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A NEWSLETTER CONTAINING UP TO DATE INFORMATION AND SERVICES AVAILABLE FOR NEWHAM FAMILIES

Hello Newham Parents and Carers!

Please enjoy this month's Parent Connect Newsletter If you would like to receive this Newsletter direct to your email every month, you can sign up here!

Best wishes all,
The Early Help Partnership Team

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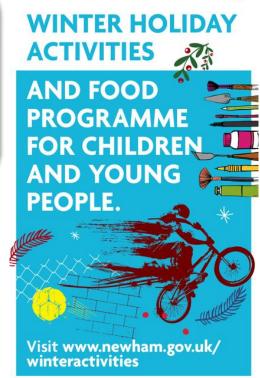
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WE ARE NEWHAM.





Winter Holiday Activities and Food Programme for Children and Young People



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Winter and the festive season is finally here with us, and we are delighted to present the most anticipated winter activities programme brochure for Newham's children and young people, including those with vulnerabilities, which will run from 22 December 2022 to 4 January 2023. We understand the challenges young people and their families face in light of the cost of living crisis, so to support them, we have provided access to as many free activities as possible to help lighten the burden. We have also included information on various support which will be available for them during this period including health and vaccination information, warm havens, crisis lines and much more.

For families who are in receipt of benefits related free school meals, the Council is making a nutritious meal offer available during the school break. The Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme which is funded by the Department for Education (DFE), will be running during this period and on the brochure, there is a section dedicated to the HAF provision and its providers. For children and young people who qualify for this programme, they will need to contact the providers directly to book a slot. We strongly encourage families to book a slot as soon as possible so that they don't miss out on this fantastic offer.

This festive season will be one to remember.

View: Winter activities programme

Newham's Pathfinder Project

NEWHAM'S PATHFINDER PROJECT.



Are you a parent living in Newham?

Will you love to understand how to recognise and deal with trauma within your children, especially hidden trauma?

Newham's Pathfinder Project is organizing a 5 week parenting support program aimed at equipping parents with knowledge, advice and resources that can help them to recognize and support their children and young people experiencing trauma especially those of Black, Asian, Eastern European or Mixed heritages.

The series of workshops will take place on zoom and are scheduled as follows:

Day 1	Introductions and understanding how to recognise	19/01/2022	9:30 -11:30am
	trauma within young people		
Day 2	Understanding the perspectives of young people	26/01/2022	9:30 -11:30am
	about the trauma they face		
Day 3	Understanding the impact of trauma on family life	02/02/2022	9:30 -11:30am
Day 4	Addressing and Overcoming trauma	09/02/2023	9:30 -11:30am
Day 5	Overall review with Question & Answers	02/03/2023	9:30 -11:30am

Kindly sign up for these sessions using the link below.

https://tinyurl.com/parentstraumaworkshop

For any further enquiry, kindly send an email to: pathfinder@newham.gov.uk

Strep A and Scarlet Fever Information Newham Public Health Team







STREP A & SCARLET FEVER



What is Strep A?

- Strep A is a bacteria that causes a mild infection which can be treated with antibiotics
- It can cause some illnesses including a sore throat, scarlet fever, and impetigo (skin rash)
- It can in very rare cases become serious and affect children's lungs and blood



Symptoms of scarlet fever and Strep A

- · Early symptoms of scarlet fever include sore throat, headache, fever
- After 12 to 48 hours, red, tiny (like a pin) rash develops, usually on child's chest and tummy. Sometimes the rash spreads to other parts of their body
- Skin will feel rougher and scratchier than normal (like sandpaper)
- Cheeks might feel flushed and children might be pale around their mouths.
 It may look is different in darker skins but the feel is the same



What to do if someone has symptoms

- Call 111 or your GP to find out the reason for the symptoms and get treatment
- . Stay at home to reduce the chance of giving other people the infection
- If a child or adult is diagnosed with Strep A (eg scarlet fever), they should stay home until 24 hours after starting antibiotics
- Antibiotics should be taken for as long as the GP prescribed even if someone feels better
- If your child is having difficulty breathing or turning blue call 999



What to do to reduce the risk of getting or spreading Strep A

- Wash hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds
- · Use a tissue to catch coughs and sneezes
- Keep away from others when feeling unwell
- · Have your flu and COVID vaccines and childhood vaccines



Why are there more cases of Strep A at the moment

- There are some ideas about why (eg people mixing more) but it isn't yet clear why there are more cases
- The number of cases becoming serious is NOT higher than in the past
- For almost everyone, Strep A causes a mild disease that is easily treatable
- There are more cases of Strep A so there are more cases of serious Strep A (invasive group A Strep)



For more information scan the QR code.

