

# NEWHAM CARERS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

**MARCH 2025** 

#### **WELCOME**

Hello Carers!

It definitely feels like spring is in the air! The evenings are getting brighter and there's a sense of renewal everywhere. It's a great time to refresh and recharge, especially as the days get longer.

#### **Carers Forum Update**

The next forum is scheduled for **Thursday 28th March 11:30 am to 1:00 pm,** venue to be confirmed. Click the link below to view notes from the first Carers Forum meeting.

#### **Carers Forum Meeting Notes**

As always, be sure to regularly check the activities, sessions and resources on the following pages to stay informed and make the most of the available opportunities.

Best wishes.

The Newham Carers Community Team

#### Win a £50 Gift Voucher and a Surprise Gift!

To help us secure continued funding and improve our services, we invite you to complete our annual carers satisfaction online survey. It only takes a few minutes, and as a thank-you, you'll be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 gift voucher plus a surprise gift!

This survey is for Adult Carers only. If you're looking for details about the Young Carers

survey, please don't hesitate to contact the Young Carers team via our main phone number.

Thank you for your support—it makes a difference!

# **Newham Carers Community**

Carer's Satisfaction Survey

2024-25

COMPLETE THE
SURVEY TO BE IN A
DRAW TO WIN A
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& SURPRISE GIFT!

PLEASE TAKE 4 MINS
TO COMPLETE THE
SURVEY WITH YOUR
FEEDBACK, TO HELP
US SHAPE THE SERVICE
FOR NEWHAM CARERS
IN THE FUTURE:

ACCESS THE
SURVEY
HERE

If you would like us to send you the survey via post or would like one of our team to go through it with you, please ring:

0203 954 3143



#### **MEET THE NCC TEAM**



**Linessa Ollivierre** Service Manager



Noreen Chaudhry
Asian Carers Specialist
Support Worker



**Claudia St. Rose** Adult Carer Support Officer



Tasnim Anjum Ullah Holistic Individuals and Group Support Worker



Joseph Richards Young Carers Manager



Naheed Anwar Carers Co-ordinator



**Simon Shum**Head of Community Services



#### **KURINUKI POTTERY**

Carers participating in the Kurinuki pottery course, a traditional Japanese pottery art, found the 3-week course to be a wonderful opportunity to take a break from their usual daily responsibilities. Throughout the sessions they created marvelous masterpieces which they were able to take home at the end of the course.

A heartfelt thank you to the Mary Ward Centre for facilitating this enriching experience.



#### SCAM AWARENESS WITH BARCLAYS



Age UK East London and Barclays recently hosted another crucial scam awareness session for carers and residents of Newham. The event aimed to educate attendees about the dangers of scams and provide strategies for identifying and avoiding them.



#### **Newham Carers Community: Monthly Workshop Schedule 2025**

The workshops will be delivered as a hybrid: in-person and Online

#### **ZOOM DETAILS**

#### HTTPS://US06WEB.ZOOM.US/J/86004636761

MEETING ID: 860 0463 6761

**JANUARY** 

THINKING AHEAD FOR CARERS OF YOUNG

PEOPLE WITH SEND

DATE: TUESDAY 21TH JANUARY TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

**FEBRUARY** 

PERSONAL CARE AND WELL-BEING FOR CARERS

DATE: TUESDAY 25TH FEBRUARY
TIME: 10:30 AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

**MARCH** 

EDUCATIONAL HEALTH AND CARE PLAN
(EHCP) - AN INTRODUCTION

DATE: TUESDAY 18TH MARCH TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

APRIL

**SELF CARE FOR CARERS** 

DATE: TUESDAY 29TH APRIL TIME: 10:30AM - 12:00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

MAY

MAKING SUCCESSFUL DLA AND PIP
APPLICATIONS

DATE: TUESDAY 20TH MAY TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION:** 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX

**JUNE** 

UNDERSTANDING SPECIFIC HEALTH
CONDITIONS

DATE: TUESDAY 17TH JUNE
TIME: 10:30AM - 12.30PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

