



### Special Report

## Introducing the Woodberry Training Partnership CIC



Welcome to the April edition of the Manor House Development Trust e-newsletter. This month Woodberry Works, the construction training scheme for the Woodberry Down regeneration programme, is pleased to announce that it is dramatically increasing the numbers of training opportunities and different types of accredited training for local residents.

Also inside this issue International Womens Day, Be Creative Be Well, Well London, Community Saturdays and much more...

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The Woodberry Works partnership has developed the formation of a new Community Interest Company (CIC) which is called the Woodberry Training Partnership CIC (WTP CIC). The new company is a joint venture between Citrus Training, a leading, nationally recognised construction training provider and the Manor House Development Trust.

WTP CIC will provide short accredited training courses on an empty site awaiting development. The majority of training will be for construction plant, although many other subjects such as working at height and in confined spaces will be offered. In total over 100 courses will be available on a commercial basis.



**Horston/ Sherwood site today**

**For every 10 commercial spaces paid for, the WTP CIC will provide a free space for a local resident and profits generated by commercial activities will be shared by Manor House Development Trust and Citrus Training.**

WTP CIC recognises that young people in particular have been affected by the recent downturn and recession and will work towards making free course places open to those in the Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET) category.

WTP CIC is fully supported by all stakeholders and will regularly report back to residents on its successes and to you through this newsletter. WTP CIC has had minimum investment from the public purse. Full details of the courses on offer will be given in future newsletters. Woodberry Works continues to provide construction training working with hard to reach groups and, in particular, NEET young people to encourage them into the industry. It also carries out works to the local public realm using trainees funded by London Borough of Hackney Section 106.

Woodberry Works is led by an advisory Board of local stakeholders including major contractors: Berkeley Homes, Willmott Dixon, Mullalley as well as Hackney Homes, London Borough of Hackney, Genesis Homes, Hackney Community College and Manor House Development Trust.

You can find out more about Citrus

Training by clicking here: <http://www.citrustraining.com/default.asp>



**The kind of plant training that will take place on Horston/ Sherwood site**

# International Women's Event at the RRRC

On the 15<sup>th</sup> March staff at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre hosted an event for International Women's Day, a global day celebrating the roles of women across the world, and their economic, political and social achievements both past, present and future.

The Woodberry Down event offered the 59 women who attended activities such as make-up and hairstyling, nail treatments, henna painting and massage therapy, as well as a Turkish belly dance performance. Delicious home-cooked food was brought along by local Turkish-speaking residents. Staff from the Manor House Development Trust and Woodberry Works talked with the women present about local training, employment and social enterprise opportunities.



The organisers hope to build on the success of this event by holding a bigger event next year, to mark the 100th anniversary of International Women's Day.

## Be Creative Be Well

It is set to be an active and creative spring/summer for residents of Woodberry Down as Immediate Theatre launches their 'Be Creative Be Well' programme this May. Multi-cultural dance workshops, arts and crafts, street theatre, performances and carnival processions will all be on offer to the Woodberry Down community, young and old, as part of Well London. From May to October, residents, parents and children will be able to access free creative events at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre and St Olave's church hall, starting with a May Bank Holiday community arts day on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May. Arts, dance, and theatre workshops will follow during the half-term week leading to an arts trail around the Woodberry Down Estate on 5<sup>th</sup> June, with more dance and performance events.



**Immediate Theatre perform**

Last year, Immediate Theatre received support from Arts Council England and Well London to produce a week of events at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre and Parkside Youth Club, which included a spectacular street parade led by the AfroReggae Bigga Blocco youth band. This year is set to be bigger, bolder, and even more creative with opportunities for people to get involved in arts and crafts activities, explore different cultures through dance, get fit and active and dress up the neighbourhood.

## Community Saturdays are coming!

From June, the first Saturday of every month will become a Community Arts Day (ComSat) at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre. Community arts organisation L'Est will produce a series of arts and crafts workshops alongside dance sessions including Capoeira, Salsa and Calypso from companies such as Blema Sisters - African dance and drumming and Turkish International Dance.

## Age2Age: HACT Funding Success - New Projects coming soon!



MHDT has been successful in a partnership bid with Genesis Community to the Housing Associations Charitable Trust (HACT). MHDT are the lead partner in this bid and the funding will kick start an intergenerational project on the Woodberry Down Estate (Hackney) in the new financial year; a much needed addition to the community development work currently being delivered on the estate. On the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of March members of the MHDT and Genesis attended an awayday learning event at Trafford Hall, Chester. The team were able to network with other community organisations, share ideas and promote the work currently taking place.