Become a Community Health Champion chc@newham.gov.uk Whatsapp / text 07929 792873



Independent Parental Special Education Advice (IPSEA)





Provides legally based advice to help families get the right education for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND).

You can book an appointment with their Advice Line or Tribunal Helpline.

https://www.ipsea.org.uk/

Caring Dads

We have an exciting volunteering opportunity available. This is to be part of facilitating the Caring Dad intervention programme - full training will be provided.

If you are interested and would like more information then please see the flyer attached or speak to Caring Dads lead, Musarat Rashid <u>Musarat.rashid@newham.gov.uk</u>.



Peer Parenting Offer Empowering Parents, Empowering Communities (EPEC)

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Delivered for Parents by Parents: This course helps parents learn practical communication skills for everyday life & bring up confident, happy and co-operative children.

BAP (Being A Parent) Courses The BAP Group is a weekly space for parents with children aged 2-16 year olds to come together sharing experiences and learning tried and tested approaches that can help us improve our relationship with our children. Many parents have already benefited from this course, & we want to reach as many parents and carers as possible.

You will leave this course

- feeling better able to:
 Help others by sharing
- your experience as a parent Support your children as they start Primary School, Secondary School and other transitions
- Create a calm and peaceful family life

The BAP - ASD Group is for parents & carers of children affected by ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) whether diagnosed or undiagnosed.
BAP ASD is designed to:

Promote children's development &

- Reduce child and family difficulties Improve parent confidence, skills & satisfaction
- Improve social & community



Each week the group looks at different topics related to your relationship with your children including:

Resilience - Being A Parent - Feelings - Play/Quality Time Valuing My child - Understanding Children's Behaviour Discipline Strategies/Negotiation - Listening Skills - Review & Support

Tuesday 10th Jan - 21st March 10.00am - 12.30pm

ASD Specific

Oliver Thomas Children's Centre, 5 Mathews Avenue, East Ham E6 6BU

Thursday 12th Jan - 23rd March 10.00am - 12.30pm

ASD Specific

via zoom (register to receive zoom link)

Wednesday 18th Jan - 22nd March 9.30am - 11.30am

BAP 2-11 years

Sandringham Primary School Forest Gate E7 8ED

Friday 20th Jan - 24th March 10.00am - 12.00pm

BAP 9-16 years

Rokeby School, Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4DD



Courses available every term

Light refreshments provided



For Peer Parenting queries please visit Parenting Programmes | Newham Families Advice and Support

To sign up, please scan the QR code here:





Newham London





Winter Leaflet - Cost of Living and Winter Wellness



FREE ADVICE AND HELP WITH LIVING COSTS



MONEY



Our Newham Money

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Ournewhammoney@newham.gov.uk
www.ournewhammoney.co.uk

Money advice & education for Newham residents. © 020 8616 3750 www.moneyaande.co.uk

For housing, debt, consumer and employment advice, free legal services rom FreeLaw. - 020 7473 2270

www.community-links.org

Bonny Downs Welfare and welfare benefit checks for over 65s 020 8586 7070

HOUSING



. Contact: Co20 3373 1950 privatehousing@newham.gov.uk

Homeless, or risk of becoming

Get support from our Homelessness rrevention service at:

www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/homelessness-prevention-advice

Threatened with homelessness

If you're threatened with homelessness, contact:

020 8430 2000 ext. 57445
hbas@newham.gov.uk

Emergency help for families with children: © 20 3373 4600 during office hours (Mon-Thu 9am-5.15pm or Fri 9am-5pm) © 20 8430 2000 at any other time

Immediate help

If you're pregnant and need immedi help or you're clinically or physically vulnerable Accessto.AdultsSocialCareTeam@newham.gov.uk

020 8430 2041

WORK

Our Newham Work 020 3373 1101

Employment Rights Hub

Work Rights Centre

For free confidential support and advice if someone is having problems at work

020 3373 6494

For help with employment rights, CV building and benefits

0300 4000 100 (EN) 07437 110951

contact@workrightscentre.org

East End Citizens Advice © 020 8525 6379 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am-1pm

Programme ∟ 0300 555 0195 shine@islington.gov.uk



FOOD

Newham Food Alliance

C 07790 975 086 frontdoor@newhamfood www.newham.gov.uk/newhamfoodalliance

STRESS



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Newham Talking Therapies Free and confidential psychological support for adults. www.newhamtalkingtherapies.nhs.uk

Children (under 18)

Talk to your doctor or the school

School health support

Mental health crisis line for anyone

Register to be cost of living champions Email: costoflivingresponse@ newham.gov.uk

WE ARE STAYING HEALTHY.



