

Grenfell Fire Response News

#Game4Grenfell charity football match taking place

A charity football match, the #Game4Grenfell, will take place on Saturday 2 September at Queen's Park Rangers' Loftus Road stadium to show support and raise money for the community affected by the Grenfell Tower fire.

Two teams of ex-professionals and celebrities, as well as a few special guests, will take part in the special match, including Marcus Mumford, Les Ferdinand, David Seaman, Alan Shearer, Peter Crouch, Oly Murs and Jarvis Cocker.

The match is hosted by QPR and QPR in the Community Trust, in partnership with Columbia Records and Toast Entertainment Group. Money raised from ticket sales will be given to the London Community Foundation and the Evening Standard Dispossessed Fund, who will distribute the money to people affected by the fire and the wider community.

Over 2,000 complimentary tickets will be issued to those affected by the fire, including families, the emergency services, volunteers and members of the local community.

Tickets to the #Game4Grenfell cost £15 for adults and £5 for concessions. To find out more and buy tickets, visit www.game4grenfell.com

Drop-in and play football programme

QPR, Westway Sports Centre, and other local organisations are providing a free drop-in and play football programme for 4 to 18 year olds from the local community.

Sessions are taking place Monday to Friday, 10am to 4pm at the Westway Sports Centre and the programme is being delivered by professional DBS qualified staff.

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Work to cover Grenfell Tower to begin next month

From mid-August, work will begin to cover Grenfell Tower in a protective wrap in order to help the police investigation and make recovery work easier.

Site manager Michael Lockwood said the recovery operation was likely to last until mid-November at a community meeting last week.

Mr Lockwood said: "Towards the end of 2018, I think we could start to bring the tower down, if that is what the community wants, and the scaffolding will help us to do that because we can do that within the wrap."

Any decision on what happens to the site will be made in collaboration with the local community.

What is this newsletter for?

This is the thirtieth edition of the Grenfell Fire Response Team newsletter. We want to keep you up to date with all the latest information and services available to help.

The newsletter is also available in Arabic and Farsi languages. For regular updates please follow us on Twitter [@grenfellsupport](https://twitter.com/grenfellsupport) and on Facebook at [facebook.com/grenfellsupport](https://www.facebook.com/grenfellsupport) or visit www.grenfellresponse.org.uk

Activities for children and young people this summer

There are a range of activities planned to support parents in the local community to entertain children and young people during the summer holidays.

Summer Reading Challenge

Young people can enjoy reading over the summer break with the Animal Agents Summer Reading Challenge 2017. All you have to do is visit your local library to register and read six books over the holidays, and collect stickers, rewards and clues along the way to solve animal themed mysteries.

You can find out more online at www.rbkc.gov.uk/libraries/news-and-events/special-events-children

Summer in the City

There are hundreds of events and activities taking place for children, young people and their families this summer across central London. Enjoy outdoor activities, bake-offs, free cycling tours, nature trails, cupcake making, graffiti art, photography and much more.

You can pick up a copy at locations across the borough or visit www.mysummerinthecity.org.uk

Free holiday sport at the Westway

The Westway Fives group will be running four days of free holiday sport in August for boys and girls aged 7 to 15. The days are run by fully qualified coaches.

The days are taking place on 7, 17, 25 and 31 August at the Westway Sports Centre from 10am to 4pm and are completely free. Young people are asked to bring a packed lunch and a water bottle.

To enrol or request further information, please contact the Westway Sports Centre on westwayfives@gmail.com or **07482 748 716**.

Summer camps

The Good Grief Trust is holding creative workshops for young people and families on weekdays from 10am to 3pm, between Monday 31 July and Friday 11 August at the Playground Theatre, Latimer Road, W10 6RQ. People can enjoy arts, crafts, t-shirt making and more, and lunch will be provided each day.

The camps are held by The Good Grief Trust in collaboration with Jake Walker and The Playground Theatre.

