

**Newham Watersmeet Woodcraft Folk
District General Meeting
19th of April**



Present: Suzannah, Angus, Alicia, Sasha, Mary, Sophie(R), Ruth, Stuart,
Apologies:, Jack, Rachael, Sophie(C), Anita, Bill

Item	action
<p>Previous Minutes and Matters arising: The payment for membership to Amnesty International was agreed at last meeting but omitted from minutes at last meeting- this minuted here for the record. RADLAC Co-op grants district still waiting for grant details, Shambala application not completed plan to try again next year. AGM held and officers elected. Ruth has asked for new references for membership renewals of existing members.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jack and Sasha to update details on RADLAC Co-op grant and Alicia to record outputs and spend. • Ruth will follow-up on references for members.
<p>Camps overview Stuart co-ordinating camps. Meetings progressing and camp plans well advanced. Currently low numbers registered. Committee reinforces that all welcome and donations reflect ability to pain. Important to push membership and DBS. Stuart suggests inviting Rokhasna to attend Stuart to extend invite.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group leaders to reinforce the importance of registering for camps ASAP • Group leaders need to push on DBS and membership for those attending camp and Ruth will send out a flyer on this.
<p>Forest gate community school camp Alicia co-ordinating but camps will be led by DFs. Camp plans in progress and Debden booked for the 16th and 17th of July.</p>	
<p>Summer play scheme 2019 Alicia gave overview 2 weeks play scheme with 2 day camp in school holidays next year. Stuart, Angus and Suzannah volunteered to help.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia to set up a planning committee. • Angus circulate plan with minutes.

<p>Widening participation New strategic plan for WCF focusses on widening participation, the district commits to supporting this. This reflected in the agenda for the next annual gathering. District will proactively identify barriers to participation from more disadvantaged communities. Plan is to open to different communities and offer taster sessions and Woodcraft experiences. District to monitor performance on recruiting into different communities. District agreed to fund and produce a report on activity at a national level, Alicia and Sophie to follow-up. Angus to ask Stratford Picture House if they will play the movie. Woodchips to do some reach out work Sophie will feedback.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia and Sophie to produce a report on widening participation. • Angus to contact Stratford Picture House. • Sophie will feedback on Woodchip outreach.
<p>Feedback from strategic development weekend Peasehall Outputs from meeting attached. Stuart putting together starter packs for new members, all new documentation of members and registration details will have to be GDPR concordant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia, Stuart and Ruth to co-ordinate on GPRD compliance (see notes of safeguarding).
<p>Group updates: See attached reports appendix 1.</p>	
<p>Safeguarding updates Ruth reported that GDPR is coming and will impact on data protection in the district, this will affect what information we hold and how distribute information. Ruth to keep the district informed and will develop a plan to implement in the district following guidance from central WCF. All group leaders will consider current information held on members and revise communication strategies to ensure that they are GDPR compliant.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart will print out new consent forms to be distributed to groups via leaders. • Ruth will also send out an audit form to monitor compliance.
<p>Finances Mary updated on finances circa £20K in accounts at present (see attached financial summary). Alicia and Sophie to process their application to become account signatories. Still awaiting roll-out from central WCF to transition accounts to Unity Bank. Mary distributed receipt books for groups to manage cash transactions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alicia and Sophie to be added as account signatories.

<p>First responders training Suzannah raised issue of current increase and concern in young people in how to deal with potential events they may confront as consequences of an assault or medical emergency. Suggested that district co-ordinate training for young people in the WCF and for wider community. District agreed and Suzannah to explore funding options and how best to organise. District will contribute up to £500 to support training. In addition, in response to recent local stabbing which resulted in the death of a young person, district will make a donation of £50 to family and place flowers.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suzannah to organize training. • Sasha to purchase flowers/
<p>Annual Gathering bookings Suzannah has made early-bird booking for AGM for 8 district members with additional members who are part of central committee. This ensures that all district votes accounted for.</p>	
<p>AOB: Agreed to offer people the opportunity to join the DGM via phone-in if necessary.</p>	
<p>Next District meetings 12th of June</p>	

Dates for next year.

APPENDIX 1 Group Report

Woodchips 0-3

Group is going well, had to change a few of the meet up dates due to volunteer commitments but will re-advertise in good time and have amended online details. Have started to broaden facebook stretch to include Aldersbrook, Leytonstone, Maryland groups as have been removed from posting on 'forest gate life' page so anyone that would like to repost our free, community events there would be most welcome. Have also distributed flyers at Kay Rowe and local playgroups.