Help with living costs and staying well and healthy this winter

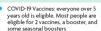




WINTER WELLNESS

GET YOUR VACCINES





- COVID-19 Vaccines: everyone over 5 years old is eligible. Most people are eligible for 2 vaccines, a booster, and some seasonal boosters

 I www.newham.gov.uk/covidvaccine

 I wayon.gov.and over, anyone who is pregnant, people with specific health conditions

 I www.newham.gov.uk/fu

 Pollo, MMR and other childhood immunisations: children can catch up on their vaccines at any time see

 I www.newham.gov.uk/fu

 childhoodimmunisations for more information

KEEP SAFE



- Keep yourself safe from COVID-19, Flu and winter viruses
 Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or
- meet outside
 If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or
 flu, try to avoid contact with others,
 especially vulnerable people, until you
- feel better
 Wash your hands regularly for at least
 20 seconds with warm water and soap



- Eat fresh fruit and vegetables as much as you can and aim for one hot meal a day.

 Try and get 20 min of exercise every day (e.g. go for a walk in your local area, exercise at home or join a local free physical activity).

 www.newham.gov.uk/community-parks-elseure/physical-activity

 Stay connected and try to talk to at least one other person every day. Get in touch with connect Newham for a friendly conversation
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 if www.ageuk.org.uk/eastlondon/
 our-services/connect-newhambefriending or your local Community
 Neighbourhood Link Workers

 if www.newham.gov.uk/cnlw

 cnlw@newham.gov.uk

 Stock up your medicine cabinet early
 and ask your pharmacist or GP about
 repeat prescriptions.
- repeat prescriptions.
 Collect your free vitamins. If you're 65 or older, find out more at:

 # www.newham.gov.uk/vitamind
 020 89817124 、 ਹਟੁਹ ਲਾਲੀ 7124 If you're pregnant or have a child under 4, find out more at ਜੋ www.newham.gov.uk/healthystart

IF YOU FEEL UNWELL



- Contact your pharmacist who can give advice and over-the-counter medicines for coughs, colds, sore throats and general aches and pains. They can also tell you if you need to see a GF, nuse or other healthcare professional

 Contact your GP or NH5 III or visit www.nhs.uk if things are more serious
- If you have a medical emergency, call \$\circ\$ 999 or go to your nearest A&E department
 If you want to talk to someone about your mental health call: Newham

HELP WITH THE **COST OF LIVING**



Contact Our Newham Money if you're not able to afford heating, food or other essentials # www.ournewhammoney.co.uk Q20 8430 2041 The Newham Food Alliance can help

FAIRER

- The Newham Food Alliance can help with food.

 07790 975086

 frontdoor@
 newhamfoodalliance.org
 Find out more about winter grants for
- fuel

 www.newham.gov.uk/health-adult-social-care/staying-well-winter/6
 Find out more about free grants to improve insulation in your home from GLA Warmer Homes

 5.000 555 000.

 shine@islington.gov.uk
 It is important to warm your home safely and reduce any risks. For more information visit
- information visit

 www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-



Cost of Living





FREE HELP WITH LIVING COSTS



Free help with money

- Our Newham Money: \ 020 8430 2041 \ ournewhammoney@newham.gov.uk
 www.ournewhammoney.co.uk
- Money A+E: money advice & education for Newham residents.
 - € 020 8616 3750 n www.moneyaande.co.uk
- Community Links: for housing, debt, consumer and employment advice, free legal services from FreeLaw. © 020 7473 2270 www.community-links.org
- Bonny Downs: welfare and welfare benefit checks for over 65s \ 020 8586 7070



Free help with housing

- If you're having problems with a private landlord or letting agency, contact:
 020 3373 1950 privatehousing@newham.gov.uk
- If you're homeless, you can get support from our Homelessness Prevention service at:
 - # www.newham.gov.uk/housing-homes-homelessness/homelessness-prevention-advice.
- If you're threatened with homelessness, contact: hpas@newham.gov.uk
- If you're pregnant and need immediate help or you're clinically or physically vulnerable.
 Accessto.AdultsSocialCareTeam@newham.gov.uk