You can find out more by calling Liz Dempsey on **07713 148 021** or online at www.facebook.com/thegoodgrieftrust

Summer sport activities

The Westpoint Sustainable Community Development Trust will be running free summer sport activities for children and young people at the Westway Sport Centre. Summer activities are taking place every Saturday from 2pm to 5pm, and no booking is required.

For more information please call **07903 290 709** or **07970 037 156**.

Community sports day

An open day of activities and fun is being held on Saturday August 5, from 10am to 5pm at The Westway Sports Centre, 1 Crowthorne Road, W10 6RP.

A huge range of activities will be on offer for people including climbing, football, tennis, arts and crafts, indoor cycling and Zumba. There will also be a grand prize draw for an activity hamper worth £3,500.

There is no need to book to attend the open day, just turn up and enjoy.

New therapeutic centre for adults

From today, Tuesday 1 August, a new therapeutic centre will be open from Monday to Friday, 9.30am to 5.30pm, for people affected by the Grenfell Tower fire at Claire Gardens Children's Centre, 349 Westbourne Park Road, London, W11 1EG.

The centre is open to people over the age of 18, and will offer treatments, therapies and a relaxation and reflection space.

Complementary therapies

Every week day there will be a different therapist on site, with therapies across the week including Reiki, Indian head massage, massage and reflexology. More types of treatment will be added over time for people to use.

Contact your Key Worker to book a session. If you don't have a Key Worker, please email Emily Le Gros on emily.le-gros@rbkc.gov.uk

Relaxation and reflection space

A relaxation and reflection space will be open Monday to Friday and facilitated by a counselling therapist, who will be on hand to talk and offer support to people, and provide more formal counselling if requested. The relaxation and reflection space will also include:

- a canteen to make drinks and snacks
- an outside decking area where people can talk or reflect
- a quiet area for meditation, prayer and sleep
- a main area for larger discussions and one-off sessions such as mindfulness and yoga.

People do not need to book to visit the space, however space is limited and a booking system may be introduced at a later date.

Mental health support

There are lots of services available if you or an adult or young person you know is feeling traumatised by the Grenfell Tower fire.

Support for adults and young people over the phone

- If you require an urgent mental health response for yourself, or on behalf of a young person, you can call the NHS 24-hour support line on **0800 0234 650** or email **cnw-tr.spa@nhs.net**. Please let the operator know you are calling as a result of the Grenfell Tower fire.
- The British Red Cross helpline is also available to anyone affected by the Grenfell Tower fire. For practical or emotional support you can call **0800 458 9472**. The line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.
- Adults and young people can also call the free Samaritans helpline on **116 123**. The line is open 24 hours a day.
- People under 25 can call Childline any time on **0800 11 11** and have a one-to-one chat with a supportive, trained counsellor any time, day or night.
- CALM offers support to men, who can call the confidential helpline on **0808 802 58 58** or visit **www.thecalmzone.net**. The line is open every day from 5pm to 12 midnight.

Read our leaflet on supporting children and young people

If you have questions about how to support a child or young person affected by the Grenfell Tower fire, you can download a leaflet that includes:

- Guidance on how a child might behave or react after a tragic event

- Ideas for how to support them
- Advice on explaining to a child what happened.

You can download a copy of the leaflet at **www.rbkc.gov.uk/kb5/rbkc/fis/localoffer.page?localofferchannel=0**

Support for children with disabilities and learning difficulties

- Full of Life Kensington and Chelsea is providing outreach counselling to parents of children with disabilities. A programme of short breaks is being put in place for the Summer.

Visit **www.fulloflifekc.com** for more information.

Latest advice on air quality and dust from Dr Yvonne Doyle

Public Health England (PHE) has been assessing and monitoring air quality in the area surrounding Grenfell Tower.

Dr Yvonne Doyle, PHE's director for London, said: "Some people have said that their asthma has been exacerbated. If you or someone you know is having problems with asthma, please do ring your GP and get an appointment as soon as possible.

