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...Autumn 2021...

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**WILLIAM
MORRIS BIG
LOCAL AGM**
7TH OCTOBER 6.30PM
BIG CREATIVE ACADEMY
38 CLIFTON AVENUE, E17 6HL
Email milla@wmbiglocal.org to book a seat
There's a bright future ahead of us

WM Big Local AGM on 7th October

An exciting evening of talks, project performances and a community social in the new Big Creative Academy Theatre. Book your place now by emailing milla@wmbiglocal.org.

New community plan

The feedback we got from our community consultation was really valuable info for creating the new WMBL community plan. Get the highlights on [page 2](#)



Supporting local businesses

Find out more about the Kickstart Scheme for helping young people into work, how to join East End Trades Guild and take a look at our new local business spotlight section. [Page 6](#).

New WMBL youth club to open

Our Young Local group has a fab new home at Big Creative Academy. Put the 23rd September in your diary so you don't miss the opening night! Go to [page 4](#) to find out more.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

Your community voice

A big thank you if you responded to our community consultation back in May/June. We've spent the last couple of months using the feedback to put together a new WMBL community plan.

We got some really helpful feedback on what WMBL means to people and what projects would be of most value to the area. We have taken the top 3 projects from each of the theme areas as chosen by you and put them in the new WMBL plan.

WMBL's Impact

- 40% said we've created a more connected community
- 21% felt more involved in the local community

WMBL's themes

- 96% said improving outdoor spaces remains just as important
- 93% said supporting local businesses is more important than ever

"I realise as local residents we can make positive changes."
May 2021 consultation

Your choices

We asked you to choose your top 3 types of project for each of the WMBL themes. Here are the results.

Strengthening the Community

- Events and activities
- Digital and Social Inclusion activities
- Youth activities and for young and old people to work together



Improving Outdoor Spaces

- Community led planting
- More places to sit and relax
- Creation of Pocket Parks



Supporting the Local Economy

- Secure more traineeships and work experience placements
- Raise visibility of local independent businesses
- Champion a green economic recovery



The community plan



We are putting together the final touches to a 3 year WMBL community plan which will be sent to our funders at the National Lottery Community Fund. There are 10 different projects going into the new plan which we hope to have approved by the funders in September, ready to present in full at our AGM – just one more reason for you to join us on the night!

If you are interested in joining the many residents already involved one way or another in WMBL and work with us to help realise any of the community projects listed below, please do get in touch.

THE 10 PROJECTS ARE

- Community Grants Scheme
- Local events (indoors and outdoors)
- Digital Inclusion project
- Traineeships/Work experience opportunities
- Sustain the Tool Lending Library
- Create at least one Pocket Park
- Green Grants scheme for benches, planters, trees.
- Support for local groups to keep on thriving in the area
- Shop Local scheme and raising the visibility of local independent businesses
- Business Grants to help local businesses go green



Priory Court Children's Painting Workshop

Resident artist Constance McIntosh Smith applied for WMBL funding towards paint supplies for a community creative day at Priory Court. The imagination weekend was part of E17 Art Trail. People of all ages loved the painting activities. If you are interested in applying for a Community Chest Grant for a community project, follow us on social media @WMBigLocal. We will advertise the grants when they re-open later this year.

Free skating lessons continue

We funded free youth skating lessons during the summer in Priory Court and Lloyd Park. The free lessons will continue in September every Thursday 4.30pm-5.30pm & 5.30pm-6.30pm in Lloyd Park. You can register for free lessons if you are William Morris Ward resident. Please email us to book your spot: hello@everyoneonboards.com Everyone On Boards is on Instagram under the name @everyone_on_boards.



Priory Court

Community callout!



Inside Priory Court

We're developing a digital media and photographic exhibition for all ages about Priory Court Housing Estate in Walthamstow.

Do you have stories or photographs that will bring the rich history of the estate to life?

Please get in touch:

thedigitalstorycompany@gmail.com

thedigitalstorycompany.com/inside-priory-court



Greenleaf School gets funding for skipping project

We carried on funding small community grants during the lockdown. The skipping ropes and skipping events were welcomed by the pupils, and the Greenleaf School deputy head Rachel Franklin thanked WMBL on behalf of the children. "It was a fantastically popular event, and celebrated as a highlight for many parents and children this year."

Our Community Chest grants will open again soon. You can find out how to apply for a grant from <https://wmbiglocal.org/>



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE OPENING OF **YOUNG LOCAL YOUTH CLUB** FOR 10-14Y

THURSDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER 5PM-7PM
BIG CREATIVE ACADEMY
38 CLIFTON AVENUE, WALTHAMSTOW, E17 6HL

AVATAR COMIC CORNER
SPORTS AND GAMES
MUSIC AND DANCE
GAMES CONSOLES
TOY SWAP
SWEET STATION
PICNIC AREA



CONTACT THEBLAIRACADEMY@GMAIL.COM
FOR MORE INFORMATION

WMBL Youth Club moves to BCA

We're super excited about having BCA as a new base for our Young Local club. Touring the amazing facilities with two of our group members Molly and Suki was so much fun. They were instantly excited and coming up with plans of what could be possible in the space – which of course included computers for Minecraft and plenty of performance opportunities on the stage! Come to our opening party on 23rd September, 5-7pm, 38 Clifton Avenue, E17 6HL.



Molly & Suki. Photo: Alastair Fyfe



Artist Lorraine with Young Local youths. Photo: Alastair Fyfe

Walthamstow Tool Library Mural

Charlie Blair, our Young Local club leader worked with local kids on the Walthamstow Tool Library mural: "Seeing the young people turn their ideas into reality with the artist Lorraine Ward has been such a great process to be a part of. They knew exactly what they wanted to do and communicated their ideas really well. They haven't been afraid to get their hands (and the occasional school uniform) dirty to get the work done. They're looking forward to being able to walk past each day and say 'I did that!'"

