

LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

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Somers Town Community Newsletter

Stay Warm

Somers Town Community Association and The St Pancras and Somers Town Living Centre will be offering a warm space for local residents to come, keep warm and meet over a warm drink and a biscuit or two, or indeed just come to and sit in somewhere warm so you don't have to put your heating on at home.

OCTOBER

9am to 1pm

Wednesdays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th

Saturday 22nd

NOVEMBER

9am to 1pm

Wednesdays 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th

Saturdays 12th and 19th



The St Pancras
& Somers Town
Living Centre



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CLOTHES SWAP



MONTHLY

Saturdays 10am until midday

22nd October - 26th November
10th December - 28th January
25th February - 25th March

The Living Centre
2 Ossulston Street NW1 1DF

Bring your unwanted lightly worn clothes to our CLOTHES SWAP.

WASHED without holes or marks.

Bring 5 to 10 pieces, swap for a maximum 5 pieces.

Tea and coffee provided.

For more information email ema@thelivingcentre.org

We're delighted to receive funding from The National Lottery Community Fund for our Somers Town Climate Action Market, thanks to the National Lottery players, we will be able to bring people together, reduce waste and also reduce carbon emissions.



at the Chalton Street Market

Do you want an extra £60 a month?

The average UK family can save £60 a month by reducing their food waste

Come to our stand at the market to find out how to reduce food waste (or share your knowledge with us)

We'll be at the Chalton Street Market on these dates in 2022:

30th September
28th October
18th November
9th December

Collect your freebie, play games and enter our quizzes to be in with a chance of winning a prize
T&Cs apply

And find out how to enter our Somers Town Fighting Food Waste Competition
T&Cs apply



Have your say

Somers Town
Future
Neighbourhoods 2030

Please go to **Have Your Say Today – Somers Town – Future Neighbourhoods 2030 – Commonplace** website and enter your comments, indicate how you feel about the area and why not place your own pin on the map to say what you would like to see in your community.
www.somerstowfn2030.commonplace.is



How are you connected to Somers Town? Select one or more options

- I live in the area I work in the area I visit the area I travel through the area

What are you commenting on? eg pavements

How does this area currently make you feel?
eg 'Dislike' 'Love it'

What would you like to see at the location you have placed a pin?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> More trees | <input type="checkbox"/> Better insulated homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Safe pedestrian crossings | <input type="checkbox"/> Bicycles for hiring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Green wall | <input type="checkbox"/> Less air pollution | <input type="checkbox"/> Benches/seating space | <input type="checkbox"/> Scooters for hiring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Estate gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Air quality monitoring | <input type="checkbox"/> Car Club bay | <input type="checkbox"/> Better disabled access |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle storage | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling points | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled parking bay | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Solar panels | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycle lanes | <input type="checkbox"/> EV charging point | |

Alternatively please pop into the Living Centre and ask at reception for someone to help you **Have Your Say** and put your pin on the map.

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Black History Month at the Living Centre

Monday 17th October

'Wall of the world' this will run from Monday to Friday during this week and form part of our exhibition on Friday 21st. It will be an evolving exhibition that will be open to the local community, who will be actively encouraged to come and place pictures of their home/communities/the world when they were young and how it looks now.

Tuesday 18th October (12-3pm)

We will be holding a Climate and Science Workshop; this will be a workshop open to all with speakers from the SOAS university and scientists from the Crick talking about the effect of science on the climate and how this is affecting the world.

Wednesday 19th October (4-6pm)

We will be holding a Celebration of Art and Culture; with Storytelling, National Dance, Traditional Dress.

Thursday 20th October (12-3pm)

We will be holding a round table conversation; discussing women's health and how Mental Health affects us all.

Friday 21st October (5-8pm)

We will be holding an Exhibition promoting artists from the BAME community; it will also include the wall of world, poetry and a variety of other pieces.

GLOBAL GENERATION

The garden is open to the public Tuesday – Saturday from 10am-4pm. We also run:

MONDAY

10am-12pm Supported Volunteering with young people to harvest veg from the garden for Community Food Hub.

4pm-6pm Generator Programme – youth development programme.

TUESDAY

4pm-6pm Local Food Ambassadors – youth group.