Free help with food

Newham Food Alliance \(\sqrt{07790 975 086 \(\sqrt{07790 provided pro



Free help with energy bills

- Our Newham Money: 4020 8430 2041
- East End Citizens Advice: \ 020 8525 6379 Tuesdays & Wednesdays 10am-lpm
- Mayor of London Warmer Homes Programme: \$\square\$ 0300 555 0195 \$\square\$ shine@islington.gov.uk



Free help with work

- Our Newham Work: 6 020 3373 1101 so ournewhamwork.engagementteam@newham.gov.uk
 mww.ournewhamwork.co.uk
- Employment Rights Hub for free confidential support and advice if someone is having problems at work 6 020 3373 6494



Free help with stress and emotional pressure

- Free and confidential psychological support for adults:
 020 8175 1770 mww.newhamtalkingtherapies.nhs.uk
- For children (under 18): Talk to your doctor or the school.
- For school health support ≤ 020 3373 9983 n www.newham.gov.uk/schoolhealth
- Mental health crisis line for anyone: \$\square\$ 0800 073 0066 anytime

costoflivingresponse@newham.gov.uk www.newham.gov.uk/council/cost-living-response

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Winter Wellness





WINTER WELLNESS

Get your vaccines

- COVID-19 Vaccines: everyone over 5 years old is eligible. Most people are eligible for 2 vaccines, a booster, and some seasonal boosters
- www.newham.gov.uk/covidvaccine
 Flu: anyone 50 and over, anyone who is pregnant, people
- with specific health conditions www.newham.gov.uk/flu
- Polio, MMR and other childhood immunisations: children can catch up on their vaccines at any time see www.newham.gov.uk/childhoodimmunisations for more information

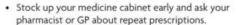
Keep yourself safe from COVID-19, Flu and winter viruses



- Let fresh air in if meeting indoors, or meet outside
- If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or flu, try to avoid contact with others, especially vulnerable people, until you feel better
- Wash your hands regularly for at least 20 seconds with warm water and soap

Staying healthy

- Eat fresh fruit and vegetables as much as you can and aim for one hot meal a day
- Try and get 20 min of exercise every day (e.g. go for a walk in your local area, exercise at home or join a local free physical activity) www.newham.gov. uk/community-parks-leisure/physical-activity
- Stay connected and try to talk to at least one other person every day. Get in touch with connect Newham for a friendly conversation www.ageuk.org.uk/ eastlondon/our-services/connect-newham-befriending or your local Community Neighbourhood Link Workers www.newham.gov.uk/cnlw or email cnlw@newham.gov.uk



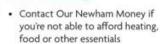
 Collect your free vitamins. If you're 65 or older, find out more at www.newham.gov.uk/vitamind or call 020 8981 7124. If you're pregnant or have a child under 4, find out more at www.newham.gov.uk/healthystart

What to do if you feel unwell



- Contact your pharmacist who can give advice and over-the-counter medicines for coughs, colds, sore throats and general aches and pains. They can also tell you if you need to see a GP, nurse or other healthcare professional
- Contact your GP or NHS 111 or visit www.nhs.uk if things are more serious
- If you have a medical emergency, call 999 or go to your nearest A&E department
- If you want to talk to someone about your mental health call Newham Talking Therapies on 0208 175 1770 or the Crisis line 0800 073 0066

Getting help with the cost of living





www.ournewhammoney.co.uk or call 020 8430 2041

 The Newham Food Alliance can help with food. Contact 07790 975086 or email

frontdoor@newhamfoodalliance.org

- Find out more about winter grants for fuel www.newham.gov.uk/health-adult-social-care/stayingwell-winter/6
- Find out more about free grants to improve insulation in your home from GLA Warmer Homes 0300 555 0195 or contact shine@islington.gov.uk
- It is important to warm your home safely and reduce any risks. For more information visit www.london-fire.gov.uk/safety/the-home

Find out more at www.newham.gov.uk/wellwinter



Cost of Living ALL COST OF LIVING RESOURCES CAN BE ACCESSED HERE,

Tips to stay warm and healthy:

- 1. **Heat/warm yourself first** wear several thin layers and make sure the room you're using most is at least 18 degrees
- 2. **Dress warmly** if you go outside and wear shoes with **good grip** as it's getting icy
- 3. **Eat at least one warm meal a day,** have regular **warm drinks** and **stay active** this will keep your internal body temperature up
- 4. Check on others, especially those who are on their own or higher risk
- 5. **Stay safe warming your home**, don't use naked flames, ovens or barbeques to light or heat your home as they create a risk of fire or carbon monoxide poisoning

Support for rough sleepers in Newham

On Wednesday this week, for the first time this winter, the GLA has triggered a severe weather response for rough sleepers, as temperatures were set to hit zero or below.

