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The newsletter from
Angel Business
Improvement District

Save the date
Sunday 21 June
because we're
hoping to work
with Islington
Oxjam putting on
a world music day
event on Islington
Green. Details as
they come in.



Congratulations to our award-winning theatres

We can't say it enough - support our local Angel BID theatres. Although this time we can add 'award-winning' because both the Almeida and the Old Red Lion were associated with awards at the recent Oliviers.

Not only did the **Almeida** walk off with Best New Play for King Charles III, plus a clutch of nominations, but a farcical production that started life in the tiny room above the **Old Red Lion**, Mischief Theatre's 'The Play That Goes Wrong' was voted Best New Comedy. Both have now transferred to the West End.

Our theatres offer various deals for everyone working locally - check out current offers.

Almeida Theatre's Islington First where if you live or work in the Islington area you can book best available seats for just £23 for the opening performances of each production www.almeida.co.uk

Kings Head, Upper Street offers pay-what-you-can tickets www.kingsheadtheatre.com

Keeping the workplace safe

In the wake of the Charlie Hebdo terrorist attack in Paris and the changing nature of terrorism we're inviting all BID businesses to a special screening of Stay Safe, a film developed by the Met Police to show you what to do if a gunman comes into your workplace.

The **Vue Cinema at Angel Central** is generously hosting the free 30-minute screenings at 8.30am on 12 and 14 May and all BID businesses are welcome, managers to frontline staff. It's all part of the Angel Community Safety Zone we've set up with Islington Police to keep the Angel safe. Police counter-terror officers will be on hand if you have any questions.

Says Sergeant Andy Wadeson: "We need the help and support of individuals and organisations as experts in their workplaces, to maintain the safety and security of buildings, businesses, areas or neighbourhoods. You are ideally placed to spot when something is amiss. In this period of heightened alert, it is vital to remain vigilant, trust your instincts and report possible reconnaissance to the police." To secure your seat, email islington.ctfd@met.police.uk

More from our Angel Crime Fighters on page 2



Derwent apprentice goes full-time

City Gateway apprentice Amaruf Miah, 21, from East London was taken on by Derwent London to train with facilities manager Graham Jones after the developer pledged to provide a 12-month building management apprenticeship in The Standard's Ladder for London campaign. Now he's scooped City Gateway's Outstanding Apprentice Award for showing great commitment to professional development. He's also been offered a full-time job helping run the magnificent environmentally-friendly Angel Building.

Says Amaruf: "I am not only incredibly grateful to have been offered an apprenticeship by Derwent - but now they have taken me on. I had no experience and an uncertain future but now I am learning from the best building manager Derwent has. I can't believe my luck."

Former apprentice Amaruf Miah (right) is pictured with angel.london CEO Christine Lovett and Angel Building manager Graham Jones





Cross about Crossrail 2?

Delighted to hear the landmark Grade II listed Co-op Bank building on the corner of Pentonville Road may have been saved from the developer's wrecking ball by the strength of public feeling regarding plans for Crossrail 2.

Now we're offering you a chance to find out exactly how Network Rail's £20bn plans to link Chelsea to Hackney could affect the Angel. We're holding a networking and information event in July hosted by BID business the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel on Pentonville Road. Date to be confirmed as we went to press but watch this space....



8-14 June
2015

A Quizlington question....

How about reaching out to a bigger and different audience by running a pub quiz to raise awareness and funds for Islington Giving Week? There's no reason why not. They've made it simple and cheap by supplying a ready-made downloadable quiz pack with questions, answers and score sheets. Just email mail@islingtongiving.org.uk to request the Quizlington pack.

angel.london supports Islington Giving whose week of events runs from 8-14 June 2015. Islington is home to some of the poorest people in London and IGW raises awareness of key issues faced here, and offers local people ways to show their support. Find out how your business can give something back and get involved at www.islingtongiving.org.uk

Noises off... If you heard a loud burp as you're walking around the Angel, it may not be the person nearest you but the bin. We're trialling big belly bins which are totally solar powered, compact their waste, and let us know when they need emptying. They can hold 6-8 times the waste of the average bin and send out a signal when they're full - which means we waste less energy and our street team can get on with other important jobs.

