

# Communities Together Network Bulletin 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019

[The Communities Together Network](#) exists to promote **Strong, Successful and Resilient Communities** for 2019.

The next **Communities Together Network meeting is on 6 June** at 9.30 for networking to start at 10am until noon at Unitas, Barnet Youth Zone, 76 Montrose Ave, Edgware HA8 0DT. The theme is **Emergency Planning** – how community groups can help provide support in emergency situations. Booking is now open [here](#) with an option to tour of Unitas afterwards.

At the recent successful **Funder's Fair** provided by [Inclusion Barnet](#), [Volunteering Barnet](#) and the [Young Barnet Foundation](#) under [Barnet Together](#), **45 organisations** were provided with funding support. The presentations from the day can be found [here](#).

For funding opportunities please see Inclusion Barnet's [newsletter](#).

## Barnet News

### Make use of the Council employee volunteering scheme to help your organisation



The Council recognises the challenging financial climate that Barnet community and faith sectors are facing and is committed to help **build strong and resilient communities** by enabling its employees to volunteer for organisations in Barnet. Most Barnet Council employees have the **equivalent of 2 days each year** which they can use to volunteer on an individual basis, team basis or through using their skills to meet the needs of what the community needs. The Council is working with [Barnet Together](#) to understand these needs and to unlock a variety of volunteering opportunities. [Volunteering Barnet](#) will co-ordinate all requests for volunteering opportunities. Please email [Steve](#) with your volunteering requests now!

### European Parliamentary elections (23 May 2019)



The European Parliamentary elections will be held on Thursday 23 May 2019. To be able to vote in the European Parliamentary elections, you must be [registered to vote](#) by midnight on **Tuesday 7 May 2019**. Barnet's Electoral Services have sent additional registration form to all EU citizens currently on our electoral register. EU citizens must complete and return this [form](#) by **Tuesday 7 May**. To find out more about how to register and the ways you can vote, visit: [www.barnet.gov.uk/elections](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/elections) or contact Barnet Electoral Services at [ero@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:ero@barnet.gov.uk) or 020 8359 5577.

### Last Chance to get involved with Crowdfund London 2019 (1 May)



Do you and your community need to come together to create something new and exciting to benefit the whole neighbourhood? Below you'll find inspiration, resources and all the key details to help you get started. You'll need to be ready to run a crowdfunding campaign and pitch to our fund on [Spacehive](#) by **1st May 2019**. The Mayor will pledge to campaigns by early July, with payments made in the Autumn of 2019

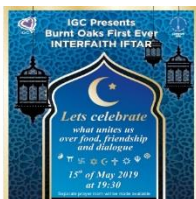
## Upcoming Local Events

### Barnet Carers Centre in Childs Hill (3 May, 7 June, 5 July 10am – 11am)



Barnet Carers Centre will be running a support group for carers of adults in the Childs Hill area. The group is open to informal and is a chance for them to meet other carers, share tips, information and experiences. Session held will be held at Magnolia Court, 181 Granville Road, London, NW2 2LH. For more information email [Paul](#) or call 0208 343 9698.

### Interfaith Iftar (15 May – 19:30)



A small group of local people from different faiths and cultures are planning to celebrate the first Interfaith Iftar in Burnt Oak during the time of Ramadan where Muslims share a meal together at the time of sunset. To be held in the International Gospel Church 102 A Watling Avenue, Burnt Oak HA8 5DJ, all are welcome, for more information email [here](#).

### New Dementia Club Location Launch (2 May 2 – 4pm)



Dementia Club UK and Better are celebrating the launch of a new dementia club at Barnet Copthall. There will be entertainment, dancing and refreshments including a celebratory cake. This location will provide support for people, carers and families affected by Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. Sessions are every first Thursday of every month. For more information [here](#).

### BSA Spring Conference (29 May 10am – 2.15pm)



The Barnet Senior's Association is holding its yearly conference with this year's theme of Social Activities for health and Dr Charlotte Benjamin, Chair of Barnet CCG will speak on Social Prescribing. The venue is Woodhouse College, Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, N12 9EY. To book a stall contact [Tania](#), attend by downloading the booking form [here](#) or more information [here](#).

### Middlesex University event: Changing the Culture Initiative (6 June 5 – 7pm)



The event will be organised to include stalls where attendees can meet the student film-makers, watch their films covering hate crime, the idea of building bridges and messages of tolerance and find out more about safeguarding training. Here is the link to last year's ['No Home for Hate' project](#). The event will take place in The Grove, Middlesex University, The Burroughs, London, NW4 4BT. For more information email [here](#).

### Meritage Centre – Wellbeing Café (31 May, 28 June 11am – 2pm)



The Wellbeing café is a community co-produced project that is open to all in the community on the last Friday of the month at the [Wellbeing Centre](#), Church End, Hendon, NW4 4JT. The café provides an opportunity for all to get involved in an inviting safe space where the community can come together to talk about mental health. Attendees will also be able to engage in workshops, relaxing activities and meet local organisations which may be able to assist them.