**JULY** 

**CARERS AND ADVOCACY** 

DATE: TUESDAY 22ND JULY TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

**AUGUST** 

HEALTH CONDITIONS THAT AFFECT

CARERS

DATE: TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

**SEPTEMBER** 

EFFECTIVE SKILLS FOR MAKING

COMPLAINTS

DATE: TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER

TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

**OCTOBER** 

**EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION** 

DATE: TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER
TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

**NOVEMBER** 

**CARE ACT 2014 SIMPLIFIED - 10 THINGS CARERS** 

SHOULD KNOW

DATE: TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

**DECEMBER** 

MENTAL WELLNESS AND EMOTIONAL

SUPPORT FOR CARERS

DATE: TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER
TIME: 10:30AM - 12.00PM

**LOCATION: 655 BARKING RD, E13 9EX** 

For more information, please contact us on: 02039 543 143 or email to: <u>info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk</u>





## AN INTRODUCTION TO EDUCATIONAL **HEALTH AND CARE PLAN (EHCP)**



#### Join Us



Tuesday 18th March 2025 10:30 am - 12:00 pm



**655** Barking rd. E13 9EX (Age UK East London Offices)



Zoom Details:

**Zoom Link** 

MEETING ID: 860 0463 6761

#### For More Information



0203 9543 143



info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk

#### What to Expect:

Many children with SEND (special educational needs and disabilities) are supported through SEN services, however, some may need extra help. EHCP's are for children and young people whose needs go beyond what mainstream schools offer.

The workshop will cover:

- The local offer
- Requesting an assessment
- The key stages of the process
- Timescales
- · Contents of the plan
- · Requesting a particular school
- · Reviews and reassessments
- · Personal budgets
- Finalising and maintaining a plan.
- · Ceasing a plan
- Transport provision
- School exclusions

**BOOK NOW!** 



Join us for an exciting event including...

Table Tennis

Non-contact Boxing

Playstation/Nintendo

Smoothie Making Arts and Crafts Light Refreshments

Free Activities and Goody Bag Young Carers' Video

Presentation of Jack Petchey Awards to Young Carers

This year's theme is 'Give me a break', and is a reminder of the importance of rest for young carers. We want to provide a healthy balance between their responsibilities of being a carer and being young!

#### When and where?



Wednesday 12th March 4.30 - 6.30pm



East Ham Library 328 Barking Rd, London F6 2RT

This event is for young carers, parents, and guardians.







A Young Carer is a child who helps to look after someone in your family because of:

Disability | Mental illness

Long term physical illness

Drug or alcohol misuse

Helping with feeding, getting dressed or getting out of bed

Helping with cooking, cleaning, or shopping

Giving emotional support or care to someone who needs it

#### Join our drop-in sessions:

#### Shipman Youth Centre

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340 Prince Regent, E16 3JH

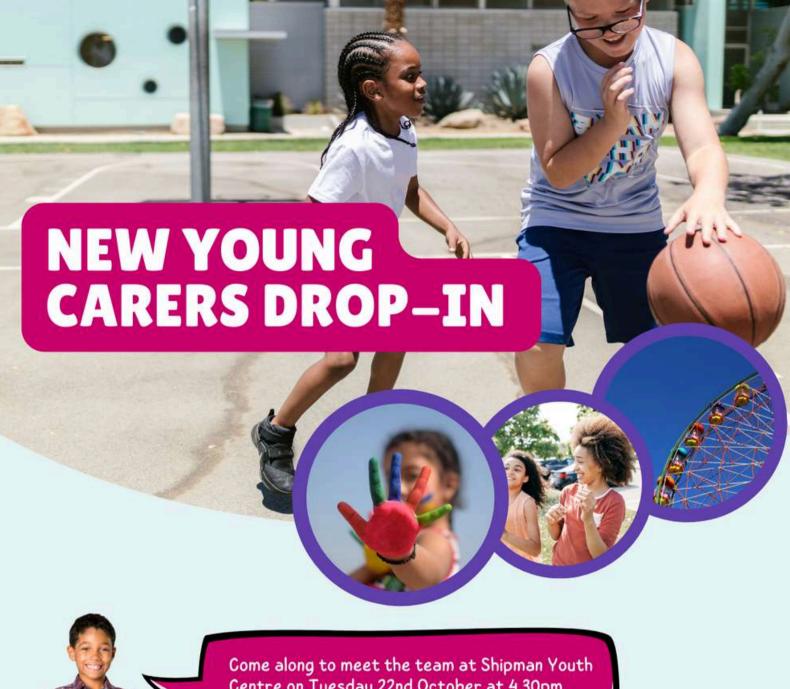
#### East Ham Library

📫 Mondays and Wednesdays 4 - 6.30pm



East Ham Library 328 Barking Rd, London E6 2RT





Centre on Tuesday 22nd October at 4.30pm. Free chicken and chips provided!

