

# Communities Together Network Bulletin 14 Dec 2018

[The Communities Together Network](#) wishes you all a very festive break, whether celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah or Hogmanay. The work of the network will focus on creating partnerships for Barnet's **Strong, Successful and Shared Communities** in 2019.

We will continue to help resolve issues of community concern, explore solutions for community needs and access funding. Watch out for our survey where your comments to help us plan future meetings, tailor training and target volunteering support.

We have 6 **Barnet Together crowdfunding projects** that are ending on **17 Dec**. Give them a final push, show your support and pledge [here](#).

Congratulations to **Trevor Alexander, Co-Chair, Barnet Multi Faith Forum** who won the Bridging Trust Award for Interfaith Volunteering from the [JVN Heartbeat of the Community Awards](#)

Remember: **The Mayor's 2019 Barnet Civic Award nominations until 31 Dec**. Nominate [here](#).

## Barnet News

### Seeking your views on Barnet's 2019/20 budget – until 14 January



Anyone who uses Barnet's council services is invited to have a say on the proposed Council's budget and savings for 2019/20. This includes proposals for the General Council Tax and how to bridge the remaining budget gap from 2020 to 2024. This is your opportunity to suggest alternative ways that the Council can meet these challenges. The findings from this consultation will be considered before the final budget is agreed by Full Council on 5 March 2019. Please take the time to read the [consultation document](#) before completing the [online questionnaire](#). If you require a paper copy of the consultation document and questionnaire, email [here](#) or call the Consultation Team on 020 8359 7016.

### Help Barnet Council with developing a Windrush Event for 22 June 2019



The Government is inviting local authorities, charities and community groups to work in partnership to submit a bid for a grant of £2,500 – £25,000. The project will need to celebrate, commemorate and educate about the history of the Empire Windrush as well as the contribution of the Windrush Generation to the our economic, social and cultural life. **The closing date for applications is 21 January 2019**. Contact us [here](#) by 7 January if you want to be part of our bid!

### Support the Secret Santa Toy Drive – until 18 Dec – be quick: [Buy a Gift HERE!](#)



Support our Secret Santa Toy Drive and make sure children have the opportunity to open a present this Christmas. Over 20,000 children are living in poverty across Barnet.

It will be taking place between 20th November - 18th December.  
Simply drop a gift off at our offices or donate online through the dedicated list - link below

<http://amzn.eu/7nQVaAB>

Young Barnet Foundation is a charity working to grow opportunities, activities & services for children in Barnet - Charity no 1164713 - [www.youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk](http://www.youngbarnetfoundation.org.uk)



## Upcoming Local Events

### Building a Stronger Britain Together (BSBT) funding workshop (19 Dec 3.30 – 4.30pm)

**BUILDING  
A STRONGER  
BRITAIN  
TOGETHER**

A grant of up to £50,000 from the [BSBT](#) will soon be available for specific projects which provide a positive alternative to extremist voices. Attend the workshop to find out more at the North London Business Park. Attend and more details [here](#).

### Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January 12.45pm – 2pm)



Barnet Holocaust Memorial's 2019 theme is 'Torn from home' and the High Commissioner of Rwanda will remember the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda. This event will be held at the Rickett Quadrangle, Middlesex University, The Burroughs, Hendon NW4 4BT. The service will feature songs from the [Alyth Youth Choir](#) and music from [The Barnet Band](#) and the [Youth Music Centre](#). Further details [here](#).

### Story Telling at Barnet Libraries (23 and 26 January)



Barnet Libraries is supporting National Story Telling Week with an Evening with Kate Thompson and Melanie McGrath on 23 January and a celebration of Robbie Burns works on 26 January. For further details please email [libraryevents@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:libraryevents@barnet.gov.uk) for more information or check more events [here](#).

### Love Your Neighbour Exhibition (6 January 4.00 – 6.00pm)



Join the [Barnet Multi Faith Forum's](#) Love your Neighbour exhibition which will feature Muslims Who Rescued Jews During The Holocaust at The Centre for Islamic Enlightenment, The Hippodrome, North End Road, Golders Green, London, NW11 7RP

### Young Barnet Foundation East/Central Locality Meeting (14 January 9.30 – 11.30am)



The [Young Barnet Foundation](#) is the umbrella organisation for the local voluntary, community and faith sector for young people in Barnet. Established as part of the Young People Foundation, it has a growing membership and this meeting will be the first of four in 2019 to support partnership working in the East and Central areas of the borough. For more information click [here](#).

### 2019 Year of Learning at Barnet Libraries



Join with Barnet Libraries in a year long plan for learning: **January** – Learn something new; **February** – Get creative; **March** – Science Fact and Fiction; **April** – Go Green; **May** – Health and Wellbeing; **June** – Music; **July** – Explore the World; **August** – Read, Read, Read; **September** – Get Active; **October** – Go Digital; **November** - Performing Arts and **December** – All about Barnet. Email [libraryevents@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:libraryevents@barnet.gov.uk) to get involved or click [here](#) for more info.

### Young Barnet Foundation West/South Locality Meeting (26 February 9.30 – 11.30am)



The [Young Barnet Foundation](#) first of four locality meetings in 2019 to support partnership working in the West and South areas of the borough. For more information click [here](#).

## Upcoming National Events

### National Obesity Awareness Week (14 – 20 January)



Join in with the rest of the UK for a New Year's resolution to help improve the nation's health. There are lots of simple ways that can make a huge impact. Whether it's cooking more healthily, avoiding snacks, or being a little more physically active. Obesity approximately affects 1 in 4 adults, and 1 in 5 children aged 10 - 11. It can lead to many serious health conditions that are potentially life-threatening, such as type 2 diabetes, coronary heart disease, a stroke and also some types of cancer for example bowel cancer. More information [here](#).