WEDNESDAY

3.30pm-5pm After School Club, 3pm-5pm during standard time (October-March) or 4pm-6pm during daylight saving time (April-September).

3.30pm-5pm Twilight Gardening.

FRIDAY

5pm-7pm Friday Night Out Children's Cooking Project.

SATURDAY

11am-3pm Family Saturdays.

WE NEED YOU! VOLUNTEERS

THE ST PANCRAS & SOMERS TOWN LIVING CENTRE

2 OSSULSTON STREET
LONDON NW1 1DF
020 7380 0453

Organisations currently recruiting include
Urban Community Projects, Little Village, Doorstep Library, University College London Hospitals, Single Homeless Project, Global Generation, North London Cares, Somers Town Legal Corner, The British Museum, The British Library, Voluntary Action Camden & Islington, Bloomsbury Festival, Camden Mela, Our Little Café and many more...

Pop in for a chat or call to book an appointment with our Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Kylie Rahman to find out more!

Email: kylie@thelivingcentre.org
Work mobile: 07483 312 211

Paid opportunity for outgoing friendly people to carry out community research

Are you friendly, outgoing and enjoy talking to others in your community and getting feedback?

You could be one of our next community researchers at the Somers Town Community Association! We are looking for people who represent all parts of our community and who love communicating to become part of our flexible part-time team of community researchers.

- Flexible and part time; can fit around other commitments
 - Hours can vary depending on your availability and on which projects we run
 - Full training will be provided and you will be paid for your time while taking part
- Please email jobhub@somerstown.org.uk for more information.

We are open...

Camden Mobile Food Bank
Please visit www.urbancommunityprojects.org.uk/stay-connected for more details.

Somers Town Youth Programme
Please contact youth@somerstown.org.uk or follow on Twitter: @stcayouthclub and Instagram: @stcayouthclub for more details.

Make@StoryGarden
Please email Jodie Allen on jodie@thelivingcentre.org for more details.

Cost of Living Crisis Fund

We know it's a really difficult time as many of us are facing rising living costs. If you are struggling to afford the essentials, or if you're worried about money or debt, the organisations below are here to help and you can call all of them about the Cost of Living Crisis Fund, which is for people experiencing severe financial hardship.

Please remember that it's a busy time so if you can't get through to any of the organisations, please try again or try another organisation.

Organisations and type of support offered

Citizens Advice Camden offering general support and advice. They can also help to connect you with a specialist service. **Contact 0808 278 7835** (Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm) <https://www.camdencabservice.org/>

Age UK Camden offering support for residents aged over 55. **Contact 020 7837 3777** <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/camden/>

St Pancras and Somers Town Living Centre offering employment and general advice and advocacy on benefits, debt and housing for Camden residents over 18. **Contact 020 7380 0453** <https://www.thelivingcentre.org/>

Camden Community Law Centre offering specialist legal support. **Contact 020 7831 7079** <http://cclc.org.uk/>

Hopscotch Women's Centre offering advice and advocacy for women experiencing domestic abuse and general benefits advice. **Contact 020 7388 8198** <https://hopscotchuk.org/>

West Hampstead Women's Centre offering specialist legal support. **Contact 020 7328 7389** <https://whwc.org.uk/>

New Horizon Youth Centre offering support for young people aged 16 to 24 with housing, employment and advice. **Contact 020 7338 5560** <https://nhyouthcentre.org.uk/>

The London Irish Centre offering support with general benefits advice, applying for an Irish passport. **Contact 020 7916 2222** <https://londonirishcentre.org/>

The Kosmos Centre and Camden Somali Cultural Centre offering general advice and advocacy for residents from Greek Cypriot and Somali backgrounds. **Contact 020 7267 7194** <http://www.kosmoscentre.org.uk/>

Camden People First offering support for adults and families living with learning difficulties, offering general benefits advice and advocacy. **Contact 020 7388 2007** <https://www.camdenpeoplefirst.org.uk/>

Camden Disability Action offering support for adults and children living with a disability, advice and advocacy includes benefits. **Contact 07543 572 793** <https://camdendisabilityaction.org.uk/>

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/find-support-in-camden>

HOW TO FIND US

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