



News from the Active Citizens Hub

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Welcome to the latest issue of the Active Citizens Hub e-bulletin - keeping you up to date with our news, events and training. The Active Citizens Hub at Volunteer Centre Southwark is here to encourage and support you to get more involved in your community, make things happen, have your say and take part in decisions that affect you. Our full contact details can be found [below](#).

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Active Citizen Hub Campaign

We Camberwell

We want you to get excited about your life and your area. Have you ever thought of using your spare time to get more involved in the place you work or call home? We are looking for anyone who has an interest in Camberwell, either as a resident, someone who works locally or anyone who visits Camberwell. The campaign will

included a series of Free Workshops on a variety of topics. Attendees will also have the chance to access volunteer opportunities in Camberwell. No need to book, just drop in. All workshops will be held at St Mary's Banqueting Halls (1min from Camberwell Green) See below for details or visit:

<http://www.volunteercentres.org.uk/welovecamberwell.htm>

Art in Camberwell

25th March 6:30 -8pm or

1st April 1:30 – 3pm

Come and learn more about the artistic scene in Camberwell and discover ways you can help brighten up your neighbourhood. There will be various members of the Camberwell artistic community in attendance, providing advice and support on how you can volunteer in artistic projects.

Speak up in Camberwell!

23rd March 6:30 – 8pm or

8th April 1:30 – 3pm

Do you care about what is going on in Camberwell? Do you want to voice your opinion on how to improve the area? Then come along and learn about all the events and organisations that need people like you to help make great things happen in Camberwell. We will also be giving information on how you can train to become a Councillor and stand in your local election!

How to Become a Magistrate

24th March 6:30 – 8pm

Do you have a sound judgement and strong sense of personal integrity? Do you have a sound knowledge and passion for Camberwell? Yes? Then come and find out how you can train to become a court Magistrate. You will become an integral part of the legal system at Camberwell Magistrates Court. No prior experience needed! Come along to our special workshop for Camberwell magistrates where you will find everything you need to know.

Volunteering with Young People

16th March 6:30 – 8pm or

29th March 1:30 – 3pm

If you are looking to help work towards improving the lives of young people in Camberwell come along to one of these workshops to gain a greater understanding of the options you have to get involved. There will be various organisations working with young people in attendance with opportunities on how you can get involved with them.

Better the Camberwell Environment

18th March 6:30 – 8pm or

6th April 1:30 – 3pm

Would you like to make Camberwell a more attractive place to live and work? There are a number of environmental community groups in Camberwell looking for volunteers to help. From helping out in the park to influencing decisions over revitalization of community areas,

there are many ways you can get involved. Come along to one of our talks and meet the people that want to help get you involved in improving your local environment.

Work Experience through Volunteering

15th March 1:30 - 3pm or

31st March 6:30 – 8pm

Want to make yourself more employable? Come and hear how we can support and provide voluntary work experience placements to equip you with the confidence and job skills to enable you to get into work. We work with a wide range of organisations in Camberwell and across Southwark that host volunteers, providing an extremely valuable addition to your CV.

For more information Contact: The Hub Team on 020 7703 4205

Email: getactive@volunteercetes.org.uk

Active Citizens Opportunities

Here are a few of the latest Active Citizens Opportunities that we have on our data base and posted on the www.do-it.org.uk website

- **3 Trustees Vacancies @ Independent Academic Research Studies**

A trustee is someone who is part of a group of people that are responsible for the overall management of an organisation or charity. Trustees' set the strategy and make sure an organisation is achieving its aims. Being a trustee here is a great way of gaining 'high up' experience, feeding into our development and ensuring that we really are 'making volunteering easy' within Southwark.

When? Weekday Evenings

Where? SE1

How Often? Once a quarter

- **Trustee @ Cambridge House and Talbot**

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How Often? Once a quarter

- **Treasure@ Surrey Dock Farm**

The Treasurer will actively advise the Management Committee regarding the financial direction and security of the charity.

When? Tuesday & Thursday Evening

Where? SE16

How Often? Flexible

- **Social Innovation Campaigner @ Go London**

Campaigner is looking for ideas to get Londoners physically active. By encouraging conversations about the opportunity for and benefits of being physically active we hope to capture bright, innovative ideas that drive up participation in physical activity resulting in a competition to make the winning idea a reality.

When? Flexible

Where? Across Southwark

How Often? Flexible

- **Volunteer Community Warden @ Southwark Community Warden Service**

Southwark's community warden scheme provides a visible reassurance for the community. The 90 strong warden team are based across Southwark's eight community council areas

When? Flexible

Where? Across Southwark

How Often? Flexible

For more information Contact: The Hub Team on 020 7403 2936

Email: getactive@volunteercenres.org.uk

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Upcoming Active Citizens Hub Training

Free Training –Last Three in our Current Programme

Take advantage of our free training to gain skills, increase your confidence and get more active in the community. Our Active Citizens Hub new training schedule which will be coming out soon.

Hurry and Take advantage Listed below :

- **Effective Meeting Skills**

Course Date: 24th March 2010 - Full day (10am – 4pm)

Course Outline: This session supports you to gain a clear understanding of what makes an effective meeting and aims to provide you with the confidence to get your point across.