If anyone see someone sleeping rough, and are concerned for their immediate health, please ring 999. To report a rough sleeper for support, visit www.streetlink.org.uk or contact via telephone on 0300 500 0914.

Making the best of Christmas

Here are 12 tips for making the best of Christmas (attached as Our Newham Money CoL Xmas a). For support and guidance from Our Newham Money during Christmas, please visit our <u>website</u>. Our Newham Money are releasing a series of video clips via <u>Twitter</u> which give residents ideas on how to save money during the festive period.

Newham Cost of Living webpage – Staying well during winter

Don't forget to visit our website about staying well during winter on www.newham.gov.uk/wellwinter or contact your local library for more information.

If you are concerned about your health (physical or mental), or the health of someone else, call NHS 111. If it is an emergency call 999.

Useful information:

Please find attached our Cost of Living One Pager (b), Winter Wellness One Pager (c) and winter leaflet (d) on how to stay well this winter

Newham Warm Havens are safe, non-judgemental warm spaces where residents can go, <u>free</u> of charge, for whatever reason they like. There are currently 10 libraries and 6 community centres. For more information please visit https://www.newham.gov.uk/warmhavens

Food and Warm Meal – If you need support accessing **food and a warm meal** contact the Newham Food Alliance at https://www.newham.gov.uk/newhamfoodalliance, call us on 07790 975 086 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm) or email frontdoor@newhamfoodalliance.org

If you have no heating or lighting in your home, contact Newham Council on 0208 430 2000.

Cost of Living – Our Newham Money





WE ARE HERE FOR YOU.

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Making the best of Christmas

With the festive season upon us, you may feel anxious about money at such an expensive time of year. Don't let Christmas put pressure on your wallet. Support and guidance is available to you whatever your situation this Christmas.

www.ournewhammoney.co.uk





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Cost of Living Crisis ResponseSupport available for Newham Residents



Newham Cost of Living Crisis Response – Taking Vital Action to Help Our Residents

You can watch the **Cost of Living Crisis Response Summit**, find out about **support available for Newham residents** and access the **Handy Guide – Energy Usage Advice** by clicking the link below:

<u>Support available for Newham residents – Cost of living crisis response – Newham Council</u>

Warm Havens information on next page > Warm Havens in Newham

Newham Warm Havens



Newham Warm Havens are safe, non-judgemental warm spaces where residents can go, free of charge, for whatever reason they like. They are part of our <u>response to the cost of living crisis.</u>

Use the map below to search for your nearest warm haven. You can see opening hours, address and available facilities.

Mayor of Newham, Rokhsana Fiaz OBE said "All 10 of our libraries will be open for longer hours across the coldest months of the year till March 2023. Whatever your reason for visiting the warm havens, we understand and respect that everyone's needs might be different, so our Warm Havens will be a safe and confidential space. If you need to talk, staff and volunteers will be on hand to provide a welcome, listen and, if needed, offer guidance on information and support."

View the Map

Cost of Living Support in Newham

ENERGY USAGE

Does your home feel cold and damp? Are your energy bills too high?

GET FREE HELP NOW

Keep your home warm by getting free help and advice on your gas and electricity bills.

Contact Our Newham Money for urgent help 020 8430 2041.

For information on support available visit: www.newham.gov.uk/public-healthsafety/energy/2





SIGNS YOUR HOME IS NOT WARM ENOUGH

- The home feels cold, damp or draughty
- Wearing lots of clothes indoors
- Staying in bed to keep warm
- Asthma or a persistent cough
- High energy bills or in fuel debt

Save energy and keep warm by getting help and advice

Our Newham Money

Energy vouchers are provided to applicants with prepayment meters without electricity/ gas or at risk of having their fuel supply cut. Tel: 020 8430 2041

East End Citizens Advice

Call 020 8525 6379. Lines are open at the following times:

Tuesdays and Wednesdays: 10am-1pm

GLA Warmer Homes Programme

Get free advice and support if you are having trouble paying to keep your house warm. Services include:

- · Telephone advice and home energy
- · Help with draft excluders and similar in house support
- Support with energy bills and debts
- Grants of up to £20,000 per household to improve insulation (visit ww.london.gov.uk/warmerhomes for eligibility criteria and to apply)

Call 0300 555 0195 or contact shine@ islington.gov.uk

Other places to get help

Keep Warm Keep Well Scheme (ECO)

Newham Council is working with E.ON and J&J Crump on its Keep Warm Keep Well scheme to help eligible residents benefit from a range of energy-saving measures in their homes, Call J&J Crump and Son on 0800 783 3127 or visit www.jjcrump.com

WaterSure and WaterHelp can help make water bills lower, particularly for people who have lower income or need water for health conditions.

Find out more:

www.thameswater.co.uk/help/account-and-billing/financial-support/waterhelp

For any physical and/ or mental health concerns call 111 for information on where to get help or talk to your local

Warm Home Discount Scheme

Residents could get £140 off your electricity bill for winter under the Warm Home Discount Scheme. Find out more at ww.gov.uk/the-warm-home-discount-

Winter Fuel Payments

Residents can get between £100 and £300 tax-free to help pay your heating bills if you were born on or before 5 July 1953. Find out more at www.gov.uk/winter-

GLA Cost of Living Hub www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/ communities/help-cost-living

Translated leaflets www.nea.org.uk/get-help/advice-resources/?tag=english

Keep energy down by practising sustainabe fuel saving tips

- 1. Turn off standby appliances
- Install a smart thermostat Turn down your thermostat Buy efficient appliances
- Install a new boiler
- Wash clothes in at low temperatures Be smarter about water
- Invest in double glazing windows
- Draught-proof your property
 Insulate the roof
- Monitor your usage
 Switch to LED Light bulb



For information on support available visit: www.newham.gov.uk/ public-health-safety/ nergy/2













Cost of Living Support in Newham

STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY?

If you're struggling to meet your energy and food costs or facing an emergency you can apply to Our Newham Money Emergency Support, our local welfare scheme.









STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY?

If you're struggling to meet your energy and food costs or facing an emergency you can apply to Our Newham Money Emergency Support, our local welfare scheme.



You need to be:

- living in Newham
- receiving a means tested benefit such as Universal Credit, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance, Pension Credit or Housing Benefit.



In addition, one of the following must apply to you:

- you're affected by the current cost of living
- there's been a significant change in circumstances or a life changing event causing hardship
- have taken all reasonable steps to maximise your income.

Even if you don't meet the criteria, we might still be able to help you. Please apply and we will consider your application.

For further information and to apply: www.ournewhammoney.co.uk/emergency-support



112-118 The Grove, Stratford E15 1NS 020 8430 2041

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Cost of Living Support Package - Help for Households

Millions of people on means-tested benefits will receive the first of two cost of living instalments totalling £650 from 14 July 2022, as part of a £37 billion government package to help families with cost of living pressures.

The first £326 instalment for qualifying low-income households in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland by their usual payment method from 14 July 2022, continuing to the end of the month. For those eligible, the rest will follow in a second instalment in the autumn. People receiving tax credits and no other eligible benefits will receive their first payment from HMRC in autumn and the second in winter.

In total, millions of vulnerable households will receive at least £1,200 from the Government this year to help cover rising costs. There are specific payments for those on means tested benefits, for pensioners, those on disability benefits and to help people with energy bills.

Check eligibility here: <u>Cost of Living</u>
Payment-GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



There is also helpful information about further support available on the Cost Of Living campaign website.

Find out more



Free School Meals

We would be very grateful if you could please help us spread the word to families in Newham that their children can eat a FREE, nutritious lunch every school day which will save them £500 a year per child – now even more important due to the cost of living crisis.

Attached is a poster and leaflet on the initiative and an article below to share the news with families in newsletters etc. If you would like further information please let us know.

www.newham.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



Muslim Women's Support Groups

Contact: Sakinah Team - Kulsuma, Sahanara or Zinèbe on 07511 076874 peerservices@mithn.org.uk 020 7510 1081

MITHN's Our Voices Project presents

Sakinah...

Muslim Women's Support Groups



Peace of Mind...understanding...connection ... These are all things we crave and often feel are out of our reach. This can leave us feeling depleted and in need of a safe space... Come and join us to explore mental health and wellbeing in a warm, caring and confidential setting that celebrates the strengths of Muslim Women.

We want to hear your voices and needs, so we can work together towards individual and social change!

