

# Rising Star

September 2021



## Pride



This year we celebrated Pride in our very own Clissold community garden! We were able to meet face-to-face and it was a lovely sunny day. Thank you to all tenants, staff and volunteers who made the effort to come and enjoy the fun. Our talent contest was as ever bursting with creativity, with poetry, games and songs. We shared our pride in the LGBT community and shared experiences. A big thank you to the Pride organising committee in particular and to Rachel for baking such delicious cakes.

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## Memorial Clissold Gardens

We held a memorial on 11 August for eight tenants who passed away in the last two years. Tenants and PBHA members of staff shared memories of how special those tenants had been to all of us.

Marlon shared his precious time spent with Liz, he gave a small prayer which was very nice. Kitty, another former tenant, shared her memories of working at the reception with Liz. Patrick Caffrey spoke about what a wonderful and generous person Isaac was. He lived his life to the full until the end.

Anjum organised art and crafts for the tenants, where they were able to write and display little messages and poems on wooden hearts. Food was also provided.

## Update on Over To You Antisocial Behaviour (ASB)

The ASB action plan is now in full swing. If you would like to see a copy in full, please get in touch. Chris Deacon (Director of Services) is working with two tenants to devise new ASB training for staff. Tenants asked that the organisation explore whether to adopt restorative approaches to ASB and across the organisation. We are in the process of investigating this - if you want more information on restorative justice approaches, please get in touch with Lani or Zoe.

There will be a new Over To You group starting in October, theme to be decided by tenants.

## Coproduction Training

### Tenants Property Panel launch

Does the home you are living in at Peter Bedford meet your needs? Do you think we could be doing a better job and do you have any ideas? If so, you might be interested in joining our Tenants Property Panel which will launch in the autumn. You will receive a £10 voucher or the equivalent of London Living Wage per hour for attending meetings. If you might be interested please get in touch with Lani or Ertan.



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## Repairs

Please report any repairs to PBHA during lockdown by phoning 0203 815 4123 or emailing [repairs@peterbedford.org.uk](mailto:repairs@peterbedford.org.uk). This service is open from 10am-5.30pm, Mon-Fri (excluding bank holidays). For out of hours emergencies only, please ring 0203 815 4099.



## PBHA and Covid-19

We have now re-opened/resumed:

- Clissold & Isledon Hubs for tenants (by appointment only)
- Regular home visits
- In-person 1:1 employability & digital skills support sessions
- Annual health & safety checks
- As we visit tenants in their homes, we continue to follow Covid-19 safety measures. These include: wearing facemasks, keeping 2 metres distance from you, and meeting in the best-ventilated space of a house.
- Vaccines: If you would like to know more about the Covid-19 vaccination or need help in booking yours, please let us know and we would be happy to assist.
- Hubs: You can meet your Housing Officer at Clissold or Isledon Hub. Please make an appointment with them in advance.

For more information, where to get a vaccine, guidelines to keep yourself safe:

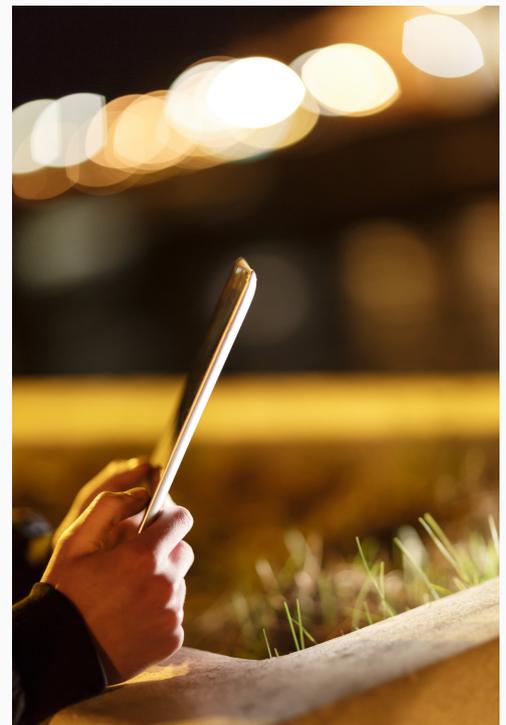
[www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus](http://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus)

## IT Update

Since April 2021 to now, we have distributed Lenovo tablet devices and free mifi data packages to 22 tenants across Islington and Hackney. This has been aided by funding received from Islington council, Good Things Foundation and PBHA. Aside from equipping people with devices the ENT team, with the support of its digital champions, have supported tenants in upskilling in digital literacy through face to face and online sessions.

Presently we are in the process of allocating 30 more devices and data packages with a view to supporting more of our tenants to upskill in digital.

If you want to learn more about our services then please email: [learn@peterbedford.org.uk](mailto:learn@peterbedford.org.uk) or telephone 02038154100 leaving your contact details and a member of the ENT team will get back to you.



## Events Calendar

- September:** Great Cultural Get-Together Wednesday 15th 12-4pm, Clissold Gardens  
All welcome - contact Lani for more info
- October:** Share & Connect: World Mental Health Day Monday 11th  
Black History Month
- November:** Tenant conference Thursday 25th
- December:** Christmas celebration (provisional) Thursday 9th

## Kingsland Hub

PBHA Training & Enterprise team is pleased to announce that our newly refurbished Kingsland Hub is now open to the public and face to face courses will resume in September/October.

Join us at the Make & Meet Space. This is a newly renovated creative environment that brings together all our creative industries, wellbeing activities and social enterprises. This is an exciting new addition to Kingsland Hub which houses the Enterprise and Training Departments: IAG service, adult learning service and employability support.

We will continue delivering Art courses: Painting & Drawing & Textiles on Wednesdays and Thursdays - still free for anyone on benefits. Also on Mondays & Tuesday is the Woodwork workshop which has now moved to the Kingsland Hub with tutor Jonathan Rothenberg. Unfortunately due to the cost of materials and tools used this course is not free.

For Hackney residents: ICT courses Entry 3 and Maths & Functional Skills, CV writing & review workshops, Digital Skills for work, Digital Skills for learners with learning difficulties. Also new courses such as: Introduction to Self-employment in Construction Our Information, Advice & Guidance face to face sessions will also resume but we are also now offering those sessions remotely for tenants unable to travel to the Kingsland Hub.

A full course programme with timetable will be published soon on our website and will be available printed from Kingsland Hub reception.

