

Resident Involvement News

News from the Community Partnership Team
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GRANT FUNDING

The current round of Milton Keynes Council Residents Association grant funding for 2015 is **now open and will close at 5pm on Monday 30th November**. Any Residents Association which has been Healthchecked in 2015 is eligible to apply. The maximum amount available is **£500** per group and is not dependent on your level of accreditation.

Previous successful applications have included contributions towards seaside trips, theatre visits, IT equipment, printing newsletters, clean up days and community events. If you have an idea for a project or a project coming up, apply for funding to help – the money is there to support you!

For an application form or advice, please contact Katherine Geddes at katherine.geddes@milton-keynes.gov.uk or on 01908 253174

HOUSING SERVICES FORUM

Thursday 5th November
7:30pm, Bronte Suite (2nd Floor), Civic Offices

This session will be covering:

- Income and Recovery team overview and performance, including any updates/changes that may affect tenants.
- Introduction of Universal Credit in Milton Keynes
- Digital Inclusion – getting online
- MKC Annual Housing Report – newly published for 2014/15

All residents and tenants welcome to attend and take part.

Resident Involvement Review Group

Monday 16th November, 10:30am, Room 4, Civic Offices

We will be looking at future publicity and promotion opportunities for this group, agenda setting for the 2016 Housing Services Forums and suggested content for the 2016 Tenant Satisfaction Surveys.

Please note this meeting is on a Monday this month, not a Wednesday as usual

Useful Information in MK

smile:)MK

Did you know that around a quarter of British adults will experience a diagnosable mental health problem in any one year? Symptoms experienced include feelings of hopelessness, irritability, loss of self-confidence and a lack of interest in life.

Learning and education can be useful tools in tackling these feelings and restoring wellbeing.

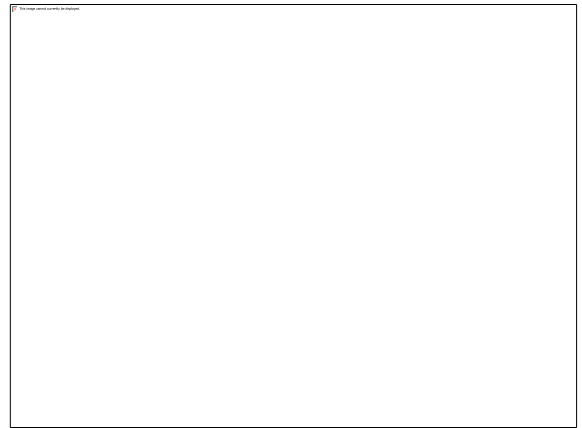
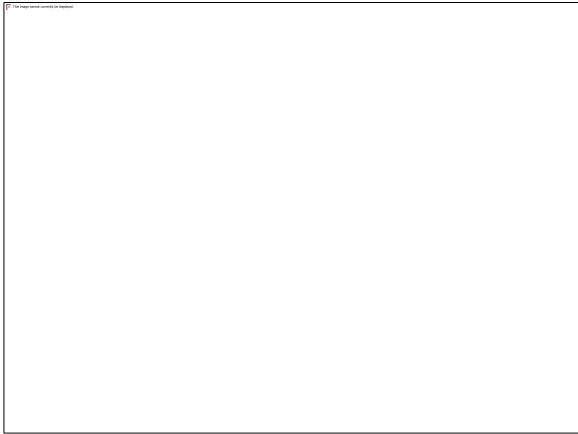
Launched in September 2015, Smile:)MK is a pilot project funded by the Skills Funding Agency and co-ordinated by Community Learning MK. Its aim is to support those with mild to moderate anxiety, depression and/or sleep problems by providing access to lots of varied learning activities. Courses are delivered free of charge and offer the space for attendees to work on improving their wellbeing in a supportive environment.

Some courses are more practical such as photography, crafts, writing and music while others focus on improving personal relationships, self-confidence and recognising and overcoming stress triggers. Courses vary in length from short two-hour workshops through to longer 10 week courses and are being delivered in many locations across Milton Keynes.

To find out more please get in touch with Community Learning MK on 01908 556700 or email: jane.sharp@milton-keynes.gov.uk



FOCUS ON..... TINKERS BRIDGE



Tinkers Bridge Residents Association organized an estate-wide clean up day. We managed to collect over 26 tonnes of rubbish and approximately half of the 350 households on the estate took advantage of this one-off opportunity and left out items to be removed. Residents, councillors, Serco workers and the RA worked hard on this project and the estate is much improved as a result.

Big thanks to everyone who got involved, helped out, contributed financially and showed how much Tinkers Bridge means to them!





**Listening
Learning
Launching**

RegenerationMK - Listening Event
Got a question about RegenerationMK?

We are inviting residents to a local event to share concerns, ask questions and get to know us. We want to work together to build a shared understanding of what matters to you, the Council and our future Partnership.

Please drop in. There will be a small display to look at, lots of information about RegenerationMK to take away and share, and a chance for a chat with the team over a cup of tea or coffee. This is not a formal meeting and all are welcome. There will be activities for children so please bring them along.

Please see below for details of an event near you. If you cannot make the one in your area, please feel free to attend one you can.