- **Working with Diversity (Community Cohesion)**

Course Dates: 25th March 2010 – 2 hours (10am-2pm)

Course Outline: This session explores community cohesion whilst demonstrating how participants can have meaningful interaction within the community

- **Working Well Together**

Course Date: 13th April 2010 Full day (10am – 4pm)

Course Outline: This course is to enable participants to develop a better understanding of how residents can work together to make a difference in their community.

Places are limited to find out more or register contact: Karen on 020 7403 29036 or Email getactive@volunteercentres.org.uk

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FREE FACILITIES Meeting Space YOUTH CLUB FOR THE BLUE

The Youth Club 4 the Blue based at 190-192 Southwark Park Road is offering free meeting space to groups every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday between 10am and 3pm. The facilities on offer based on the ground floor comprise tables and chairs, a TV set and DVD player, fridge, central heating and one unisex toilet. Priority will be given to groups who are active in young people's and adults development.

For more information please contact Greg on 07958742573.

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Southwark Trustees Project

The Southwark Trustees Project (STeP) at CAS is running a free induction programme for new management committee members of Southwark organisations.

This is open to any management committee members of Southwark organisations who have joined their committee in the last year.

Please note that we will be able to take a *maximum* of three management committee members on any one organisation.

For a booking form contact Lynne on 020 7358 4826, email lynne@casouthwark.org.uk

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Upcoming Community Events

Faith Area Network

Rotherhithe & Bermondsey, Tuesday 20th April 2010

Venue: Christ Apostolic Church, 163 Ilderton Road, SE16 3LA

For more information contact: Mairi on 020 7394 7262 or email:

mairimills@bedehouse.org.uk

Free Women's Events – To Celebrate International Women's Day

Women and Girls Network is funded by London Councils to provide counselling and support to women who have experienced gendered violence primarily in the borough.

We are holding promotional events in the boroughs to coincide with International Women's Day. At the event there will be taster sessions of various body therapies, workshops, self-defence, information stalls on local services, films & discussion, refreshments and crèche. The event is for women only, with workshops targeted at young women. Accompanied boys under 10 are welcome.

The events take place at the following venues/dates:

Saturday 27th March 2010: Southwark

Damilola Taylor Centre, 1 East Surry Grove, Peckham, SE15 6DR

10am- 4pm

Click on the link below for e-flyers.

http://www.wgn.org.uk/emails/southwark_eflyer.html

Upcoming Community Meetings

Community Councils

Community councils are meetings between Councillors and the public that give decision making back to the people it affects directly - the citizens of the area. Community councils make decisions, discuss and consult local people on:

- Traffic
- Community safety

- Environmental improvements
- Appointment of primary school governors
- Planning applications

There are eight community councils for Southwark that meet seven or eight times per year – details of the next meeting in each area are below.

You can check Southwark Council's website for the most up to date information on community council meetings at <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourCommunity/>

Bermondsey

There are no more general meetings before the local government elections on 6 May 2010.

For more information please contact: Gerald Gohler

Tel: 020 7525 7240

Email: gerald.gohler@southwark.gov.uk

Borough and Bankside

There are no more general meetings before the local government elections on 6 May 2010.

For more information please contact: Tim Murtagh

Tel: 020 7525 7187

Email: tim.murtagh@southwark.gov.uk

Camberwell

There are no more general meetings before the local government elections on 6 May 2010.

For more information please contact: Sally Masson

Tel: 020 7525 7224

Email: sally.masson@southwark.gov.uk

Dulwich

The next General Meeting is on Thursday 25th March 2009 7 pm. Venue: TBC

For more information please contact: Beverley Olamijulo

Tel: 020 7525 7234

Email: beverley.olamijulo@southwark.gov.uk

Nunhead and Peckham Rye

The next General Meeting is on Tuesday 16th March 2010, 7pm. Venue: TBC

For more information please contact: Gerald Gohler

Tel: 020 7525 7420

Email: gerald.gohler@southwark.gov.uk

Peckham

The next General Meeting is on Tuesday 23 March 2010, 7pm. Venue: Sojourner Truth Community Centre, 161 Sumner Road, Peckham SE15 6JL

For more information please contact: Tim Murtagh

Tel: 020 7525 7187

Email: tim.murtagh@southwark.gov.uk

Rotherhithe

Next General meeting is TBC. Venue: TBC

For more information please contact: Beverley Olamijulo

Tel: 020 7525 7234

Email: beverley.olamijulo@southwark.gov.uk

Walworth

The next General meeting is on Tuesday March 16th March 2010, 7pm. Venue: Thurlow Lodge, Thurlow Street (corner of Albany Road), Walworth SE17 2US

For more information please contact: Sally Masson

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Email: sally.masson@southwark.gov.uk

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The Active Citizens Hub offers one to one advice and support in becoming more active, over the phone or face to face. For example, we can help if you want to start a campaign or raise an issue, or get advice on understanding and accessing local services. We also provide a programme of free training.

CONTACT THE ACTIVE CITIZENS HUB AT VOLUNTEER CENTRE SOUTHWARK

Call us: FREEPHONE 0800 0185 692

E-mail us: getactive@volunteercentres.org.uk

Visit our website: www.volunteercentres.org.uk

Write to us: Freepost Lon 15216, London SE1 9BR

Search for volunteering & active citizen opportunities: www.do-it.org.uk

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