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WORKING FOR DALSTON'S FUTURE

BUSINESSES - HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR OLYMPIC OPPORTUNITIES?

We make no apology for running this item again from the last issue. Local businesses who want to take full advantage of Olympic contract opportunities should waste no time in registering with CompeteFor.

Compete For 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. Do not delay in registering - over £11 million in contracts have already been allocated by LOCOG.

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

ADVENTURE CAPITAL FUND ANNOUNCES THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND

The Business Development Fund is for community enterprises in the early stages of development. A grant of up to £15,000 comes with five days' support and can be used to develop an organisation's skills and capacity, making it ready to run its own enterprise and trading activities.

DALSTON4LONDON BUSINESS ADVICE SERVICE

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ON DEVELOPING YOUR BUSINESS
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HCED.CO.UK**

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WEB-BASED DIRECTORY OF
DALSTON BUSINESSES - CALL
CORY NOW FOR MORE DE-
TAILS AND TO ENSURE YOUR
LISTING****

Following a Business Development Grant, organisations should be prepared to run enterprise and trading activities in order to become more sustainable.

For application details, see:
<http://www.adventurecapitalfund.org.uk/content/view/36/50>

TENDERING FOR PUBLIC SECTOR CONTRACTS WORKSHOP

Supply London is a programme funded by the London Development Agency and is designed to assist small businesses and third sector organisations in London in their efforts to be a great supplier and win future contracts.

Who is the workshop for?

Anyone who feels their organisation is ready to take the necessary steps to becoming 'Fit for Purpose' and is suitable for those who wish to apply for contracts up to the EU procurement threshold of about £154,000,

The workshop will cover:

- * How to find opportunities through Supply London
- * Look at the challenges and barriers of working with the public sector
- * The requirements of successful tendering including Health and Safety and Environmental responsibilities,
- * Explain what level of the supply chain small businesses and third sector organisation should apply to
- * The tendering process
- * Give examples of different procurement processes, including approved supplier lists and framework agreements
- * How to find out about Olympic opportunities
- * Where to find extra help

How much does the workshop cost?

The workshop is funded by the London Development Agency and therefore there is no charge.

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Where is the workshop taking place?

The same workshop is being run on two separate dates at two separate venues. Dates are:

Hackney CVS, Hackney
July 2 9am – 4.30pm
The Epi Centre, Walthamstow
May 15 9am – 4.30pm

To book a place on this workshop please contact Josephine Mason on 01708 778060 or josephine.mason@elcvnetwork.org.uk to ensure that your place is booked on the workshop. PLEASE NOTE: only upon receipt of the £75 refundable deposit will your space be reserved. To find out more information contact Andrea Chott on 01708 778 060

COUNCIL REQUESTS FEEDBACK ON PLANNING BLUEPRINT FOR HACKNEY

A PLANNING blueprint is being drawn up to shape the future of the borough over the next decade. Hackney Council wants to hear residents' views on long-term plans for its neighbourhoods and town centres. The local authority has launched a six-week consultation into the planning document.

Town hall staff will answer questions at several meetings across the borough over the coming weeks. The master plan will go on show in the borough's libraries and in the council's planning offices in Mare Street. The blueprint - known as the Core Strategy - will be used as the basis for making planning decisions. "The strategy has far-reaching implications, so it is important that every local person and organisation has their say," said a spokeswoman for the council.

The plans can be viewed on Wednesday, April 30, at Abney Public Hall in Stoke Newington Church Street. Planners will host another evening on Monday, May 19, at Hackney Town Hall in Mare Street.

The Core Strategy document can also be found online by visiting www.hackney.gov.uk/ldf and a planning officer can be contacted by calling 020 8356

3000.

Residents can have their say by emailing ldf@hackney.gov.uk, quoting Core Strategy in the subject line. Alternatively, send a letter to FREEPOST NAT18923 Planning Policy Team, 263 Mare Street, London, E8 3HT. Submissions should be received by 4.30pm on June 2.

(Story courtesy of Hackney Gazette)

New Economics Foundation report slams East London regeneration claims

The New Economics Foundation has produced a report called 'Fool's Gold: How the 2012 Olympics is selling East London short, and a 10 point plan for a more positive local legacy'.



East London's poorest people and communities are at risk of being "trampled in the Olympic gold rush", a study by a think-tank has warned. The report by the New Economics Foundation said the Games' legacy may not benefit locals as only 11% of all contracts had gone to local businesses. It also said that local people could be priced out of the housing market.

London Development Agency (LDA) said the report "simply ignores" opportunities provided to the area.

HCD's Executive Director Adam Hart, who was consulted by the NEF as part of the data collection process for the report, states: "The NEF report "Fools Gold" contains many facts that do give cause for grave concern that the massive scale of the current work and the enormous debt involved in the staging of the London Olympics could well dwarf current efforts being made to engage local businesses and to ensure lasting and inclusive benefits for local people. There is a need for much more investment in such efforts and for many more bold and creative initiatives that really involve local community

groups and new ideas in planning, management and ownership throughout the regeneration of East London. Many of these ideas are recommended in the NEF report, and they should be now given serious consideration by the ODA and LOCOG.

"Despite the necessary rush to meet the Olympics deadline it would be entirely wrong to overlook or to be complacent on this issue or, let alone, to dismiss such concerns as just attempts to undermine the London Olympics. The NEF report demonstrates that it is time for further and wider engagement with the local community, not for more tunnel vision or heads in the sand."

PLEASE WELCOME THE OCHRE WORKS TO GILLETT SQUARE!

The space under the Vortex has undergone a transformation over the last few weeks and is ready to open its doors to all of you. New modern, simple food is on the cards, and with all the produce sourced locally and no fixed menu, The Ochre Works is set to provide some of the freshest meals around.

The Ochre Works will be open evenings for restaurant and bar trade from the 28th April and as the weather warms up, the square will provide a perfect place for al fresco wining and dining. There are all kinds of events planned for Gillett Square this summer and The Ochre Works will be an integral part of promoting the life of the square, supporting the programme of events in the square with events in The Ochre Works itself.

From Monday the 5th of May The Ochre Works will also be trading during the day, providing freshly made sandwiches, homemade soup, salads and coffee to die for. All your lunch-time needs will be available to eat in, out on the square or as a take-away to your home or office.

Keep your eyes open for all developments by visiting www.vortexjazz.co.uk and following The Ochre Works links.