

# WFCH Update



*What's new in our Charity*

## *In This Issue*

**We launch our new vision and mission**

**Fundraising in a pandemic - training session  
22nd June**

**Our projects supporting young people**

**Befriending services and seniors' project**

**Community events**

**If you'd like any more information about anything in this news letter, contact us:**

**WF Community Hub**

18a Orford Road, London E17 9LN

020 8223 0707

info@wfchub.org



## **Our new Vision & Mission**

The last 15 months have been hugely challenging for our charity and our community, compelling us to focus on adapting our services to meet local need and reviewing our Vision and Mission.

**VISION** – Our borough is a place where every individual and community is valued, supported and can thrive.

**MISSION** - We are committed to bringing together and leading the community, providing opportunities and resources that value and empower all.

Our new strategy will focus on:

1. Developing a sustainable organisation that can meet the future needs of the community.
2. Reducing isolation and improving wellbeing in those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable.
3. Engaging and empowering young people to participate, grow and achieve.
4. Strengthening the community of Waltham Forest by sharing our space, voice and expertise.

# Fundraising in a Pandemic - Monwara Ali, Director

We understand the uncertainty many residents feel due to changes to the government Road Map, now extended until 19th July 2021. It continues to be challenging and as we prepare to emerge from this crisis it is important that we remain positive and supportive. After successfully raising grants ranging from £6,000 to £170,000 during the pandemic, I will share valuable tips, including my insight of what funders are looking for in a 90 minute session on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at 6pm. This session is designed for trustees and senior managers within charities, voluntary and community sector organisations. There are only a few places left.

You can book a place [HERE](#)



## Projects supporting young people

Our Headstart Action Programme, funded by London Youth, is now in its 2nd cohort and is supporting young people with social action projects and employability support. Our Youth Team have also developed a 'Safer Spaces' collaboration with Leyton Orient Trust and the Metropolitan Police. We are also looking to open Youth Clubs on two housing estates within the next few months.



# Befriending Service and Seniors' project



The impact of Covid-19 and the lockdowns associated with it were the catalyst behind many mental health problems over the last year and a half. A study by the office for national statistics found that over 7 million people in the UK had been affected by loneliness.

We've launched the Waltham Forest Befriending Service in partnership with Crest of WF and will be accepting referrals for Telephone Befriending from Waltham Forest Council and their Social Prescribing Teams.

This week is National Loneliness Week, a timely reminder to take care of our own wellbeing as well as the people we are supporting at this difficult time click [HERE](#) for some tips on helping with loneliness.



We have also continued to offer weekly telephone support to all our Seniors' Club members, until our face to face activities for older people resume which we hope will be later in the summer. They can't wait to get back to their social club.

# Our Community Events

Join us at our covid secure community events at our building - 18a Orford Road, E17 9LN



## ARTS TRAIL VENUE

Outdoors Art  
Exhibition

**Sat 3rd July from  
Midday**

Light refreshments  
available

Raising money for good causes  
**STARLIGHTERS PRESENTS:**

**Post Pandemic Entertainment!**  
An evening of song and merriment celebrating 40 years of Starlighters.

**LIVE ON STAGE!**

Fri 23rd July 2021 7pm

Sat 24th July 2.30pm & 7pm



**Tickets:**

[www.ticketlab.co.uk/events/wfchub](http://www.ticketlab.co.uk/events/wfchub)