

TAKEnote

Walworth Community Council



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Unicorn theatre

The Unicorn Theatre opened its doors on Tooley Street, SE1, on November 24. It is the first purpose built children's theatre in the UK. The theatre is offering half price tickets for selected Unicorn productions for the first two weeks of a performance for all Southwark residents. There are four shows running until July this year. Just tell the box office that you are a Southwark resident when you book your tickets.

Email
boxoffice@unicorntheatre.com
or call 08700 534 534 or visit
www.unicorntheatre.com

Walworth young people speak out

"We want a place where we can get together for things like dancing and music," was a main message from the young people who came to this Walworth community council meeting to discuss issues that concern them the most and to tell Councillors what they want from their community council meetings.



Ideas were discussed as to what the community council can do to get young people more involved in council issues and the decision making process. Councillors agreed to have a special community council meeting at a time more convenient for young people and in a different format so young people feel comfortable enough to be involved and have their say.

Young people from the Newington Estate told their community council that they would like regular access to their tenants' association (TA) hall. One of their problems is that they don't have anywhere to go and the TA hall is a space close to home they can use for activities such as art, dancing and music. Councillors agreed to look into this.

Youth workers from the Brandon and Aylesbury Youth Centres were also at the meeting. They described some of the activities available for young people. If you want to find out more about what's available then contact **Michelle on 020 7525 1525 or Roger on 020 7252 6244.**

What the young people said...

- The police on our estate take our names and addresses, give us warnings and move us on because we're a group, sitting on benches. We then get told because of the noise (which is not caused by us) they will take the benches away so we have nowhere to sit.
- We are always blamed for things we haven't done just because we live on the estate – we are not doing anything wrong!
- Pushing young people away and telling them to move just moves them on to other estates – you are not dealing with the problem.
- TRAs in the area need to open their halls to the whole community.
- We want a place where we can get together for things like dancing and music – we have nowhere to go.
- Young people used to have church and scout halls to go to – these days they have nothing. They can organise committees and manage themselves and be responsible. We need to support today's youth and give them access to venues they are the hall users and TA members of the future.



Step Forward Project

This Project is designed to help local residents feel more confident in speaking out at public meeting – just like community councils. The five-week training course can help you get your point across clearly and give you the confidence to have your say on issues which concern you. Courses run on Thursday nights, starting March 2. Step Forward also offer workshops at tenants' and residents' association meetings. If you think you or anyone you know might benefit contact Phil Gannon on 020 8692 7115 or email phil@44lnx.org.uk.

Southwark Community Games

Southwark Community Games is a year round programme of sports coaching in schools, parks, estates and kick about areas, run throughout the eight community councils. The games also offer young adults 16 years and above, sports training, leading to qualifications in coaching and part time employment.

The competition for 2006 will start soon. Every school in the borough will be involved and there will be 300 training places for young adults. Ten community sport coaches will also be involved. If you're a young person who would like to get involved call **Vernon Neve-Dunn on 020 7525 0770** or email vernon.neve-dunn@southwark.gov.uk.

Karrot project helps tackle youth crime

The Karrot Project is open to all of the 8,500 young people aged 11 to 15 years, who live or are educated in the borough. It was set up to increase school attendance and reduce youth crime. The project began in winter 2001 as a pilot initiative. It has now been adopted as an important element of the borough's youth strategy. 800 Southwark teenagers were surveyed in 2001. They were asked why they or their friends might not go to school, or why they might get involved in criminal activity or antisocial behaviour. They gave three answers: a shortage of information on local activities, boredom, and a complete lack of recognition. In response, the Karrot scheme supports a rewards scheme for young people, a mobile internet bus and many activities. **For more information email info@karrot.org.uk or phone 020 7232 6004.**

Why don't you become a school governor?

All over the country, school governors, **people like you**, are making sure that the children get the best from school. Could you become a school governor and put something back by supporting the children in your local community? You don't need to be a parent or know about education matters. You can contribute your knowledge and experience from other areas of your life and the skills you have learnt. The children in Southwark schools come from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures and the mix of school governors needs to reflect this. So we need governors from all sectors of the community, from all cultures and ethnic origins. Applications are welcome from anyone aged 18 or over.



For further information contact **Pam Rayment, governor development officer, on 020 7525 5114** or email pam.rayment@southwark.gov.uk

Residents choose Project Centre design for Walworth Road

The transformation of the Walworth Road moved a step closer, with the announcement at this meeting, that Project Centre's design has been chosen by local people as the preferred option for the South London throughfare.

Two design proposals were shortlisted by Southwark Council, and local people invited to vote for the one they liked best at the community council meeting in January.

The Project Centre's design won the backing of 76 per cent of residents who cast a vote. The Walworth Community Council will again meet on March 20 2006 and people will get the chance to discuss the detailed designs, which are planned to be presented at this meeting. Others – such as emergency services – will be consulted to make sure the plans suit everyone.

If you want to get involved come along to the next community council meeting on March 20 at the Aylesbury Day Centre 7.00 pm.

S106 planning agreements report

Section 106 planning contributions are used to address the negative impacts caused by a development. A special amount of money is negotiated to help provide facilities which will lessen the impact of the development on the surrounding community. This is delivered through a legal agreement between the council and a developer and is negotiated by planning officers as part of the planning application process. A report was presented to the Walworth CC which explained the amount of money negotiated for the Walworth area and how it was being spent.

Questions were asked about the project bank which stores ideas for projects that S106 planning contributions can pay for in Walworth. Councillors and members of the community asked for further details and a Southwark Council officer will come back to explain the project bank, how it relates to S106 and what it means to the Walworth community.

Your next Walworth meeting is on Monday March 20 2006, at the Aylesbury Day Centre, 7.00 pm.

Everyone welcome!

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