The HACT project Age2Age aims to generate confidence and increased understanding between generations by supporting initiatives which bring together older and younger people through locally based intergenerational activities and Homeshare arrangements. Over five years the project aims to encourage local activities that improve the awareness of intergenerational approaches for housing organisations and their partners, and demonstrate the importance of the relationships between generations in meeting current and future needs.

**Watch this Space!** There will be three intergenerational projects on Woodberry Down covering: • Pottery • Dance • Community Choir

**Pottery begins on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April at RRRC 4pm - 7 pm (ends 7th May)**  
**For more info: contact Naz on: 020 8802 7580 Or Tunde on 07984 456 210**

## Community Chest Latest

Genesis Community Chest has awarded a £1000 grant to Kids N' Action, a local Woodberry Down charity that aims to promote and advance the education of children. The grant funded Health & Safety measures for a Community Expo that took place between 13<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010 at Beis Chinuch Lebonos School. This is the second Community Expo that Kids N' Action have organised and they hope to continue with this annual event. For more information about community grants please contact **Vitolina the Genesis Community's Grants Officer** on 020 8900 4780 or by email: [vitolina.samu@ghg.org.uk](mailto:vitolina.samu@ghg.org.uk) or **Lesleyanne Forman** on 020 8356 1626.


Genesis  
Housing Group



Well London is a project managed and co-ordinated by the Manor House Development Trust for residents on Woodberry Down

## New WD Walking Group

A new walking group managed by David Behar, the Well London Community Activator on Woodberry Down Estate will start on **Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010, the meeting point is at the RRRC at 11am.**



David successfully completed the Well London Community Activator training. A training scheme developed to enable existing community members to help local people to be more active, by gaining the skills and qualifications to deliver safe and effective physical activity sessions. The Walking group will be David's first project on Woodberry Down. For more information please contact **David on: 07876 533178** and please signpost any residents in the area to David.

## Great Opportunity for Brownswood residents!

**Do you wish to improve your lifestyle? This could be the perfect opportunity...**


Well London are offering Personal Support Packages (PSP) to all residents in the Brownswood area. A PSP is simply some training or a course that will help with personal development.

**What can be funded?** Well London will fund almost anything. We want to support learning about healthy eating, physical activity and/or mental well-being. It could be something that enables you to gain more skills to help improve your own well-being or the well-being of others.

**How to apply?** Contact Lesleyanne Forman for an application form.

## Can Money Buy Women Happiness?

**Sign up now for this free eight week course!**



Taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 between 9.45am – 12.30pm at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre this project is for any woman living in the Brownswood area.

**What happens?** The course looks at what makes people view things in a positive way, and what steps people can take to improve their state of mind and that of others in their community.

**Topics will include:** • Food and mood • How to cope with stress • Mind, body and spirit • 'Happy' activities that are good for health

Contact Lesleyanne Forman on 020 8356 1626

## Dates For Your Diary:

### **Every Monday**

**WD football sessions** at Newton Close football pitch

**Session 1:** 6pm - 6.45pm for 8 - 12 yr olds

**Session 2:** 6.45pm - 7.30pm for 13 yrs +

### **Every Tuesday**

**WD football sessions** at Sir Thomas Abney School  
for all ages 5.30pm - 6.30pm



For WD football sessions contact Christina Oshodi from Access to Sport on: 020 8809 0088

### **Over 55s Luncheon Club**

12.15pm - 2pm Contact: Luncheon Club coordinator Lydia Batchelor on 020 7503 0394

**Genesis Mentoring Scheme** 2.30pm - 5pm at the Parkside Youth Centre  
contact: Sharon Gaspard on 0781 0814197 or email [sharon.gaspard@ghg.org.uk](mailto:sharon.gaspard@ghg.org.uk)

### **Every Thursday**

#### **Healthy Spaces**

12pm - 4pm old Pewsham House site. Contact: Sam Alexander on 020 8510 5418 or  
email: [sam.alexander@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:sam.alexander@groundwork.org.uk)

## April

**16<sup>th</sup>** - Pottery at RRRC Friday 4pm - 7 pm (ends 7<sup>th</sup> May)

**29<sup>th</sup>**

Walking Group contact David on: 07876 533178

## May

**7<sup>th</sup> May** - 9.45am - 12.30pm Can Money Buy Women Happiness?(ends 2<sup>nd</sup> July)

**29<sup>th</sup>** (Bank Holiday) - Be Creative Be Well - Community Arts Day -

## June

**19<sup>th</sup>** Well London Football Tournament

**Next Issue:** The next newsletter will be distributed in the second week of May. Please  
contact us at [mhdt@hackneyhomes.org.uk](mailto:mhdt@hackneyhomes.org.uk) if there are any stories/ info that you wish to be  
included