#### Are you a Young Carer aged 5-17?

Join our young carers drop-in sessions:

- · Take part in a range of activities including PlayStation, football, basketball, weight room, and pool table.
- · Get the chance to connect with other young carers
- · Find out what support you need, and have your voice heard!
- Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Support available

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

No registration needed, drop-in only.

For more details contact us at:



renewalprogrammeorg.uk

info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk

#### Carers Forum Summary - First Meeting 20th February 2025

Venue: NCC main office, 655 Barking Rd, E13 9EX

Meeting Frequency: Meetings will be held monthly for the next three months to establish the group's purpose and structure. Afterwards meetings will switch to a quarterly schedule. Objective: The group agreed that everyone involved should work together to achieve common objectives.

Venue Discussions: The group discussed potential venues for future meetings, including:

- East Ham Library
- The Mix
- Stratford Arcade
- St Mark's Community Centre

A central accessible venue will be identified for future meetings.

The group agreed that the Carers Forum should serve as a space where participants can share resources, experiences, and knowledge, and where voices should be heard.

The group would like to receive answers regarding Newham Council's receipt of public NHS funding and its relevance to Hidden Carers. Specifically, they are seeking clarity on how this funding is being utilised to support hidden carers and whether it is reaching the intended recipients. Some members of

the group shared their involvement with the Resident United Forum (RUF) and expressed interest in the potential for future collaboration between the Carers Forum and RUF. This collaboration could help strengthen community ties and enhance support for carers within the local area.

**Next Steps**: Leaders from various carers groups will bring forward ideas and suggestions from their communities to guide the forum's direction at the next meeting. It was agreed that each leader/group should bring 3 topics from their respective communities to discuss at the next meeting. These topics should help guide the forum's direction and contribute to shaping the group's objectives. Meeting Schedule: Future meetings will be held on Thursdays from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm,

#### with this

timing being agreed upon as the most suitable.

Next Meeting: The next forum is scheduled for Thursday **28th March 11:30 am to 1:00 pm**, with the venue to be confirmed.



#### MONDAY DIGITAL SUPPORT AT AGE UK EAST LONDON BARKING ROAD

# DIGITAL DROP IN SUPPORT AND DIGITAL COURSES FOR NEWHAM CARERS & 50+

COME ALONG AND GET HELP WITH YOUR DIGITAL NEEDS, WHETHER SMARTPHONE, TABLET OR LAPTOP IN OUR DIGITAL DROP IN



# FREE



Drop In - 2:00pm -4.00pm

#### **EVERY MONDAY**

at Age UK East London, 655 Barking Rd, London, E13 9EX

Digital Drop in - Just turn up, first come first served basis

#### WHAT YOU COULD LEARN OR GET HELP WITH:

- GENERAL USE AND FUNCTION OF A DEVICE
- TAKING PHOTOS OR SHARING PHOTOS WITH FAMILY
- ONLINE PLATFORMS/DOWNLOADING APPS
- ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES NHS APP
- SETTING UP EMAIL ACCOUNTS
- USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA APPS

### **Newham Carers Community**





# FREE ONLINE TRAINING COURSES FOR

#### **NEWHAM CARERS**

OVER 130 SOCIAL CARE COURSES VIA CLICK LEARNING

For more information, please contact Newham Carers Community

Email: info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk

Telephone: 0203 9543 143







#### **Warm Home Discount winter 2024-2025**

Eligible households have one week left to apply for this winter's Warm Home Discount, deadline 28th February.

One-off discount of £150 applied to your electricity bill by end of March, subject to eligibility. Pre-payment meter households get the discount given as top-up voucher. If you are a dual-fuel customer, you can ask your energy supplier for the discount to be applied to your gas bill instead. Applications by 28th February.

