

# Monthly Newsletter

March 2024



#### Bikers Easter Egg Run

This month we were joined by our wonderful supporters Triumph East London Bikers club who rode their motorcycles to our hub in Canning Town to make the first donation to our Kevin Jenkins OBE Easter Egg Appeal.

Over fifty bikers brought along hundreds of Easter Eggs for disadvantaged young people living in Newham this Easter. John Pryke from Riders Who Want To Make A Difference and Triumph East London who have been supporting the appeal for several years said "it was great to see so many old and new faces at the event."

Paula Blake, Appeal Co-ordinator said "The Kevin Jenkins OBE Newham Easter Appeal is aiming to support at least 2000 vulnerable children this year, with a donation of an Easter egg to enjoy on Easter Sunday. Those receiving our support need it the most and experience hardship and many challenges on a daily basis. We are so grateful to the bikers."

If you are in the position to help this year, you can dontate to our dedicated Just Giving page - www.justgiving.com/campaign/easter2024 or purchase a Easter Egg through our Amazon Wishlist - https://amzn.eu/40i0UhW

Any help you are able to give will make a huge difference this Easter to young people living in Newham.

#### **Corporate Volunteer Days**

Our volunteer days have kicked off this year at our hubs in Canning Town and Stratford and our brand new Kevin Jenkins OBE Outdoor Learning Centre.

Volunteers from LEGO and Turner Townsend have dedicated their time this past month to help out at our hubs.

Turner Townsend a management company and long term supporter of Ambition Aspire Achieve gave up their time at both our Terence Brown Arc where they helped to tidy up our site ready for our packed Spring and Summer programme, painted new murals to decorate our site and helped with many gardening tasks helping to prepare our Edible Garden for the Spring season.

They also helped tidy up in our woodland space which is part of our new hub in Stratford - Kevin Jenkins OBE Outdoor Learning Centre where volunteers from LEGO, who are also long term supporters also helped tidy up our space ready for our new Bugs and Shrubs afterschool club and our ECOHub Easter scheme.

We have lots more exciting volunteer days coming up this year from several of our corporate supporters across all our hubs, all their hard work and dedication is truly appreciated throughout the year, helping us to maintain our community spaces.





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### **Hub Updates - Glyn Hopkin Abbey Hub**

The building works at our Glyn Hopkin Abbey Hub are finally coming to a close with the improved and extended space now being prepared to welcome back our young people this Easter holiday.

We have an exciting programme this Easter, with our Playscheme running eight days over the holidays for 5 to 11 year olds. They will have the opportunity to take part in an exciting programme of activities including a selection of sports, adventure play, arts and crafts and much more

We are also running our HAF scheme this Easter for young people aged 7 to 16 who have Special Educational Needs, they will have the chance to take part in a selection of activities including arts and crafts, sports and wellbeing workshops, trips out, cooking workshops and life skills.

For more information on our Easter programme and the other clubs we run at our Glyn Hopkin Abbey Hub, check out the our 'What's On' page on our website or contact Hub Manager Marie - marie@theaaazone.com | 0208 555 8333

#### Project Spotlight - Lego Club

Our LEGO Clubs at our Terence Brown Arc offer a space for young peoples imagination take hold.

With two clubs running during term time our young builders enjoy both free play, where they use their own imagination to create unique masterpieces helping to foster their creativity, problem-solving, fine motor skills as well as focusing on their collaboration and story telling which in turn helps to develop their social skills and build lasting friendships.

The groups also work on larger LEGO sets where they work together, following the instruction manuals to create some true masterpieces of engineering. So far they have completed the NASA Space Shuttle model and the Disney Castle and are currently working on the model of the Titanic.

The clubs follow LEGO's Brick by Brick programme which allows all members rotate roles within the club, giving each member time to experience and learn the different aspects of LEGO building from reading and understanding the instruction manuals to assembling the different models.

Our LEGO Club provides a safe, inclusive space for our young people to socialise and connect with fellow LEGO enthusiasts, share ideas and work together on group projects learning skills which will help them in the future, with many of our young people expressing their desire to become engineers!

