

# Somers Town Community Newsletter



A road map is now before us and there is at last a growing light at the end of a very long 12 months; yet as we approach the possibility of things finally returning to normal we must ensure that the inequalities of the world pre-COVID 19 do not walk into the light.

As a community we must celebrate our diversity, unite against the challenges ahead, share our successes, open our minds to new solutions and inspire others through friendship and generosity.

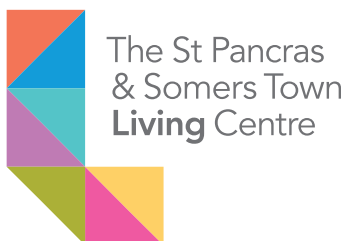
If we are able to do this then the scale of loss and bereavement will perhaps one day be a little bearable.

**The teams at the Living Centre, Somers Town Community Association, Global Generation, Little Village, Urban Community Projects, Make@StoryGarden, Blind Aid, Visually Impaired Camden and many others are here to help, you are not alone if you need help please reach out.**

**Email [info@thelivingcentre.org](mailto:info@thelivingcentre.org) or telephone 020 7380 0453.**

*"Kids wake up each day believing in the goodness of things, in the magic of what might be. They're uncynical, believers at their core. We owe it to them to stay strong and keep working to create a more fair and humane world"*

Michelle Obama



## LOCAL NEWS AND INFORMATION

### About World Book Day



**World Book Day 4th March 2021** aims to change lives by promoting a love of books and shared reading. The aim of the day is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own as reading for pleasure is one of the biggest indicators of a child's future success. Our libraries have also arranged a series of virtual story telling sessions where children go on a virtual journey with a story teller <https://www.camden.gov.uk/childrens-activities-suggestions>

### The 2021 census is coming – 21st March 2021

The census is a once in a decade survey that gives the Office for National Statistics (ONS) information about households and people in England and Wales.

Everyone is expected to take part – even if you are a citizen of another country. Census 2021 will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. There will be new voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

Census Day is on Sunday 21st March, but you can complete your census questionnaire as soon as you get your letter and access code in the post. Information provided needs to be about who usually lives in the household – adults and children, including babies. The census will mostly be completed online. Paper questionnaires will still be available upon request.

#### How information is used

Information collected in the census helps councils like Camden, central Government, the NHS, charities and other organisations to plan services such as housing, education, health and transport for years to come. It builds up a picture of our communities from very small areas, to regions and the country as a whole.

Census data is available for everyone to use, from creating business plans to charity funding bids. Information collected is only used for statistical purposes. No individual household or person can be identified.

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### Introducing the Health and Wellbeing Development Team

The Living Centre now has a team dedicated to promoting the Health and Wellbeing of our local Black, Asian Minority Ethnic Communities (BAME). This team is also very committed to advancing the mission of The Living Centre to reverse the longstanding inequalities in our current health care system.

During the current situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, our team is focusing on collaborating with the partners of the Living Centre, the community and faith leaders and the scientist from the Francis Crick Institute to bring the best possible advice and support to our local BAME communities.

Tel 020 7380 0453 email [wellbeing@thelivingcentre.org](mailto:wellbeing@thelivingcentre.org)

### Activities for over 60s living in Camden

#### WE ARE AGEING BETTER

St Pancras & Somers Town



We Are Ageing Better provides free and low cost activities for anyone over 60 living in Camden. We are also currently providing phone and online groups.

To find out more, please call the project coordinator (Jess) on **07919 598 375** or email [jess@weareageingbetter.org.uk](mailto:jess@weareageingbetter.org.uk)

### Somers Town Community Hub NOW OPEN...



Somers Town Community Hub



#### Connecting local people to essential services and each other

**Somers Town Community Association and Camden Mobile Food Bank are proud to be able to promote our new joint venture; The Somers Town Community Hub, located at Somers Town Community Association, 150 Ossulston Street, London NW1 1EE**

The Hub is supported by The St Pancras and Somers Town Living Centre, Phoenix Court, The Francis Crick Institute, Global Generation, Little Village, Origin Housing and Blind Aid and aims to ensure dignity and respect for those accessing the service.

It offers its users the opportunity to pick their own food, whilst also being able to access all of the support mechanisms that are available through the partners and our wider networks, food provided is all free of charge.

The Hub is now **OPEN** should you have any questions about how you can get involved or access the Hub, please email [info@thelivingcentre.org](mailto:info@thelivingcentre.org) or to self-refer go to <https://www.urbancommunityprojects.org.uk/referral-form>

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY MARCH 8

Let's all choose to challenge. #IWD2021 #ChooseToChallenge

# We are open...

## Camden Mobile Food Bank

Please visit [www.urbancommunityprojects.org.uk/stay-connected](http://www.urbancommunityprojects.org.uk/stay-connected) for more details.

## Somers Town Youth Programme

Has moved its programme online. Please contact [youth@somerstown.org.uk](mailto:youth@somerstown.org.uk) or follow on Twitter: [@stcayouthclub](https://twitter.com/stcayouthclub) and Instagram: [@stcayouthclub](https://www.instagram.com/stcayouthclub) for more details.



**Covid-19 vaccine**

**The NHS will get in touch when it's your turn to be vaccinated**

Find out about the roll-out at [nhs.uk/CovidVaccine](http://nhs.uk/CovidVaccine)

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