## Upcoming National Events

### National Walking Month (May 2019)



Did you know that May is National Walking Month? So why not help celebrate by organising your own walk this May and raise money for our life saving research. Our physical activity specialist, Lisa Young, explains why walking is a great, not only for your health, but also as a way to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. Click here for more [info](#)

### World Fair Trade Day (11 May 2019)



The **World Fair Trade Day** theme is to encourage the public to think about how they can make small changes to gradually swap to more fair trade products, one product at a time. A number of events will celebrate the occasion including a photography contest, meetings and conferences. Further information can be found by visiting the World Fair Trade Organisation [Website](#).

### National Children's Day UK (May 12)



National Children's Day UK is all about the importance of a healthy childhood and how we need to protect the rights and freedoms of children in order to ensure that they can grow into happy, healthy adults. It's a day of celebration for all involved with supporting children – to raise awareness about projects they are running or things they care about. To join [here](#)

### Mental Health Awareness Week (13 – 19 May)



The theme for 2019 is **Body Image** – how we think and feel about our bodies. Body image issues can affect all of us at any age. During this week, the [Mental Health Foundation](#) will publish new research, campaign for change and publish practical tools. Since 2001, they have raised awareness of topics like stress, relationships, loneliness, altruism, sleep, alcohol and friendship.

### Volunteers Week (1 – 7 June)



them [here](#).

Volunteers Week is an ideal opportunity to celebrate the people who volunteer in our organisations and communities. Visit the website for [inspiring volunteering stories, ways to get involved, and free downloadable resources](#) to help make your celebrations a success. [Volunteering Barnet](#) can help provide volunteering support for your organisation, please contact

### Silver Sunday and Silver Week planning in Barnet (1 – 7 October)



The Silver Sunday [2019 RESOURCES](#) is out. With [2019 INFO PACK](#), [EVENT TOOLKIT](#) and NEW [GUIDES](#) for charities, community and faith groups which can be obtained from the [Silver Sunday website](#). In Barnet, the Adults Prevention & Wellbeing team have set up a Steering Group to build on the successes of the past three years. If your organisation wants to be part of the Barnet week-long event please email [Joyce](#).

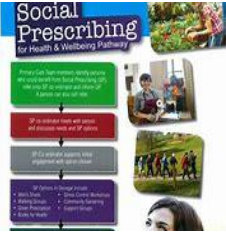


## Barnet Council Tender opportunities

For all of the London Borough of Barnet's tender opportunities please follow this [link](#).

## Barnet consultations:

### Social Prescribing (7 May)



The new GP Contract prepares primary care to play a role in designing and driving a future Integrated Care System of community services and a wider workforce within the Primary Care Multidisciplinary Team. A new role is the **Social Prescribing Link Worker**, outlined in [Network Contract Directed Enhanced Service Specification for 2019/20](#). Contact [Dylan](#) with your views on what can be provided locally.

### Have your say on a new political map of Barnet Council (5 March – 13 May)



The independent Local Government Boundary Commission for England is asking people across Barnet to comment on its draft proposals for new council ward boundaries that would mean **changes to all ward boundaries** in Barnet. The proposal is that Barnet should still have 63 councillors but representing 14 three-councillor wards, 10 two-councillor wards and 1 one-councillor ward across the council. For more information click [here](#).

### New design of the Copthall Sports Hub Masterplan (5 April – 17 May)



Following feedback from a consultation last year, the Barnet Copthall Sports Hub design has been revised. The revision of the design still maintains the long-term vision for the site to provide traditional and non-traditional opportunities offering a range of benefits for residents. There are no proposed amendments to the adjoining Mill Hill Open Spaces masterplans.

Please give us your views on the revised Copthall Sports Hub design by visiting [here](#).

### Brent Cross West Station Consultation (3 April – 1 June)



The new Brent Cross West Thameslink Station is central to the Brent Cross Cricklewood regeneration programme. Forming part of a vibrant new town centre to deliver 7,500 new homes, 3million sq. ft. of work space, up to 27,000 new jobs, new and improved schools and health facilities. Following earlier public consultation, the Council now requires to submit a planning application for the train station and would like your input on the design. Please provide your views by visiting [here](#).

### Victoria Park, Finchley Play Consultation (8 April – 7 May)



Barnet has a great collection of parks and open spaces and this consultation is asking for your views on the play facilities in Victoria Park, Finchley Church End. We are seeking your views on two Play Areas in the park: it is proposed that the Play Area near Long Lane will be designed as an older children's play area; and the proposed Play Area near the Café will be designed for toddlers and younger children. There will be two pop up consultation events in the park. For more information about these events and how to give your views please visit [here](#).

# Barnet Community Directory

Help us to grow our Barnet Community Directory!



**Sign up** to the [Barnet Community Directory](#). This is Barnet's searchable database where organisations can add information about their services, so that other groups (and the Council) in Barnet can signpost residents and potential users.

The Directory also provides an easy to use platform to search for organisations that can help launch joint funding bids by working with partner organisations on a variety of projects.

## About the Communities Together Network (CTN)

The CTN is Barnet's forum for the community and faith sector, police, Clinical Commissioning Groups and the Council to share information on issues relating to community participation, cohesion and safety. The CTN is led by Community Participation and Equalities at Barnet Council and will now take place **four times a year**.

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