In Sept-Dec 2022

Join us at your convenience on the following days:

TOWER HAMLETS

MARYAM CENTRE (ELM) 45 Fieldgate Street Whitechapel E1 1JU TUESDAYS 10.15am - 12pm SAMA ACADEMY 544 Roman Road Bow E3 5ES THURSDAYS 10.30am - 12pm

NEWHAM

DARUL ARQAM MOSQUE & MCC 17 Jutland Road (off Barking Road), Plaistow E13 8JH MONDAYS 10am - 12pm

<u>REDBRIDGE</u>

REDBRIDGE CENTRAL LIBRARY Clements Road, Ilford IG1 1EA THURSDAYS 11am - 12.30pm











Contact: Sakinah Team - Kulsuma, Sahanara or Zinèbe on 07511 076874 peerservices@mithm.org.nk 020 7510 1081

Childhood Vaccines

Since vaccines were introduced in the UK, diseases like smallpox, polio and tetanus that used to kill or disable millions of people are either gone or seen very rarely. However, if people stop having vaccines, it's possible for infectious diseases to quickly spread again.

There are a number of vaccines that children should have. You can find a list of them below and on the NHS website. It is important that vaccines are given on time for the best protection.

All recommended vaccines are available for free from the NHS.

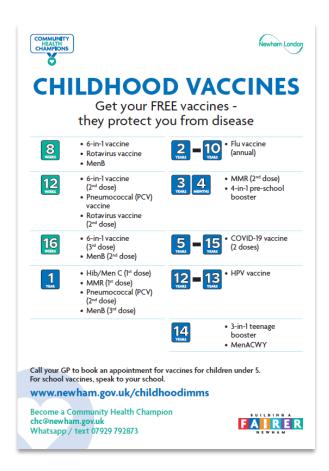
If you or your child missed any recommended vaccine, you can still contact your GP to catch up.

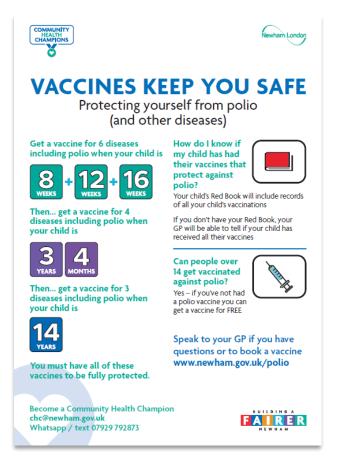
Vaccine Information from Newham Public Health Service

https://www.newham.gov.uk/childhoodimms

https://www.newham.gov.uk/polio

Frequently Asked Questions - Childhood Immunisations - Newham Council





Work 4 All

Work4All

Start your journey towards finding a job that works for you!

Work4All provides free 1:1 support suited to your situation, wherever you are on your journey



1. Mapping

Work with your advisor to explore what job options are suitable for you, either now or in the future. Understand your options based on your individual circumstance

Meet our advisors



Lorraine: 07889 755 505 or lorraine.rose@groundwork.org.uk Lucy: 07889 756 138 or

lucy.mpofu@groundwork.org.uk

Do you live in the South of Newham?

- Are you unsure what job options are open to you?
- How to get closer to your job goals?
- Need help with getting the right job?

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2. Journey

Build your skills and knowledge to help you get closer to the job you want. Understand what jobs require; develop confidence through volunteering, or employer visits.

3. Destination

Supported & individualised job search to find suitable vacancies, complete applications, interview preparation and help in your transition into work.



Eligibility

To access this free service you must have Right to Work in the UK & not be in any paid work.



European Union European Social Fund



The supported pathway

Groundwork.org.uk

When you join Work4All you will be assigned a personal adviser who will complete an initial needs assessment with you. They will ensure the advice and support is tailored to your particular situation. Work4All provides support across three main areas, summarised in the stages below. You may choose to access one, two or all three stages.

Starting Off

For those who are not yet ready to work but want to start planning for the future.

- Explore factors that impact your work choices, i.e. your availability, responsibilities, restrictions, financial needs
- Identify which employment opportunities are realistic for your situation, now or for the future
- · Make sure you have the right documents to start work
- Receive money mentoring advice and support

On your Way





For those ready to start activities to get them closer to their job goals.