Our LEGO Club runs Tuesdays, 3:30pm to 5pm for ages 9 to 11 and Thursdays, 3:30pm to 5pm for ages 5 to 8. For further information contact Paula - paula@theaaazone.com | 0207 511 4253







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### Family Fun Day's

Our Family Fun Day's restarted this month at our Terence Brown Arc and will be running once a month until September.

The Family Fun Day's are a great space for the whole family to enjoy the facilities at our hub in Canning Town together, taking part in a variety of activities including adventure play, sports, giant outdoor games, themed arts and crafts workshops and much more!

The events also offer a safe, fun and inclusive environment to socialise and build friendships for young people and adults alike with fun for all ages. This month our families enjoyed a range of Easter and Spring themed activities as well as sports, face painting and adventure play.

If your family would like to attend our Family Fun Day's this year contact bookings@theaaazone.com to book your family's place. Check out our 'What's On at the Terence Brown Arc' page on our website (www.theaaazone.com) for the scheduled dates.

### Young People's Corner

We love showcasing the wonderful work produced by our young people and this month we have this wonderful piece of artwork made by Ismad who attends our SEND Youth Club at Newham College.

Ismad produced this beautiful recreation of Vincent Van Gogh's Starry Night as part of his Trinity Art Award which he is currently working towards achieving. It looks amazing Ismad, well done!





#### Young Person of the Month

At Ambtion Aspire Achieve we like to celebrate the acheivements of our young people and this year we are continuing our Young Person of the Month Award!

Each of our clubs have been assigned a month where they get to pick a young person from their club to win! The winners are chosen for a variety of achievements and all of the winners receive a certificate of their achievement and a £20 Amazon gift card to spend!

The winner for March is Muhamed who attends our Positive Transitions group, he has won the award for "the consistent positive energy he brings with him into the clubs, and the enthusiasm he always shows towards the session activities. He has also improved on his communication skills allowing him to build lasting friendships' Well done Muhamed!



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#### Coming Up....

We have lots of exciting projects coming up over the Easter Holidays including:

PlayWheels Mobile Playscheme:

For: 5 to 11 year olds

Where: Canning Town Recreation Ground, Keir Hardie Recreation Ground, New Beckton

Park (see flyer on website for further details)

When: 11am to 3pm - from 2nd April - 11th April (selected dates, see flyer on website for

further details)

Contact: Bob - bob@theaaazone.com | 0207 511 4253 (no booking required)

EcoHub (see flyer on website for further details):

For: 8 to 11 year olds

Where: Kevin Jenkins OBE Outdoor Learning Centre (adjacent to Glyn Hopkin Abbey

Hub, 6 Gay Road E15 2RN

When: 11am to 2pm - 8th, 10th, 12th April

Contact: Bookings - bookings@theaaazone.com (Pre Booking is required)

HAF Easter Scheme (see flyer on website for further details)

For: 7 to 16 year olds (with Special Educational Needs who can fit into a one staff

member to four young people ratio)

Where: Glyn Hopkin Abbey Hub, 6 Gay Road E15 2RN When: 9:30am to 2pm - from 2nd April - 11th April

Contact: Bookings - bookings@theaaazone.com (Pre Booking is required)

### Coming Up....

We have lots of exciting projects coming up in April including:

All Stars Cricket Club:

For: 5 to 8 year olds

Where: Terence Brown Arc, Hermit Road Park, Bethell Avenue, E16 4JT

When: 10am to 11am

Contact: Marie - marie@theaaazone.com | 07852 350786 (Pre Booking

required)

Dynamos Cricket Club:

For: 9 to 11 year olds

Where: Terence Brown Arc, Hermit Road Park, Bethell Avenue, E16 4JT

When: 11:15am to 12:15pm

Contact: Marie - marie@theaaazone.com | 07852 350786 (Pre Booking

required)

All Stars Cricket Club:

For: 5 to 8 year olds

Where: Glyn Hopkin Abbey Hub, 6 Gay Road, E15 2RN

When: 1pm to 2pm

Contact: Marie - marie@theaaazone.com | 07852 350786 (Pre Booking

required)

Dynamos Cricket Club: For: 9 to 11 year olds

Where: Glyn Hopkin Abbey Hub, 6 Gay Road, E15 2RN

When: 2pm to 3pm

Contact: Marie - marie@theaaazone.com | 07852 350786 (Pre Booking

required)

