members, so if you are a William Morris Ward resident and feel that you have a positive contribution to make contact Gabriel on 07947 766 251 or email devwmb1@gmail.com. Come to the Community Forum, find out more and get involved!

Our Priorities

Green Spaces & Environment – we aim to increase the availability and use of green spaces, promote wellbeing through outdoor activities and increase overall pride in the look and feel of the William Morris Ward.

Intergenerational Working – we want to build relationships between the generations by uniting voices, sharing skills and experiences, and ensuring adequate provision of services and activities are available for all ages.

Improving Community Spaces – we seek to provide support to community spaces by encouraging their use for grass roots activities, identifying opportunities and funding streams for community spaces, and championing investment in our community centres.

Improving Local Economy – we aim to combat the challenges faced by deprivation, unemployment, rising rents and economic inequality. We also want to support local businesses to succeed.

Contact Us

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