#### **Eligibility**

You may have already received a letter by post to say you are getting the discount. If you haven't received a letter and believe you're eligible, you can apply. You must meet all of the eligibility criteria in this list.

- Your energy supplier must be signed up to the discount scheme. Check online: https://www.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-scheme/energy-suppliers
- •You or your partner named on electricity bill
- You or your partner receive one of the following benefits for low income household:
- > Guarantee Credit or Savings Credit element of Pension Credit
- > Means-tested benefits Housing Benefit, Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, Income Support
- > Your annual household income is below a certain amount and you get Child Tax Credit or Working Tax Credit
- Your accommodation has a high energy cost score, meaning it has been identified as being expensive to heat. If you live in a new-build property you are unlikely to be eligible as they have been built to be well insulated.

Use this online eligibility checker:

https://www.gov.uk/check-if-youre-eligible-for-warm-home-discount

#### **Application**

Contact the Warm Home Discount scheme helpline 0800 030 9322 Or write to them at Warm Home Discount Scheme, PO Box 14127, Selkirk, TD7 9AH. But time is running out to send a letter.

#### **Park Home residents**

Apply through the Charis Park Homes Warm Home Discount scheme.

Online application: https://charisgrants.com/partners/park-homes/

Contact the helpline 01733 797543



# NATIONAL CARERS DISCOUNT CARD COMPARISON CHART



Carers Card UK carerscarduk.co.uk	Forward Carers  forwardcarers.org.uk	NAME OF CARD
Card & App	Card & App	CARD/APP
Online registration and ID photograph, i.e., passport style	Online registration Supporting evidence required and ID photograph, i.e., passport style	REQUIREMENTS
Carer ID Stored In Case of Emergency contact details.  My Support: A catalogue of useful information, from guides to best practices.  Your Carer Circle: Allows you to create a circle of care for the person you look after; add notes, tasks, appointments, medication lists as well as monitoring the wellbeing of the person you care for.  Wellbeing Hub - A source of useful advice, videos and audiobooks to help with your wellbeing. Online discounts including: Days Out Home and Garden Women's Fashion Gifts and Occasions	<ul> <li>Carer ID</li> <li>Stored In Case of Emergency contact details</li> <li>Access to Carer friendly community and online support</li> <li>Some national discounts</li> </ul>	BENEFITS
£8.00 (valid for 2 years)	£15	COST

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Discount for Carers	NAME OF CARD
App Only	CARD/APP
Online registration	REQUIREMENTS
<ul> <li>Money-saving deals and vouchers including:</li> <li>Savings on homeware and electricals</li> <li>Deals on mobile phones</li> <li>Utilities and gym memberships</li> <li>Cashback card available with over 16% cashback on purchases at 80% of retailers once registered.</li> <li>Free membership for the first year then £2.99 per year after</li> </ul>	BENEFITS
FREE	COST

Cards or would like some help to apply for one, please If you would like more information on Carer Discount contact Newham Carers Community on:

Email: info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk





#### **KEEP LEARNING**

#### Want to learn something new?

Click Learning provide up to up 130 free social care and functional skills online courses. To register your interest and receive login details please contact us:

info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk or call 020 39543143

Techy Tea Social with kulvinder 655 Barking Rd, E13 9EX

A chance to socialise over a cuppa and brush up on your digital skills,

Get in touch to find out when our next session is happening! <a href="mailto:info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk">info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk</a> or call **020 39543143** 

#### **Newham Recovery College**

https://linktr.ee/newhamrecoverycollege

#### **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**

We are here to help with volunteer interests and applications. Please use the links below for volunteer opportunities available

Newham University Hospital volunteer opportunities https://www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/volunteers

Renewal volunteer opportunities

https://www.renewalprogramme.org.uk/get-involved/volunteer-with-us/

Age UK East London volunteer opportunities https://www.ageuk.org.uk/eastlondon/get-involved/volunteer/



