



**Evelyn Assembly
21 May 2013
Evelyn Community Centre
7pm – 9pm**



Meeting notes

Your local assembly, your say!

1. Welcome and Introduction to the meeting

Councillor Crada Onuegbu welcomed everyone to the meeting. She also welcomed the new Evelyn ward councillor Olufunke Abidoye.

2. Evelyn Local Assembly Fund 2013/2014

Nancy Stridgen the Evelyn Assembly coordinator spoke about this years Assembly Fund. It was explained that there is £15,000 for Evelyn ward to help with the wards priorities which are:

- Youth Provision
- Reducing Antisocial Behaviour and Crime
- Provision for Older People
- Housing Issues
- Tackling Drug Problems

There is an aim to also use the money to help get funding for the area from other sources as well to maybe have bigger projects in the Evelyn area.

Change for 2013/2014

This year there will be a change as no groups will apply for funding. The coordinating group will put together project ideas from what residents have asked for. The Assembly will be able to vote on those ideas at the Assembly on the 12 October 2013.

How do we know what residents want?

It was explained that as well as speaking to people at the assembly meetings, the coordinator is visiting community groups in the ward to ask younger people, older people and people who are not represented at the assembly meeting, what they think the assembly should spend money on and work on in the next year.

Questions

It was answered that the coordinating groups won't be bringing in groups from outside Lewisham to run projects and that the aim is for local groups to run local projects.

3. Table Discussions

Have you got ideas any ideas on projects we should use the Assembly Fund for?

- Newsletter
- More advertising of what is available

- Older Peoples Club – support activities 2-3 times a week
- Luncheon Club Grove Café
- Tai Chi/Dance Classes to reduce falls risks
- Lunch Clubs for older people
- Workshops for older people to find out what benefits they are entitled to

- Community Engagement project to involve all ages e.g. Boat Building on Convoys Wharf outcomes to appreciating the area, learn about history, sense of community pride. Involve local groups, people and organisations.
- Community Theatre
- Lunch Club - Cultural Cuisine “Share Talents”
- Personal effectiveness Training to help build self confidence

- Support for Young Mothers from experienced Mothers
- For Youth and Older People – Apprenticeships at the Quay Point in Photography, Journalism, Graphic Design (print and web), Telesales (Advertising). This could lead to part-time employment with the paper.
- Social Enterprise for young people to work on
- EcoCommunities can provide -youth employment training, libraries computer access and cheap computers
- More for Youth X2
- Art and Dance, Boxing/Kickboxing – Sayes Court -separate for girls - Drama/Dancing
- Music: MIDI
- Boxing Double Jab – increase self confidence/ discipline
- Football Millwall
- Millwall can provide youth provision and ASB reduction training opportunities

- Art Therapy – Tackling Drug Problems at 999 Club
- Knife Crime issues project
- For ASB and Drug Problems funding support groups for women and men that are in or have suffered any form of abuse –(domestic, sexual, drugs and alcohol, elder abuse) for 18-75+. Workshops and awareness within the community.
- Past Drug users to speak to Youth
- NCSS can provide ASB Drugs and housing issues Networking and co-ordinating

Can you recommend groups you think could run a project well?

- Deptford Church Centre
- 999 Club
- Deptford Adventure Playground
- FOWI Future of Women International
- Co-opeys
- Your Room For Thoughts
- Build the Lenox
- The AHOY Centre

- Earth Wake Media (publisher of the Quay Point)
- Sayes Court – Boxing
- Eco-Communities
- Opportunity Access
- NCSS
- Millwall
- Double Jab – Boxing young people

4. Eco Communities - Raise Your Game Training Project

Gavin Dunn from EcoCommunities spoke to the assembly. He explained that EcoCommunities are running a training and work placement programme for unemployed 18-24 year olds but have had no referrals from Job Centre Plus currently. Young people can be referred from their Job Centre and will be given a personal assessment of their experience, interests and skills to ensure that they are given the right support and placements. They can offer work experience, NQV's, courses in childcare, barista training for coffee shops and can tailor work placements to peoples interests.

Christine Robinson from 'Opportunity Access' spoke the assembly. She explained that her 'Raise Your Game' programme is part of the training project also. She advises and helps young people with employability skills including roles and expectations and how to react to situations in the workplace. The programme gets young people fully prepared for an interview and work situation so they have a better chance at succeeding.

5. Age Exchange 'Memories of Deptford' project

Malcolm Jones from 'Age Exchange' spoke to the assembly. He explained that 'Age Exchange' specialise in running reminiscence projects where people share memories and life experiences to remember their life as younger people. They are running a project in Deptford for about 10-12 local people to share stories and create a permanent photographic exhibition in a local centre. They will also share some of the information with younger people to get a better understanding between generations. Malcolm very generously gave out some books about the history of communities around the river Thames.

6. Creekside Discovery Centre

Nick Bradshaw from the Creekside Discovery Centre spoke to the Assembly.

He explained that the centre is open for the community to visit as well as being an educational hub for school children. There is pond dipping and wild flowers and waders for explorers to find interesting objects in the creek to examine.

The centre runs a free after school club on Thursdays 3.45pm -5.15pm contact Natalie on education@creeksideside.org.uk 0208 692 9922. www.creeksidecentre.org.uk .

Rivers and People Project

The Rivers and People project has had free events open to everyone running from February to July the remaining events that are being held at Creekside are
 Tuesday 18 June 2.30pm Pressing Wildflowers
 Sunday 23 June 10.30am Gardening for wildlife

Sunday 30 June 11am Creek Clean up
Sunday 7 July 6pm It's a Wrap

Low Tide Walks

There are low tide walks from Creekside Discovery Centre in the waders on
Saturday 20 June 11am
Sunday 14 July 11am

7. Community Updates

Millwall 4 All

Dean from 'Millwall 4 All' spoke to the assembly. It was explained that 'Millwall 4 All' is the community based section of the club that works especially with young people to develop community sports leaders, first aid qualifications, apprenticeships and CV help. Millwall 4 All would like to work closer with the Evelyn Assembly.

Quay Point newspaper and website

It was asked that any community news is sent to O'Quo-Charlz Uvieghara at the thequaypoint@gmail.com. The website is open now on www.thequaypoint.co.uk. The Quay Point local community newspaper will be circulated soon.

DeptfordNewCross Choose Health

Keji Kazzim advertised the range of DeptfordNewCross Choose Health activities 'Choose Health' projects. If you are interested in any activities contact Keji on keji.kazzim@nhs.net or 0203 0493575.

Stronger than you Think

Free sessions for women that have been affected by domestic violence 10-12pm from 9 September to October 2013 at Green Shoots Community Garden, Besson Street, New Cross SE14. Contact Sharon on 07977 482 123 email roomforthoughts@yahoo.co.uk.

No declarations of interest were made at this meeting.