



## **News from West London Alliance – ISSUE 14/2012**

This newsletter is produced by the West London Alliance (WLA) to provide information about collaborative initiatives and programmes between West London boroughs and with other organisations in West London. More detailed information about WLA programmes and the latest news can be found on the WLA web site: [www.westlondonalliance.org](http://www.westlondonalliance.org).

### **New WLA Job Opportunity – Shared Transport Services Manager**

WLA is currently seeking a Shared Transport Services Manager to lead on the establishment of a collaborative shared transport service, a new Regional Transport Bureau, across West London. The Transport Bureau and the new post will be located in Hounslow.

The role of the Shared Transport Service Manager has been created to lead on the development of this Transport Bureau and to provide leadership and management of all aspects of the services provided by the Bureau for, and on behalf of, the participating London Boroughs of Barnet, Brent, Ealing, Harrow and Hounslow. The new Manager will also project manage the integration of passenger transport services including those for children with special needs and vulnerable adults, concessionary travellers and new transport and fleet management services.

The closing date for the post is Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. To view further information and to download the application information, please click [here](#).

### **WLA to be Pan-London Adult Social Care Category Management Lead**

The WLA has secured £25,000 funding to be the Pan-London Procurement Category Management Lead for Adult Social Care (ASC) following a successful bid made to the London Procurement Strategy Board in December 2011.

This funding has been allocated from the £150,000 category management funding made available by Capital Ambition for the management and development of category management strategies and implementation plans for the main procurement categories identified in the London Procurement Strategy.

As the London-wide lead for ASC, the WLA will develop a Category Strategy that will provide a greater understanding and control of the ASC market, current and future demands, improve the quality of the service provided and deliver significant savings across London.

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### **West London Efficiencies and Improvement Network Event Held on 7<sup>th</sup> February**

The latest West London Efficiencies and Improvement Network event, launched by Gareth Daniel, Chief Executive of Brent Council and Chair of the West London Efficiencies and Improvement Network, was held on 7<sup>th</sup> February and over sixty West London borough colleagues attended.

The event was an opportunity for colleagues to show case successful projects, share learning and explore good practice. Colleagues heard from the WLA's newest member the London Borough of Barnet about what's happening in their borough. The Chief Executive of Barnet Council, Nick Walkley spoke on the council's transformation programme 'One Barnet' and the work the council have embarked on to relentlessly drive for efficiencies in order to deliver a citizen-centred council as well as their work to establish Your Choice Barnet, a Local Authority Trading Company. Peter Tolley, Service Manager Places, Harrow Council presented on the Harrow-Coram Adoption Partnership established in 2006 to improve outcomes for children and better quality placements and Steve Wells, Revenues Manager, Ealing Council gave an overview of the Synchronising Names and People (SNAP) project and the work specifically to tackle Single Person Discount fraud.

Feedback from the event is being evaluated and will help to develop and shape future West London Efficiencies and Improvement Network events. If you would like a copy of the presentations given at this event, please contact Shahnaz Abbasi, WLA Administrator Officer – [Shahnaz.Abbasi@lbhf.gov.uk](mailto:Shahnaz.Abbasi@lbhf.gov.uk)



### **West London to Benefit from over £500,000 of Sport England Inspired Facilities Funding**

Five West London boroughs have secured over £500,000 of funding from the Sport England Inspired Facilities fund to support the development of sports facilities in West London as a legacy from the London 2012 Games.

The Inspired Facilities fund is part of the Places People Play Sport England's programme to deliver a London 2012 legacy of increased mass participation in sport and is investing £50 million of National Lottery funding in up to 1000 community sports projects between 2011 and 2014. The fund focuses on making it easier to improve and refurbish local sports clubs or transforming non-sporting venues into model grassroots sports facilities.

The London Boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Hammersmith and Fulham, Harrow and Hounslow have benefited from the grants ranging from £50,000 to £150,000. These grants will contribute to projects including the upgrading of the existing Osterley Sports and Athletic Centre in Hounslow and re-roofing the clubhouse at Kenton Sports Club in Harrow.

Round two of the fund is now open and closes at 5pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2012. For further information on the Inspired Facilities fund and to apply for funding, please visit the Inspired Facilities website at [www.inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/](http://www.inspiredfacilities.sportengland.org/)

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### **Ealing CVS Secures £965,000 Funding to Deliver West London Collaborating for Change Programme**

Ealing Community and Voluntary Service (CVS) has secured £965,000, the largest grant awarded, from the Office for Civil Society's £30 million Transforming Local Infrastructure fund, for a partnership that includes VCS groups in Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon and Hounslow. The funding will be used to deliver the new West London Collaborating for Change Programme which starts in April this year.

The Transforming Local Infrastructure fund was designed to help modernise and transform local charity support services and bring together different charity support providers to offer high quality local services at lower cost and is administered by the Big Fund, the non-lottery funding operation of the Big Lottery Fund.

Ealing CVS, which put the bid together, will be the overall lead for the Programme but projects will be led by VCS partnership in each borough. For more information on the West London Collaborating for Change Programme and the projects being funded, please click [here](#) or contact Andy Roper, Ealing CVS, Chief Executive - [andy@ealingcvs.org.uk](mailto:andy@ealingcvs.org.uk)

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