#### **RESIDENT CARER SUPPORT GROUPS**

Group	Meeting Time	Venue	Contact Info
Senior Parent Learning Disabilities Carers Group  Support group for all carers or parents of people with learning disabilities	Every last Wednesday of the month 12:00am - 2:30 pm	Upper-Room Foursquare Chapel 525-529 Barking Rd, London E13 9EZ	Leader: Remi Osunsanya Sanyaosun2@yahoo.com Tel: 07872 595948
Disability Rep Forum  Support group for disabled carers including parent carers and those with disabled children	Every 2nd Tuesday of the month 11.00am - 1.00pm	Froud Community Centre, Toronto Avenue, E12 5JF	Leader: Sarifa Patel sarifa.patel84@gmail.com Tel: 07723 739221
Carers Community Mental Health Group  Support group for those who are caring for loved ones and friends with mental well-being	Every 3rd Wednesday of the month 11:30 pm - 1:30 pm	Upper-Room Foursquare Chapel 525-529 Barking Rd, London E13 9EZ	Leader: Zhenreenah Muhxinga carersgroup2020@yahoo. com Tel: 07950 123 540
Chinese Carers Group	Contact Group Lead for further details	Contact via phone or email only	Leader: Yvonne info@newhamchineseass oc.org.uk Tel: 0207 474 7715
St. Joseph's Carers Group  Support group for those who are caring for relative, partner or friend that has a life-limiting illness	Every 3rd Friday of the month 1.30pm – 3.30pm	St. Joseph Hospice Mare Street Hackney E8 4SA	Jo Bedford - Carers Service Co-Ordinator j.bedford@stjh.org.uk Tel: 020 8525 3130

Please get in touch with details of your resident carer group and we will add it to the list.

life-limiting illness



#### **RESIDENT CARER SUPPORT GROUPS**

Group	Meeting Time	Venue	Contact Info
Drop in bereavement centre	Contact Group Lead for further details	Contact via phone or email	dropinbereavement@btinte rnet.com Tel: 07396 016523
Let Us Communicate Support Group	Contact group email for further details	Contact via email	letuscommunicate101@gmail .com https://youtu.be/vaLsBo8NrC o?feature=shared
Care Heart Social Club Autistic Adult Carers Group	Contact Group Lead for further details	Contact via phone or email	Ying purisimasd12@gmail.com 07466 719164 or Loraine 07828841546 lorainefermin@outlook.com
Age UK East London Older Peoples Reference Group	Contact Group Lead for further details	Contact via phone or email	Grace Patient  Grace.Patient@ageukeastlo  ndon.org.uk  07384 511701
Subco Trust	Contact Group Lead for further details	Contact via phone or email	Taskin admin@subcotrust.org.uk 0208 548 0070



#### **RESIDENT CARER SUPPORT GROUPS**

Group	Meeting Time	Venue	Contact Info
Cerebral palsy network Newham	Contact Group Lead for further details	Contact via phone or email	Habbib Aziz  cpn_newham@hotmail.com  07903955353
Children with special needs - Ruby's carers support group	Contact Group Lead for further details		Rubina Azam Rubinaazam@hotmail.co.uk 07947158445
Autistic Adult Carers Group Support group for all carers or parents of adults with autisim	First Wednesday of the month 11:00 am - 1:00 pm	Community Room, Morrison's, Canning Town, Silvertown Way E16 1ED	Sue Sinton Smith  carersautisticresidentsnewha m@gmail.com 07968424738 (Text only)



#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### **Carers Assessment**

Use the link for more information

https://www.newham.gov.uk/health-adult-social-care/carers-assessments/1

#### **Carers Emergency Card**

Use the link for more information

https://www.newham.gov.uk/health-adult-social-care/emergency-carearrangements/2

#### Form Filling Support

- Your Community Neighbourhoods (Libraries) offer PC access and basic support and guidance in every library across the borough. See Newham library services – Newham Council for more details;
- Community Links offer a free form filling service (105 Barking Road please contact <a href="mailto:advice@community-links.org">advice@community-links.org</a> or on **0207 473 9681**to book an appointment)
- Ascension Community Trust offer free advice and form filling support. Please contact <u>admin@ascensioncommunitytrust.org</u> Tel: **020 7511 1232** to make an appointment).
- Community Links: Chandos East Community Hub Open for drop-in appointments on Monday between 12.30pm and 3pm. For further information, call 020 8555 0850 (90 Chandos Road, Stratford, E15 1TT)