### Cervical Cancer Prevention Week (21 - 27 January)



Every day in the UK, 9 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and 3 women lose their lives from the disease every day. Cervical cancer is the most common cancer in women aged 35 and 75 per cent of cervical cancers are prevented by cervical screening (smear tests), however one in four women do not attend this potentially life-saving test. Help promote awareness of this issue [here](#).

### Big Energy Saving Week (21 - 27 January)



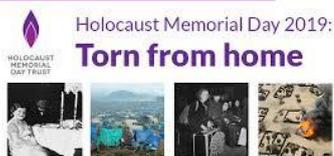
In its eighth year, our national campaign helps people reduce their energy bills and get all the financial support they are entitled to. Campaigners across the country will be holding events with the public and frontline workers encouraging people to 'Check, Switch, Save'. We'll be raising awareness of how to switch energy supplier or tariff to get the best deal, access discounts and grants, and make homes energy efficient. We'll also be helping people to find the support they need. For more information, click [here](#).

### National Storytelling Week (26 January – 2 February)



Over the past 25 years The Society For Storytelling has achieved much in its mission for the promotion of the oral tradition of storytelling, the very first way of communicating life experiences and the creative imagination. 2019 marks the 19th year of its Annual National Storytelling Week. For more information visit the Society's website [here](#).

### Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January)



This year's theme will include marking the 25th anniversary of the Genocide in Rwanda, which began in April 1994 and the 40th anniversary of the end of the Genocide in Cambodia, which ended in 1979. The Holocaust Memorial Day Trust activity organisers may particularly want to acknowledge this milestone anniversary, and reflect on how this theme impacts on members of the Rwandan and Cambodian communities. Take part [here](#).

## Funding opportunities

### Home Office | Pocket Park Fund

The funding is for communities working with their local authority to deliver new pocket parks and support refurbishment of parks that have fallen into disrepair where their restoration will make a significant positive impact in the local community. Grants of up to **£15,000 for new pocket parks** and **£25,000 for refurbishment of existing parks** split between capital and revenue. Communities are required to obtain match-funding and will need to provide evidence that a minimum of 30% of the grant applied for has been secured.

**The deadline is 25 January.** Apply for [fund](#).

### Big Lottery | Reaching Communities & Partnerships

You can apply for **over £10,000** to support communities to take action on the issues that matter to them. Read the guidance for [Reaching Communities](#) or [Partnerships](#), and use the box [here](#) to share details about your organisation as well as: what you want to do and why; what difference you think your idea will make and how the community is involved and the length of your project budget and how much funding you'll need

**The deadline is rolling.** Apply for [fund](#).

### Woodward Charitable Trust | Small Grant

The trust funds charitable organisations (charities, social enterprises and community interest companies) with an income of less than £300,000 where small grants can have more impact. Most grants of **£500- £5,000** made are for one-off projects although some grants fund salaries and running costs. Priority is given to projects make good use of volunteers, encourage past and current users to participate.

**The deadline is 31 January.** Apply for the [fund](#).

### ACT Foundation | Grant

Registered charities can apply for grant of up to **£10,000** for work that enhances the quality of life for people in need, specifically the mentally and physically disabled. Priority is given to small and medium size charities making a significant impact in their community and who may lack the time and resources to be able to focus on their fundraising. Grants are for projects that have a significant impact across one or more of four themes - Health and Wellbeing; Independent Living at Home; Respite; and Transition.

**The deadline is rolling.** Apply for [fund](#).

### Greggs Foundation | Local Community Projects Fund

Grants of up to £2,000 are available for sustainable and new or innovative approaches to support and improve the resilience of communities which can be used towards projects such as sessional activities/respite support, equipment for sessional activities, trips and residential breaks. Any not-for-profit organisation can apply. However, organisations with a turnover in excess of £300,000 are unlikely to be successful. Priority will be given to organisations that have Greggs shops or premises nearby.

**The deadline is 28 February.** Apply for the [fund](#)

### Leathersellers' Company Charitable Fund | Small or Main Grants

The fund is keen to fund projects that provide support for children/young people, elderly/old people and people with disabilities through two grant giving programmes. The **Small Grant Programme** is a fast track grant assessment for one-off grants of up to £3,000 (with the average between £500 £1,500). The **Main Grants Programme** awards single and multiple year grants (up to four years) of £5,000 and usually up to £40,000. Generally, grants are awarded for special projects, capital grants and core costs such as salaries, rent and utilities.

**The deadline is rolling.** Apply for [fund](#).

More fundraising information from <http://fundraising.co.uk/> and <https://funding.londonsport.org/>

## Barnet Council Tender opportunities

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

## Key Engage Barnet consultations:

General Council Budget 2019/20: <https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/Budget2019-20>

Homelessness: [https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/Housing\\_Homeless\\_and\\_Rough\\_Sleeping](https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/Housing_Homeless_and_Rough_Sleeping)

Housing: [https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/draft\\_Housing\\_Strategy](https://engage.barnet.gov.uk/draft_Housing_Strategy)

## Barnet Community Directory

### Help us to grow our Barnet Community Directory!



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

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organisations have already registered.

The most up-to-date list of the voluntary and community groups active in Barnet, and the directory of organisations and groups that are working with local communities in Barnet by registering to FREE below.

[Register here](#)



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 the 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 takes place three times a year.

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