Woodgrange Elfins

Group going well 16 plus regular attenders. Group will focus on exploring the outdoor world and recycling/up-cycling this term. Leader support still an issue, trying to get current adults to take on more roles and lead activities.

Woodgarne Pioneers

Magpie Pioneers

Aryan has moved up to Venturers and we now have 7 members. We need to recruit to this group to guarantee its sustainability. . We plan some leafleting and to develop an engagement plan with Earlham School. 5 of the group are booked into the summer camps and one is intending to attend Annual Gathering

Magpie Venturers

The new group started on the 18 April and 11 young people attended the session. 2 of them are new to Woodcraft. The group have generated ideas for the programme and we will develop them further over the coming weeks. They have expressed an interest in badge work, something we have not done before.

RADLAC Pioneers:

Newham Woodcraft Folk Project Proposal

Playout / Play Scheme - Summer 2019 - DRAFT 1

Project Summary

Newham Woodcraft Folk will provide a programme of informal education for young people aged 9 - 13 during the 2019 summer holidays. The programme will be based on co-operative principles and include outdoor play, bushcraft and camping skills, arts and crafts, drama and media. It will operate from 9.30 - 5pm weekdays and include a two day camp at Debden Green in the last week. Young people will learn new skills and make new friendships.

About Newham Woodcraft Folk

Newham Woodcraft Folk is part of a children and young people's movement which has been promoting international cooperation and friendship for over 80 years. We run group nights, trips and residential, expanding the experiences of local children, improving well-being and health and providing valuable supportive social networks for them and their families. Our activities espouse cooperation and participation. Young people who have been involved in Woodcraft take their learnt cooperative skills with them as they move through adolescence and adulthood. They leave with collaborative skills, a real sense of social justice and the tools to facilitate collective empowerment, essential for social change. Today's Woodcraft children are tomorrow's change makers.

Project Description

Newham Woodcraft will deliver a programme of informal education in August 2019, for twenty-five 9-13 year olds and particularly those from communities that would not normally have the chance to experience the opportunities membership of Woodcraft offers. The play scheme will be staffed by a team of paid workers and volunteers. We will contract an organisation, such as PATH, to work with us to promote the play-scheme, register the young people, organise the venues and activities, and evaluate the programme. The programme itself will be designed by a sub-committee of Newham Woodcraft Folk, and led by a volunteer group leader. Young Woodcrafters will be employed as sessional workers to support the programme.

Indicative budget

	Amount	Notes
Venue (s)		
Co-ordinator		
Sessional staff		
Volunteer expenses		
Materials and resources		
Food		
Travel		
Additional workshop leaders?		
Trips?		
Other / Miscellaneous		

Fundraising

- London Borough of Newham
- Henry Smith
- Others?

Strategic planning weekend, 17-18 March 2018

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Present: Angus, Suzannah, Stuart, Jack, Alicia

Annual running costs

Spring camp costs: £5,000 min

Hall costs: £5,500

Group registration: 6 Groups next year £500-£800 per year

Folk Assembly £500

Recommendations:

Budget on the assumptions that 75% of participants cover the costs of camps

Raise the suggested donation for Spring Camp to £60 for 2019

Joining pack for kids & parents

Who's who in the District

Different groups

Something about the national organisation

Badge

Chuppa chup

Safeguarding policy

Induction video – do it as a group night activity

Action:

Stuart to draft Joining pack

Grants

LB Newham

· One go for it

· Two Lets Get the Party Started

Lottery – Awards for All

Jack Petchey

Co-operative

Blue Spark

Build grants into our budget

Wideninng Participation - Newham Payout / Playscheme

Summer play scheme

Contract PATH:

- promotion
- recruitment
- programme
- logistics

Offer a camp at Debden as part of the play scheme

Week and a half at the Lodge (or other venue) and finish at Debden

Approach Newham for funding - Talk to Glennette and Ian

Consider Henry Smith Grant

Venue - Lodge, the Newham City Farm, Play Barn on Balaam Street

Action:

Alicia to draft project plan

Succession Planning

Volunteer recruitment programme - clear job descriptions necessary

Do.it.org

Gumtree

Volunteer roles needed: outreach