#### **Correspondence Support**

- Voicebaility support for those most vulnerable commissioned by Newham newham@voiceability.org
- Community Links Please contact <a href="mailto:advice@community-links.org">advice@community-links.org</a>, Tel: 0207 473 9681, or visit 105 Barking Road, London, E16 4HQ, for an appointment



#### BENEFITS INFORMATION

Carers Allowance - Click here for factsheet

Attendence Allowance - Click here for factsheet

Disability Living Allowance (DLA) - Click here for factsheet

Grants and support schemes - Click here for information

**Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) - Click here for information** 

Personal Independence Payment (PIP) - Click here for factsheet

#### **WORKING CARERS RIGHTS**

Your Rights In Work - Click here for factsheet

Requesting Flexible Working - Click here details

Taking Time Off When Needed - Click here for details

Support In Work - Click here for details

Thinking of Leaving Work - <u>Click here for details</u>

Thinking of Returning To Work - <u>Click here for details</u>

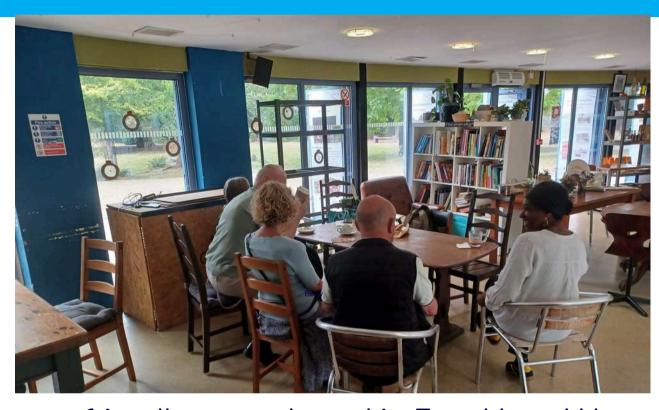
**Boosting Your Skills** - Click here for details

The Carers Leave Act 2023 - Click here for details

The Flexible Leave Act 2023 - Click here for details

# PARKINSON'SUK

#### Newham and East London Support group



We are a friendly group based in East Ham. We meet monthly for coffee at the Central Park Cafe (which has the best cakes in East London).

We also offer a monthly yoga class especially adapted for people with Parkinson's, to help maintain balance and flexibility. If these are up your street come and join us.

For more information contact Karen and Oliver at newham.parkinsons@gmail.com







# PCCN & SOCIAL SWITCH ONLINE HARMS WORKSHOP

In partnership with the Social Switch Project, we are offering free training to parents and carers to support their young people in dealing with harmful online behaviour and the real-life violence which can escalate as a result.

#### **TUESDAY 11 MARCH 2025**

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

THE MIX CENTRE, 1A CUMBERLAND RD, E13 8LH



#### TRAINING COVERS

- Over-usage of phone
- Online grooming
- Inappropriate content (e.g. sexting and sending nudes) Violence against women and girls





FOR ENQUIRIES OR MORE INFORMATION:





PARKINSON'SUK **CHANGE ATTITUDES.** FIND A CURE. JOIN US.



# Newham and East London Parkinsons **Group** St Bart's Church, 292b Barking Road, E6 3BA

Second Friday of every month at 11am

Join us for a chat and free chair-based yoga class, no mat or experience needed. Enhance your balance and mobility.

Contact Karen and Oliver at newham.parkinsons@gmail.com



# BLACK MEN'S LEADERSHIP & ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME (MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING)

ANKH Place CIC have launched Phase 2 of the Black Men's Programme's participation sessions. A programme to support black men aged 18-30 years, who live, work or study in Newham.

Commencing on Saturday 8th February 2025, at Crafted Corner - 27 Silvertown Way, London E16 1DH from 4.30pm, with an introduction to the programme, team and a chance to make any amendments, PLUS a free barbering and male grooming experience.

Up to 40 men will participate and test the programme co-created in Phase 1 and contribute to its review and upgrade, including reaching into other Health, Care and Community Services. Most sessions will again run from The Mix, 1a Cumberland Rd E13 8LH, Saturdays 4.30 to 7pm, with a few sessions at other venues across Newham, TBC.