Where you can find us:

Beanhill Moorlands Centre **New Date:** Wednesday 4th November 10am to 12pm

Tinkers Bridge Meeting Place Monday 9th November 2pm to 4pm

Bradville Stantonbury Parish Offices Saturday 14th November 10:30am to 12:30pm

Lakes Spotlight Office Monday 16th November 5pm to 8pm

Fullers Slade Rowans Childrens Centre Wednesday 18th November 10am to 12pm

Netherfield WCC Offices Tuesday 24th November 5pm to 8pm

Netherfield WCC Offices Wednesday 25th November 10am to 12pm

Coffee Hall Community Centre Tuesday 1st December 5pm to 8pm

Ways to keep in touch with us:

Visit us: www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/regeneration

Follow us on Twitter: @MKC Regeneration

Like us on Facebook: Regeneration MK

Email us: regeneration@milton-keynes.gov.uk

Phone us: 01908 252320

CONSULTATIONS

Possible merger of Bletchley and Great Holm fire stations, and creation of blue-light hub – consultation document available at <http://bucksfire.gov.uk>
Closes 9/11/15

CMK Parking and Transport Strategy – transport.policy@milton-keynes.gov.uk
01908 252510 Closes 9/11/15

CMK Development Brief Consultation – david.blandamer@milton-keynes.gov.uk
01908 254836 Closes 9/11/15

Consultation on a Draft Landscape Character Assessment and a Draft Landscape Sensitivity to Wind and Solar PV Development – development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk 01908 254573 Closes 9/11/15

Street Trading Policy – licensing@milton-keynes.gov.uk
01908 252647 Closes 11/11/15

Statement of Gambling Principles 2016-2019 – eddie.fisher@milton-keynes.gov.uk
01908 252409 Closes 16/11/15

Newport Pagnall Neighbourhood Plan publicity period -
development.plans@milton-keynes.gov.uk
01908 254456 Closes 18/11/15

Draft Pascal Drive, Medbourne, Development Brief Consultation –
urban.design@milton-keynes.gov.uk
01908 254727 Closes 1/12/15

School term dates 2017 -18 – sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk
01908 258035 Closes 11/12/15

Admissions arrangements Sept 2017 – sufficiencyandaccess@milton-keynes.gov.uk 01908 258035 Closes 11/12/15

**COMMUNITY
ACTION: MK**

presents...

Community Conversations

Exploring Ways to Engage Communities

Kickstart your day with an exciting exploration into how to best engage the communities in which you work.

**Tuesday 1st
December**

**9.00-
10.30am**
(registration from
8.45am)

This event is open to all staff, volunteers and community groups who support MK's communities.

MK Parks Trust

Campbell Park Pavilion
Central Milton Keynes
MK9 4AD

Sign up on Eventbrite today!

The Engage MK is run in partnership between Community Action: MK and Safer MK.



**Information and updates from the
Tenants Scrutiny Panel can be found
here: www.mkhtenantscrutiny.co.uk**

Dates for Your Diary

November and December 2015

Thursday 5th Nov	Housing Services Forum, Bronte Suite, 7:30pm
Monday 16th Nov	Resident Involvement Review Group, Room 4, 10:30am
Monday 7th Dec	Resident Association Network – recruitment and retention of members Room 2, 7pm

To find out more information or to book a place on any of the Resident Involvement events you can contact Katherine Geddes from the Community Partnership Team on 01908 253174 or email katherine.geddes@milton-keynes.gov.uk
Meetings include light refreshments and we can arrange transport if you need it.



Important dates for Residents Associations in November*

<u>Date and time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Residents Association</u>	<u>Location</u>
Thursday 12 th , 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	All Bradville <i>Facebook: ABRA All Bradville</i>	Bradville Hall Community Centre
Friday 13 th , 6pm	Monthly meeting	Beanhill <i>Facebook: Beanhill AG</i>	Moorland Centre
TBC	Monthly meeting	Central Milton Keynes <i>Facebook: Central Housing Residents Association</i>	Centrecom
Friday 6 th November, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Coffee Hall <i>Facebook: Coffee Hall RA</i>	Coffee Hall Community Centre
Monday 9 th , 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Fenny Stratford <i>Facebook: Fenny Stratford Residents Association</i>	George St Community Centre
Monday 16 th November, 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Fishermead <i>Facebook: Fishermead Residents Association</i>	Trinity Centre
Monday 9 th November, 6pm	Monthly meeting	Fullers Slade <i>Facebook : Fullers Slade Community Links</i>	The Rowans Childrens Centre
TBC	AGM	Lakes	Lakes Estate Community Centre
Monday 30 th , 6pm	Monthly meeting	Leon	Bletchley Library

Thursday 19 th , 7:30pm	Meeting	Loughton <i>Facebook:Loughton Residents Association</i> www.loughtonmk.org.uk	All Saints Church hall, Church Lane
	No meeting	Moor Park	Windmill Hill Golf Club
Wednesday 25 th , 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Netherfield	Woughton Community Council offices
Tuesday 17 th , 7:30pm	AGM	Oldbrook	The Cricketers
Thursday 26 th , 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Tinkers Bridge <i>Facebook:</i>	Tinkers Drop in
Wednesday 25 th , 7:30pm	Monthly meeting	Water Eaton www.bfstc.co.uk	The Rest Centre next to Bletchley Library

*Information drawn from 2015 Healthchecks or given via email response. If your RA is not included here and you would like it to be, please contact me on katherine.geddes@milton-keynes.gov.uk



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