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WORKING FOR DALSTON'S FUTURE

THE CHANGING FACE OF DALSTON



As we await the arrival of the Council's Masterplan for Dalston, work is now well underway on the rebuilding of Dalston centre. The tower blocks on the site of the old Dalston Theatre are now looming ominously over Dalston Lane. This has led to some speculation that the properties on Kingsland Road currently being demolished for strengthening works over the western curve may be about to be replaced by four or five story buildings in keeping with the 'new' Dalston. The Council is currently neither confirming nor denying anything, but rumours abound that TfL has been given high-rise planning permission for the sites once the bridge strengthening works have been completed.



In addition, concerns have been raised about a) the perilous state of Barrett's finances (Barrett's own MD told the Guardian in June 2008 their sales were 50% down on forecasts, and things have undoubtedly got worse since

then), b) Barrett's share price (currently 88p down from nearly £10 just 18 months ago) c) Barrett's own figures of 49 units sold at Dalston Lane by the end of 2008 and d) the inability of the construction team to put a start date on the third tower (early 2010 is the latest guess). All these factors are causing real concern to local residents and action groups, and consultation on any part of the future of Dalston, including the Masterplan, can only work if there is clarity on the future of the existing schemes.

tions in Ashwin Street and leaves the Print House as a potential casualty. We're expecting the Masterplan to be unveiled towards the end of January, with consultation events soon after. We'll feature news as we get it on our web site, so please check www.dalston4london.org.uk for the latest information.

TRAINING FOR SMALL BUSINESSES AND VOLUNTARY GROUPS

HCVS publishes a newsletter with information on training opportunities in the third sector, containing information on: Fundraising and Commissioning training; Management training; Communications, campaigning and advocacy training; Equalities training; PQASSO training; Training for employment; Training for people working with children and young people, and much more. Some courses are free or low cost. Courses available over the next three months include: Leadership Development, Fundraising Planning and Working in Partnerships

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COMMUNITY ACTION FOR ENERGY TRAINING (CAFE)

The CAFE programme offers training courses specifically designed for people working in the community who would

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Improvement of the existing Dalston Cross Shopping Centre seems certain. One possible option might be to cover over the railway between Ridley Road and the Shopping Centre and car park to allow for two stories of shops and either an underground or roof car park. A well overdue redevelopment of the long-derelict eastern curve is also on the cards, which may involve demoli-

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like to improve their knowledge of energy and develop community energy projects.

The courses are free to community members (and membership is free). There are a range of courses and dates across the UK. The courses are:

Making it happen; Finding out about Energy; Energy Auditing; Planning for Success

Dates and venues are publicised through the CAFÉ e-news and newsletter, so, if you are not already a member, sign up for free to make sure you don't miss out.

<http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/cafe/Community-Action-for-Energy/Training-and-Events>

GREEN ENERGY GRANT SCHEMES

Grants up to £100,000 for not-for-profit organisations that work with or represent the vulnerable, in need and fuel poor particularly:

- * Women and children needing emergency accommodation and vulnerable young people setting up their first home
- * Benefits health checks or income maximisation
- * Energy Efficiency measures and advice
- * Research, e.g. between fuel poverty and health.

Projects may be funded up to a maximum of three years and projects helping families with children and young people are prioritised.

Deadlines: early February, May, August and November 2009.

Please contact: ScottishPower Energy People Trust by Telephone, 0141 568 2000, enquiries@energypeopletrust.co.uk or visit http://www.energypeopletrust.co.uk/how_to_apply.html

Also, ScottishPower Green Energy Trust provides grants up to £25,000 for renewable energy projects that have a positive impact on their local communities and environment using renewable energy technologies, such as:

- * Small-scale hydro
- * Wind power
- * Biomass

- * Landfill gas
- * Solar energy
- * Ground source heat pumps.

Funding can be for up to 50% of total project costs for capital and installation costs for a renewable energy project. On average most projects receive £10,000.

Deadlines: early April, September and December 2009.

Please contact: ScottishPower Green Energy Trust by telephone, 0141 568 4615, greenenergytrust@scottishpower.com or visit <http://www.scottishpowergreentrust.co.uk/content/>

LAGGING BEHIND - INSULATING HOMES IN LONDON

A recent report produced for the London Assembly reviews the delivery of insulation to private homes in London and finds the capital is lagging behind national rates. With the benefits insulation offers, the growing pressure of high fuel bills and the need for bold action to reduce carbon emissions, the Committee believes even greater levels of home insulation can and should be occurring.



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The report calls on the Mayor to set out an ambitious programme to rapidly expand insulation activity, delivering 90,000 insulations a year in the short-term and a significant increase in the delivery of solid wall insulations. It urges the Mayor to simplify the process of getting insulation - encouraging the consolidation of schemes under one phone number offering advice, guiding householders to the right deal for them, and arranging for installers to visit.

Get your copy of the report from here: <http://www.london.gov.uk/assembly/reports/environment/lagging-behind.pdf>

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INTERNATIONAL ETHIOPIAN WOMENS ORGANISATION (IEWO)

The International Ethiopian Women Organization (IEWO) is an entity created by Ethiopian women living overseas. Its aim is to foster dialogue and discussion on female issues among women of Ethiopian descent and their friends. The organisation encourages Ethiopian women to fully participate in their country's political, economic and social development.



In order to realise the IEWO objective of becoming well established as a social enterprise, the Dalston 4 London team assisted with the structuring of various policy and procedural documents such as Equal Opportunity Policy, financial procedures, environmental policy and Action Plan, staff handbook, as well as the Memorandum and Articles of Association. D4L also assisted with the completion of application forms for grants. The advice and support received enabled the organisation to properly establish itself and integrate in the UK. They gave direction as regards viable sources of funding and enabled the organisation to participate in activities with other community groups.

On the advice of the D4L team, IEWO future plans will include the arrangement of workshops to inform on and hopefully to reduce domestic violence, childcare training and the imparting of other skills primarily aimed at lone parents. Again these are intended to empower them for employment/ self-employment and to organise events particularly related to women and young people. The IEWO is looking forward to continued support from HCD's dedicated business advice/support and premises team members.

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