Participation gift vouchers, food & refreshments are available.

Certificate will be presented at the Celebratory Award Ceremony in

July 2025

To register please click and complete the form here:



https://forms.gle/zYnbtrTW3jWPdyn79



For queries please contact Mavis on +44 7931712508 or ankhplace@gmail.com

Commissioned by London Borough of Newham Public Health Service





# What's on?

Course	Date	Time
Finding Your Neurodiverse Strength	Tues 4th March	12 noon
Time To Talk; Relationships	Tues 4th March	2pm
Drumming for Wellbeing	Weds 5th March	3pm
Making Medication Work For You	Thursday 6th March	10.30am
Next Steps After Change	Thursday 6th March	11am
Weaving for meaning	Friday 7th March	2pm



Week Commencing 3rd March 2025



#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### Benefits and Debt - Our Newham Money support with

Debt & benefit advice - Helping residents to understand the options that are available to them, supporting them to set up repayment plans with their creditors. Undertaking a benefits assessment to establish entitlements and ensuring residents are claiming all entitlements. Support with completing forms related to benefits.

Budgeting / money management advice - Free, impartial, confidential.

Energy advice line - identifying and applying for discounts, referring to priority service registers, switching advice, supplier dispute advice, referring for wider services (fire safety checks, taxi card etc.)

Hardship Support Scheme – support with food and energy costs and other items can be considered in exceptional circumstances.

Home energy visits - arrange free home visiting service to install free small measures such as energy saving bulbs, draught excluders, radflex and more to reduce usage, as well as behavioural advice and controls advice.

Repayment plans - negotiating and agreeing Council Tax & Housing Benefit Overpayments

Emergency support - interest free loans for basic essential furniture, rent deposits and energy.

Affordable loans - loans up to £1,500 for essential purchases, household items, white goods and debt consolidation.



#### **USEFUL INFORMATION**

#### Housing – please visit Housing, homes and homelessness – Newham Council for more information

Council Tenants - Housing Liaison Officers based in each Neighbourhood (click here for contacts) Housing Liaison Team Housing Liaison Officers provide tenancy and leasehold management, undertaking block and estate inspections and responding and dealing with housing and tenancy related enquiries raised by tenants and leaseholders. Provide regular housing surgeries for residents, resolve general housing queries, supporting in bidding and housing applications etc.

Private tenants - Private Housing Technical Support Tel: 020 3373 1950 or Email: <a href="mailto:privatehousing@newham.gov.uk">privatehousing@newham.gov.uk</a>

Homelessness prevention and advice – offers advice for people under threat of homelessness, someone who is rough sleeping or Homeless from Temporary Accommodation. The fastest way to get assistance is by completing an online application or emailing: <a href="mailto:hpas@newham.gov.uk">hpas@newham.gov.uk</a>. Find out more by following this link Homelessness prevention and advice – Newham Council

#### Other Useful Resident Advice Services

UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic - see link for more details

UCL Integrated Legal Advice Clinic (UCL iLAC) | LawWorks

Age UK (Newham Office) – see link for details <u>Turn2Us - Advice Finder - Age UK East London (Newham office) - London</u>

Plaistow South Big Local Money Matters – see link for more details <u>Money Matters – Plaistow South Big Local (psbl.org.uk)</u>



#### **GET IN CONTACT**

If you or a group would like to feature or contribute to future editions please feel free to email:

Newham Carers Community Team - info@newhamcarerscommunity.org.uk

#### IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

#### **Newham Adult Social Services**

•Telephone: 020 8430 2000 Option 2 Textphone: 18001 020 8430 2000

#### **Samaritans**

**•116 123** 

#### Cruse Bereavement Helpline

·0808 808 1677

#### **Victim Support**

- •0808 689 111
- ·Website:

https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/help-andsupport/get-help/supportline

#### **National Domestic Violence Helpline**

· 0808 2000 247

•Website: https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

#### **UNSUBSCRIBE**

If you would us to take you off our mailing list, please email: unsubscribe@ageukeastlondon.org.uk