

DALSTON4LONDON

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WORKING FOR DALSTON'S FUTURE

IT'S NOT THE TUBE, BUT SOON DALSTON JUNCTION WILL LIVE AGAIN.

"Coming to a station near you . . . fast, frequent, air-conditioned trains, whizzing you from Highbury and Islington to New Cross, Crystal Palace and West Croydon, all on the extended East London line.



"By June 2010, the line will run from Dalston Junction in the north to New Cross, Crystal Palace and West Croydon in the south. By February 2011 it will be extended to Highbury and Islington.

"The line will form part of the wider London Overground orbital network, meaning you can travel around London by train without having to enter the city centre."



This is how TfL's web site proudly announces the welcome re-creation of much of the former Broad Street to Dalston Junction railway as part of the former London Underground metropolitan line East London section. The line will run down to Whitechapel and on to Croydon, and is to be rebranded as London Overground.

Dalston4London welcomes the arrival of the East London Line, but we can't help wondering what happened to that tube connection we thought we had been promised. New transport links are always welcome, but for the locals who were hoping to an alternative to the hour-plus journey on the 38 into the West End, the final announcement has come as something of a disappointment.

Reaction from local business has been mixed, with most hoping for an upturn in trade when the work is completed and the station is open. However the timing of the works, alongside those created by the demolition of the Dalston Theatre, has created a bit of a no-go zone around the Dalston lights which is currently blighting local residents and business alike.

TfL's illustration for the development of the site shows the blocks of flats which are intended to replace the old

Theatre on Dalston Lane. It is our intention that the incomers can be persuaded to spend their money locally rather than in nearby Stoke Newington, Islington or City shops.



LEARN ABOUT YOUR COUNCIL'S LOCAL AREA PLAN

Hackney Training and Employment Network in association with the London Borough of Hackney's Economic Development Partnership and Team Hackney are presenting a workshop on the Local Economic Partnership and changes and improvements to the Local Area Agreement.

HTEN acts as an umbrella organisation for the voluntary and community training, employment and business



support sector operating in Hackney. The Hackney Community Empowerment Network (CEN) promotes and supports the voluntary and community sector (VCS) role in Team Hackney.



This promises to be an important event in the on-going dialogue between the various agencies within the Council and local businesses and residents. If you'd like to attend, please contact HTEN on 020 7249 7669 or email them on projects@hten.org

WHAT NOW FOR DALSTON?

Dalston4London are organising a meeting to discuss the massive changes currently taking place across the Dalston landscape and the challenges they will bring to local residents and businesses alike.

The meeting will be held at the Vortex Jazz Club on Thursday 31st January between 2.30 and 5pm. The panel will include representatives of the local political, business and voluntary sectors, and the event will be chaired by Father William Taylor of St. Ethelburga's in the City. Admission is free.

PAYROLL GIVING

Could your organisation use more money? HCVS are organising a seminar on payroll giving, a tax-efficient way for supporters to donate to your

organisation. The course, run in association with the Institute for Fundraising, aims to help local organisations set up consortia to make the administration and management of the funds easier on smaller groups. The workshop, which is to be held at Hackney Council for Voluntary Services offices at 84 Springfield House 5 Tyssen Passage/Street London E8 2LY on January 24th, costs just £20.

WHAT IS DALSTON-4LONDON?

Finally a chance for us to blow our own trumpet. The Dalston4London project has been set up by Hackney Co-operative Developments (HCD) and is being funded by the London Development Agency (LDA). The project aims to help develop Dalston's Cultural Quarter as a vibrant and inclusive place where new and existing small businesses and social enterprises can flourish and where the local community and visitors can find a wide variety of attractive products/ services, typical of the area's immense diversity. We also aim to bring local businesses and other stakeholders together as a Collective Force to change the image of Dalston and help to make the area and the people ready and able to benefit from the London 2012 Olympic Games and related improvements (e.g. the new East London Line extension). The project contains:

- * One-to-one surgeries with local SMEs and Social Enterprises to determine needs, opportunities and threats with respect to Lon-

don 2012.

- * Provision of business advice and links to mainstream specialist business support services.

- * A series of business-focused, workshops to establish networks and co-operation for the development of new ideas and new markets in synergy with the Olympics.

- * Representing and working with local businesses and community groups to inform LBH's Neighbourhood meetings on issues of community safety, the area's image, promotional events, festivals and cultural activities.



- * Launching and maintenance of a Dalston website and newsletter to promote the area, to expand existing businesses' markets and to attract new businesses, services, visitors and customers.

- * Supporting pre-Olympics special events, cultural and sport activities that will harness the exceptional skills of the diverse population (e.g. language skills, international connections, and specialist supply chains).

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A web site for the project is currently under construction and should be online by March 2008.