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BUSINESSES - HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITIES?

CompeteFor is the chosen site of London 2012 for the publication of Games-related contract opportunities.

It acts as a brokerage service between buyers throughout the London 2012 supply chain, and potential suppliers. CompeteFor also provides access to business support services; building skills and capacity to ensure that businesses across the UK can access opportunities linked to the hosting of the London 2012 Games.

Businesses of any size can use the CompeteFor brokerage service as a buyer or supplier of goods and services. You will first need to register the basic details of your organisation. This will allow you to view opportunities and gain access to Games-related business news and events. You will also be able to post opportunities as a buyer.



To apply for contracts listed on CompeteFor as a supplier, you must complete and publish a full business profile. Once your profile is published, you will also be able to track your activity and search for other suppliers with whom you may wish to partner. You will not be able to respond to available opportunities until your profile is fully published. CompeteFor will give instant access to a wide and diverse range of suppliers who match the criteria that are essential for any contracts.

For more information please go to www.competefor.com or phone 0845 2177804.

ATTENTION BUSINESSES IN EAST LONDON AND THE THAMES GATEWAY

Come and register with the East London business place for free business support and exposure to prospective buyers.

Canary Wharf Group plc's Local Business Liaison Office has teamed up with ELBA, the London Development Agency, the 5 Borough Partnership (Olympic Host Boroughs) and the Thames Gateway London Partnership to create this flagship local procurement project.

DATE: Thursday, 27th March 2008

TIME: 4.30pm - 8.00pm

VENUE: The East Wintergarden, 43 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, London E14 5AB.

For further information contact Melanie Goldstein on 0207 537 5123 or melanie.goldstein@canarywharf.com.

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ON DEVELOPING YOUR BUSINESS
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TRAINING FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES

FIT FOR PURPOSE COMMUNITY TRAINING COURSES

Our training programme is designed for people running voluntary and community organisations in Hackney. You can learn how to develop your organisation, to win more funding and

become active in local decision making and delivering services. Upcoming courses include:

Practical Quality Assurance System for Small Organisations (PQASSO)

Tue 11 Mar, Thu 24 Apr and Tue 29 Apr 10am - 1.30pm

ILM Team Leading Level 1 Accredited

Thu 13 Mar, Thu 20 Mar and Thu 27 Mar 10am - 4.30pm

Annual Budget and Full Cost Recovery

Learn how to plan your yearly budget so your organisation recoups the total costs of delivering a service, including a share of the organisations overheads.

Wed 10th April 10th 10am - 5pm

Developing and Planning Projects that make a difference

Wed 23rd April 10am - 4.30pm

Key Principles of Marketing

Wed May 7th 10am - 1.30pm

Venue: HCVS 84 Springfield House, 5 Tyssen Street, London E8 2LY

The Fit for Purpose Community Training Programme is run in partnership with Hackney Council for Voluntary Service (HCVS), Community Accountability Project (CAP), Hackney Community Empowerment Network (CEN) and Hackney Training and Employment Network (HTEN) and is free for small charities. For more details please contact Zara Mohoboob at HCVS on 020 7923 1962 or email her at zara@hcv.org.uk.

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GILLETT SQUARE WEB SITE GOES ONLINE

We are pleased to announce that the Gillett Square web site is now online at:

<http://www.gillettsquare.org.uk>

The site has information about the square, its history and current and future uses as well as a facility to sign up for a newsletter we will be publishing about events in and around the square. There is also a contact form for queries about potential uses for the square as well as details of any other matters pertaining to Gillett Square and the management of it.

WELL STREET COMMON MAY FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 18 MAY 2008 12 NOON - 5PM

Well Street Common User Group is planning its annual community celebration on the Common, and would like to invite you to come and join in. There will be stalls, sports, exhibitions, live music, barbeque, refreshments, family dog show, games and more. The Festival is run entirely by volunteers, and is funded by the Festival stalls on the day. If you or a friend would like to help or book a stall please get in touch.

Contact WSCUG, 18 Meynell Crescent, Hackney E9 7AS 020 8985 7422 E: caro@carolinebousfield.co.uk

DALSTON SQUARE CONSULTATION OPENS



Under the heading 'Transforming Dalston', LBH and Barratt Homes have published their first consultation document for Dalston Square. For those who don't know, Dalston Square is what is going to be above the part of the concrete slab over the new Dalston Junction station which isn't the new bus station. See above for an

architect's representation of the new square.

The consultation document states: "The detailed plans for each part of the square have not been finalised and we welcome public feedback." Whilst those of us who have tried to engage in public feedback with the Council previously will treat this comment with a large pinch of salt, we encourage everyone who has an opinion on what they want and don't want to see on the currently derelict sites on Dalston Lane to comment. By the time you read this the initial meetings will be over, but you are invited to register your comment either by phoning the developers on 08454606011, contact via the web site at www.dalstonsquare.co.uk, or by post at Freepost, RRRL-GLUR-KXXH, HardHatCommunications, 26 Store Street, London WC1E 7BT.

The current proposals include a new public library (to replace the CLR James library, which will be closed), a civic space with public seating (in the shade of a couple of tower blocks, lest we forget), an 'entertainment space' and so far unspecified shops and restaurants. This latter will be of interest to local businesses, as the Council is sure to try to attract some multiples into the area. Hackney is currently the only London borough without a Starbucks - if you'd like to keep it that way, be sure and let the Council know, because the kind of high-income tenants the accommodation in the square is being aimed at will inevitably dictate the kinds of retailers the Council will try to attract into the square.

WHAT'S ON IN DALSTON

Each issue we will highlight local arts venues and bring to your attention some of the best entertainment on offer locally over the next few months. For those new to the area, here's a quick guide to a little of what makes Dalston a great place for a night out. More next issue.

Rio Cinema

The Rio is one of London's longest established independent cinemas, and shows a variety of films from first run

blockbusters to neglected and foreign language masterpieces.

Enquiries: 020 7241 9410 or visit <http://www.riocinema.ndirect.co.uk>

Vortex Jazz Club

The Vortex, based in Gillett Square on the first floor of the Dalston Culture House, is one of the capital's leading live music venues, featuring a jazz line-up alongside world music and singer-songwriter nights.

Enquiries: 020 7254 4097 or visit <http://www.vortexjazz.co.uk>

Arcola Theatre

The Arcola Theatre, 23 - 27 Arcola Street N16 2DJ, is a converted textile factory on the borders of Stoke Newington and Dalston.

Founded by Turkish director Mehmet Ergun, the Arcola is now one of the country's most renowned independent theatres with a distinct and powerful identity.

Enquiries: 020 7503 1646 or visit <http://www.arcolatheatre.com>

Barden's Boudoir

38-44 Stoke Newington Road, N16 7XJ

Think the era of sweaty clubs featuring up and coming bands and DJs is a thing of the past? Think again, because that is exactly what Bardens Boudoir is and it's right here on your doorstep.

Enquiries: 020 7249 9557 or visit <http://www.bardensbar.co.uk>



New Venue - Cafe Oto

A new Dalston venue, Cafe Oto, will be opening early April '08 in the ground floor of the Print House in Ashwin Street (see photo above). Evening events are currently being programmed to begin in May. The venue will also serve a tapas/cold food menu alongside exotic coffees, juices, smoothies and alcoholic drinks. For more information contact Hamish at info@cafeoto.co.uk.

If you would like your event/venue profiled here please contact us.