Latest news and initiatives from Angel Crime Fighters

Combat online fraud with our help

Worried about cyberfraud? Or worse, has your business been a victim of online crime? We're aware how devastating being exploited in this way can be - at work and at home - so we're joining up with RBS Bank to offer Fraud Awareness Training to all Angel BID businesses free of charge.

Developed by security experts at RBS, this training is a MUST. It shows you how to spot Phishing and Malware, email spoofing, scams regarding cheques and mandates, counterfeit skimming and cloning of bank cards, identity fraud and how to avoid getting ripped off paying fees in advance. It could save your business ££££££££.

All fully paid-up BID businesses are welcome. The hour-long training will be held at the Business Design Centre on a date tbc in July 2015. Register your interest now by calling us on 020 7288 4377 or emailing christine@angel.london

Says angel.london CEO Christine Lovett: "We love working with businesses and utilising all the energy that has made them successful. Teaming up with RBS and the BDC to run this training is the perfect example of how together we can achieve so much more for the community."

Your business' own personal training

As part of our service to all BID businesses, Angel Police Team offer bespoke personal security sessions tailored to your needs. They ran self-defence training recently for Cancer Research at the Angel Building who send nursing teams out on the road fundraising - and it was extremely popular with 65% of attendees rating it as very good. Says Megan Shirley, CR Health Community Engagement Officer: "Thanks for the training for our 23 staff - it will give them so much more confidence when they're out on the roadshow campaigning."

Let us know if we offer your staff more confidence to do their work with personal security or door staff training, or how to keep your stock and premises secure within the law.

Moving on

You may have seen our Angel Police Team moving beggars on over the past few weeks. We move on at least one a day, referring those who need it to the right support agencies, with the help of Islington Council.

But we're appealing to everyone - don't give them cash. Says Sergeant Chris Walsh of Angel Police Team: "You might think giving money to beggars is being kind, but it only makes things worse. Not all, but most, spend it on Class A drugs which merely perpetuates their problems and stops them getting their lives back on track."



Offices watch out who you buzz in. Phone thieves are gaining anonymous access via the intercom and everyone's phone is right there on the desk....

Don't be outsmarted by phone thieves

The Angel's hit the headlines recently targeted by phone thieves - if it's not gangs of Eastern Europeans snaffling them at cafe tables, it's youths cycling past on bikes snatching phones in an instant. Our good news is that we're onto it - Angel Police Team funded by the BID have already caught and charged a Romanian gang and are moving in on the others. They're also providing a high-visibility deterrent around the tube and down City Road where many incidents happen, or doing undercover stings in plain clothes.

But the only way we can stop it is by keeping phones out of sight. Don't leave them on the table in cafes, restaurants and bars, and don't check for calls and messages as you emerge from the tube.

The team also recommend you register your phone on Immobilise - the UK's largest property register at www.immobilise.com

This makes it unsaleable and also immediately traceable back to you if it's recovered. Says Angel Police Team Sergeant Chris Walsh: "Last week we caught a thief with six mobile phones he'd just snatched - if they were registered on Immobilise they could've been returned before they were cancelled."

Good news travels Now we might think we're a cool business improvement district, but it's nice to hear other people do too. Christine's been spreading the word to Tower Hamlets Council after Angel was praised by the London Assembly in their Future of London's Town Centres as a 'good town centre...attracting locals through initiatives which have focused on making the streets safer, empowering businesses, a cleaner environment and improved community spirit." She was also invited to speak to a Danish delegation in London who have been impressed at how we embrace and include everyone in what we do.