"People have also told us that they have noticed increased dust in the local area. Generally, visible dust can't be inhaled into the lungs, as such the risk to people's health from dust is considered to be low. We have also monitored the air for respirable dust and we have not seen high concentrations in the areas around Grenfell Tower, however if

people do notice any dust within their property it can be safely removed by wiping with a damp cloth.

"People who have been exposed to smoke from the fire may have experienced irritation to their air passages, skin and eyes, which can cause coughing and wheezing, breathlessness and chest pain. People who continue to experience these symptoms should seek medical advice from their GP or on NHS **111**."

If someone does not have a GP, they can register for one online at **www.nhs.uk** by entering their postcode, or call **020 8962 4600**. The line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

People can also ring NHS **111** for health advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Air quality reports with data collected from around the site is published online every week at **www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmentalmonitoring-following-thegrenfell-tower-fire**

If people have waste material or debris from the fire at their property, they can contact Kensington and Chelsea Council on **020 7361 3001** to make arrangements for them to collect it.

More advice from PHE can be found online at **www.gov.uk/government/news/public-health-advice-follow**

What help is on offer?

Anyone who would like to speak to the police in relation to the investigation into the fire are asked to contact the Met Police on **0800 032 4539**.

Other important contacts

Bereavement support

Call the Freephone helpline on **0808 808 1677** or email helpline@cruse.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

Replacement UK passports, visas or immigration queries

Call our advice line on **0300 222 0000**. The line is open 24 hours.

Air quality and smoke exposure

If you have concerns about any symptoms, please see your doctor or call NHS **111**.

Housing support

If you have any questions about housing or need to want to find out who your housing officer is please call **0800 137 111** or **020 7361 3008**.

Victim support

Call **0808 1689 111** for practical and emotional support, or visit victimsupport.org.uk. The line is open 24 hours a day.

You can also get physical and mental support at the Grenfell Assistance Centre. Find out more by calling **07712 231 133**.

You can also call the Red Cross helpline on **0800 458 9472**. The line is open from 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

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Housing update

Finding housing solutions that work for everyone directly affected by the Grenfell Tower fire remains our absolute priority and we are working hard to achieve this.

Offers of temporary accommodation are being made on a daily basis, but we know that families will have concerns around this process and the idea of accepting a temporary home. So far, 173 offers of accommodation have been made, 46 offers have been accepted and 12 households rehoused.

Government has given commitments to help reassure families that:

- their needs are paramount, all other considerations are secondary to these
- their rent will not increase and the same terms and conditions of their previous home at Grenfell Tower or Grenfell Walk will be maintained
- they will have lifetime security of tenure
- they will not be forced to stay in temporary accommodation on a long-term basis
- accepting an offer of temporary accommodation does not mean that they lose priority for a permanent home
- no one has to accept a particular property and not accepting a property does not mean that they will be made intentionally homeless
- temporary homes will be rent and utility bill free for 12 months
- for some cases, if they like their temporary home, there is the potential for it to become their permanent home (this will be discussed when the home is offered to them).

More information is available on the housing line on **020 7361 3008**.

Support for families over the summer

A new space for families will be available from Wednesday to Friday, 1pm to 5pm at Holmfield House, 4–6 Golborne Road, W10 5PE. People will be able to relax with their family, cook a meal and use laundry facilities. The space will be open from Wednesday 2 August.

People who want to use the space should contact their Key Worker.

Summer childcare

For those who need additional support, childcare is available for two to five days per week over the summer holidays. There are also places available in playschemes across the borough for children over the age of six.

People should contact their Key Worker if they want support.

Childcare room at The Curve

A childcare room is now open at The Curve so that young people and families can enjoy entertainment and have fun. The room is open Monday to Friday, 10am to 5.30pm, and on Saturdays from 11am to 3pm.

Although no childcare services will be available on Saturdays, parents can stay and play with their children. Entertainment will include film screenings, child entertainers, art therapy or interactive shows.

A family engagement officer will also be available on site every day to help families to access childcare, discuss their child's needs, and provide family support if needed.