Priory Court Youth Clubs

Forest Youth Club (Wfchub.org)

Football at Priory Court Community Centre for young people aged 11-19

Wednesdays 4.30pm-6.30pm

Worth Unlimited

Drop in Youth Club at Priory Court Community Centre for young people aged 11 - 18

Mondays 6.30-8.30pm



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Prize wordsearch for under 12s

Animals of Walthamstow Wetlands wordsearch

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To enter please email a photo to milla@wmbiglocal.org or post to WMBL, Big Creative Academy, 38 Clifton Avenue, Walthamstow E17 6HL.



Did you find all the animals? One correct entry picked at random before 1 October will win a Sodo pizza giftcard! Thank you Sodo!

What is the East End Trades Guild?

The Guild is an affiliation of over 300 small businesses and sole traders across East London. The Guild works towards fair rents for small businesses, encouraging communities to shop and support local businesses, and helps members apply to the Kickstart Scheme.



We have secured commitment from the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, working across our Commercial Rent Manifesto.

Find out more at eastendtradesguild.org.uk

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LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT



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info@boxheart.co.uk



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St James Workshop Limited,
30A Borwick Avenue, Walthamstow, London E17 6RA



KICKSTART SCHEME YOUTH PANEL

October 13, 9:30-11 AM

Join us for an in person event in Waltham Forest showcasing the amazing local young people taking part in the Kickstart Scheme!

Location TBD

RSVP:

<https://kickstartyouthpanel.eventbrite.com>



Green Up Priory Court calendar

Here are the next free gardening events run by Organic Lea. Everyone is welcome! No need to book, just pop by and dig in.

GREEN UP PRIORY COURT

SEPTEMBER GARDENING SESSIONS:

Saturday 4th 1-4pm	Meadow Making at Priory Court Community Centre
Tuesday 7th 4-6pm	Planting a Bus Stop Garden at the Playground
Saturday 11th 1-4pm	Meadow Making at Priory Court Community Centre
Saturday 18th 1-4pm	Meadow Making at Priory Court Community Centre
Wednesday 22nd 4-6pm	Planting day at Renfrew and Shanklin House
Saturday 25th 1-4pm	Meadow Making at Priory Court Community Centre

kiloran@organiclea.org.uk
or pop into the community centre to find out more

Green Up Priory Court is a resident led project working together with Organiclea that received funding from the Mayor's Office Greener Cities Fund

Sunflower competition winners



Thank you to all of you who sent us your sunflower pictures. With so many awesome entries, we really struggled to choose between them, but the winners are...

Phoebe and Margot in our sunflower growing category, Mehek in creating a drawing of a sunflower. Congratulations to all of you! Your family will get a one year's free Walthamstow Tool Library membership. And you can come and select free seeds to grow for the next year from our tool library too. We'll be in touch with you soon to set up a visit.



Photo: Alastair Fyfe

Happy 1st birthday Walthamstow Tool Library!



WTL is a tool lending library located at Priory Court with a special focus on garden and DIY tools and a mission to make tools both accessible and affordable, while reducing the need to purchase new tools. The project was developed by local residents, is run by Forest Recycling Project, funded by WMBL, and the building generously provided by Waltham Forest Housing. Big thank you to our wonderful Waltham Forest Mayor Elizabeth Baptiste, who came to cut the ribbon for the tool library mural.

And thank you to local resident Peter Stanton for building two "Living Benches" with funding from WMBL. You can join the Walthamstow Tool Library here:

<https://frpuk.org/community-work/tools/>



Photo: Alastair Fyfe

William Morris Ward Residents Association

WMWRA is an independent and unaffiliated resident-led association representing the interests of people living in the William Morris Ward.

Its purpose is to maximize the flow of information between residents, LBWF councillors, local police and GP representatives and improve the delivery of services to the residents.

The association meets regularly at venues within the ward and meetings can be accessed by Zoom for those who prefer to take part virtually.

Membership is open to all ward residents and gives participants the chance to understand the needs and aspirations of their neighbours and to contribute to our efforts to make the ward a happier and safer place in which to live and work. If you are interested in finding out more, please check our website <https://wmrassociation.org/>



Next Resident Association meeting is on Wednesday 29th September 2021, 7:00pm, Priory Court Community Centre, 11, Priory Court, E17 5NB

Future Meeting Dates:

Wednesday 3rd November 2021, 7:00pm
Wednesday 26th January 2022, 7:00pm
Wednesday 30th March 2022
Wednesday 25th May 2022, 7:00pm
Wednesday 27th July 2022, 7:00pm
Check <https://wmrassociation.org/> for venue.



Quest recipe: Dabbadrop House Dal



DAL

250g yellow moong dal
500g water
1 tsp turmeric
Salt to taste
200g Coconut milk (optional)
1 tbsp vegetable oil
2 tsp black mustard seeds
10-15 curry leaves (fresh best but dried perfectly fine too)
Squeeze of half a lime
4-5 strands of coriander, left long and whole

Thoroughly rinse the dal. Add the water and cook until the dal splits and begins to get mushy – around 20 mins. Add more water if needed – the cooked dal should be a porridge-like consistency.

Add the oil and mustard seeds to a separate frying pan. Wait until you hear all of the mustard seeds have popped before turning the heat off and adding the curry leaves, then 2 tsp of the spice mix, along with the turmeric. Add this mixture to the cooked dal and stir to combine. Add coconut milk if you prefer a creamier consistency and season with salt to taste. Squeeze on some lime to finish and garnish with long strands of coriander.

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