On her bike

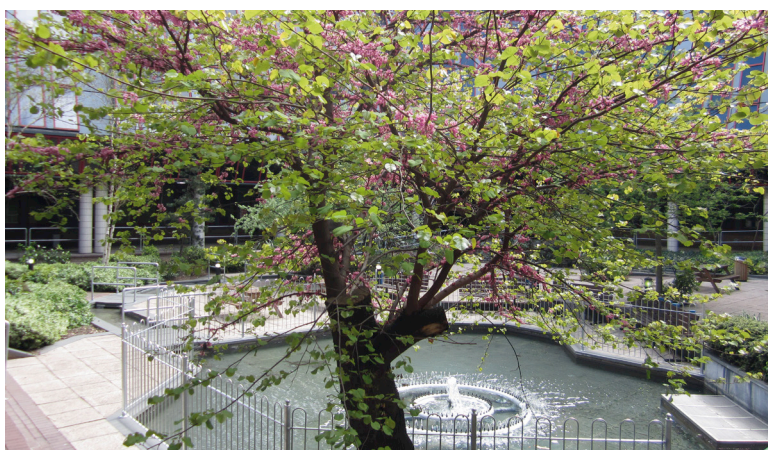
We never thought we'd see the day but here's our CEO Christine Lovett on her bike ready to come to work. She's decided to get fit, do her bit to cut emissions and traffic queues, and cycle in. She'll also be taking advantage of Islington Council's free Bikeability training to discover the safest routes, how to negotiate tricky junctions like Highbury Corner, and where to park (although as we've installed so many new bike racks at Angel she won't need to worry).

Make your company more cycle-friendly by signing up for the council's free bike training at <http://islington.bookcycletraining.com/business/>

They also offer Dr Bike sessions to maintain your cycles at work, or training to get your hands dirty and do it yourself. Think that's probably a pedal too far for Christine though...

This scene really is at the heart of the Angel

Don't forget we've opened up the courtyard behind RBS Bank as a tranquil place for your to enjoy coffee or lunch or a few minutes in the sun. And there's a soothing water feature too.





Thumbs up for age - friendly Angel

Our campaign to turn the Angel into London's first age-friendly town centre has received national attention from the Guardian newspaper and plenty of mention in the local press. We are delighted to have secured another countdown crossing onto the green across Essex Road, cheaper cinema tickets, local cafes and restaurants offering pensioners' coffee mornings, and theatres running events, encouraging them to come to Angel and bring their families.

Recently we hosted a big thank-you for all the Angel's Age UK volunteers in conjunction with **Frederick's** restaurant. Says Jane Chambers from Age UK Islington: "Thank you angel.london and Frederick's for hosting such a wonderful party to show our volunteers how much we appreciate them. Angel has a lot to offer local older people and businesses are demonstrating how they can make a difference to people's lives." Attract a new audience for your business. What can you offer our age-friendly campaign?

Angel Centre
Great to see Angel Central shopping centre has marked their rebranding with two new businesses and another opening shortly.... www.angelcentral.co.uk

Megawatt thank-you

Sager Group developing Islington Square have generously paid the electricity bill for lighting up the nine trees outside St Mary's Church from October until March.

Two years ago we ran a campaign for businesses to buy the lights to attract visitors and make the area brighter for residents.

Blooming businesses

Grab the limelight for your business by entering this year's Islington in Bloom competition and win a promotional feature in the Islington Gazette as well as garden centre vouchers.

Run by Islington Gardeners and Islington Council the annual competition includes categories for the sprucest business or most decorated pub. Prizes are
1st £100 Camden Garden Centre voucher + promotional

feature in the Islington Gazette
2nd £75 CGC voucher
3rd £50 CGC voucher
Enter online at www.islington.gov.uk/inbloom or call 020 7527 2838.
Deadline is May 29 2015.

New Kids



Ed's Easy Diner - unmissable shiny chrome and red American retro burger bar on the ground and top floors of Angel Central www.edseasydiner.com



Crepeaffaire - be very surprised at the variety of sweet or savoury crepes to satisfy whatever you're craving 51-53 Camden Passage www.crepeaffaire.com



Bubbleology - the latest craze in London is the teavolution, teas with tapioca pearls 64 Upper Street www.bubbleology.co.uk



Spice Shoes - award-winning original designs at this independent family business celebrating 30 years 35 Camden Passage www.spiceshu.co.uk



Tiger - fun, quirky household, gifts, homewares and stationary in Angel Central www.tigerstores.co.uk



Cuppacha - cheery shop offering authentic selection of Taiwanese bubble teas 43 Upper Street www.cuppacha.com

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