- Create a step-by-step plan to progress toward your goals
- Map your skills, identify your strengths and how to best promote them
- Develop your work experience, and identify relevant opportunities
- Identify and apply for vocational training, volunteering or work placements suitable to your goals

Arriving



- Develop effective job applications that will impress employers
- Undertake a "Better Off" calculation so you can make informed decisions about realistic salary needs
- · Develop your interview skills & confidence
- $\bullet \ \ \mathsf{Receive} \ \mathsf{support} \ \mathsf{to} \ \mathsf{help} \ \mathsf{you} \ \mathsf{stay} \ \mathsf{in} \ \mathsf{work} \ \mathsf{or} \ \mathsf{plan} \ \mathsf{for} \ \mathsf{future} \ \mathsf{progression}$

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Advantage is a free one-to-one wellbeing mentoring programme for 14-21 year olds, delivered at your local football club.

We're here to help you make the most of your opportunities

How does it work?

Our mentoring sessions are led by you and what you want to talk about. You have a 1-hour individual session with your mentor once per week. You can stay in the programme for up to six months, or less than that if you feel you're ready to move on — it's up to you!

The mentoring session is an informal space to chat and connect. You might have specific goals that you want support with, or you might want to take some time to get to know your mentor and figure out some goals together. Your goals can be personal, educational, social, employment, or wellbeing related, or maybe something else! It's completely up to you.

https://www.advantagementoring.co.uk/

Parents in Mind

Are you a pregnant or new mum and feeling low, anxious, alone?

A friendly, non-judgemental space to talk, seek information and gain support. Offering group and 1 to 1 peer support walk and talk and by telephone or online – Support is also available in different languages.

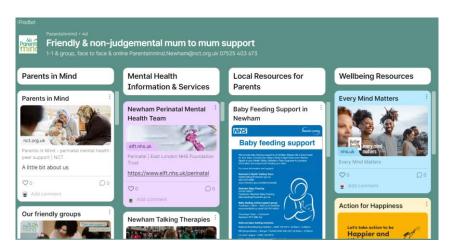
For more information please contact: 07525 403673 or email parentsinmind.newham@nct.org.uk





Visit our Padlet!

Friendly & non-judgemental mum to mum support (padlet.com)



Ambition Aspire Achieve SEND YOUTH CLUBS

SEND Youth:

This is our Youth club set in arc in the park and the age range is 9-25 years old. A staff ratio of 1 staff to 3 young people is offered within this group and we cannot take children that need 121 support. We offer sports, arts and crafts and gardening during our sessions. The sessions are great for young people to build upon their social skills and make new friends. This runs as an after school club and throughout the school holidays too.

Positive Transitions:

This is our 16-25 year old group for young people with additional needs. Works well for school leavers or those attending college that are not in full time education. The group is based around life and social skills and have broken the sessions into three categories, life skills, art and sports so the young person can choose a group that suits them best. We also have trips and work experience planned for this group. This is a 1 to 3 ratio and is during the day, term time only. It is another great way to make new friends, build up social skills and learn new skills.





Booking Is Essential, Contact:
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Facebook:
@AmbitionAspireAchieve/



Parent Advice Phone-In with Educational Psychologist

Please find attached a leaflet for the Parent Advice Drop In service run monthly by the EP Service. Parents can contact an EP to discuss any concerns they may have, e.g. managing anxiety at home, supporting CYP with learning, supporting positive relationships at home and in school, etc. They are allocated a 40 minute session over the phone for this.

Sessions will operate monthly on: 25 Oct 29 Nov 20 Dec 2022 To book a session between 10am and 12 email or phone sarah.parkinson@newham.gov.uk 07976 733536

Newham Educational Psychology Service



Parent Advice Phone-In with an Educational Psychologist (EP)

The EPS Parent Advice sessions are offered to any Newham parent or carer who would like to discuss concerns about their child with an educational psychologist (examples may include: your child's emotional well-being, challenging behaviours, learning progress, your relationship with your child or some of your own worries). The sessions aim to be supportive, confidential, and informal. Each session is 40 minutes.

Healthy Start FREE HEALTHY FOOD

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Pregnant? Children under 4?

You may be able to get money to help you buy fruit, vegetables and milk. Apply online by visiting www.healthystart.nhs.uk

If you need help applying, speak to your local Children's Centre, library, midwife or health visitor.

Applying is easy and DOES NOT affect your other financial benefits.



FREE VITAMINS!

In Newham, ALL pregnant women, new mums and children under 4 years old are entitled to free vitamins. You can collect a bottle from your midwife or local children centre.

To find your nearest vitamin distribution site, visit www.newham.gov.uk/healthystart

