

## NEWSLETTER

**NOVEMBER 2021** 

#### **Dear Stratford Businesses**

Welcome to our November newsletter.

With the **festive season** fast approaching, we hope you will have a good trading period over the next few weeks.

To support your business and put Stratford on the map, the team have been busy creating our own Festive Programme with a number of activities planned; including our Winter Wonderland event, a free gift wrapping service for shoppers buying presents within our BID area, and much more.

We are also launching **Stratford Together**, a campaign aimed at boosting civic pride whilst supporting you, **our local businesses**. More information can be found in this newsletter and on our website.

Finally, later this month, we are **electing our Board**, who are responsible for the strategic direction of the BID. If you would like to get more involved in shaping **the future of Stratford**, please get in touch.



Gianluca Rizzo Stratford Original BID Manager

# THE SEASONS ARE CHANGING.







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MEMBERS OF PUBLIC INTERACTED WITH

250 LOCAL BUSINESSES VISITED

INCIDENTS REPORTED THROUGH NEWHAM APP

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#### STRATFORD TOGETHER

This year, in the lead up to Christmas, we want to boost positivity after what has been a difficult time for communities all over the globe.

Our **Stratford Together** campaign aims to create a sense of togetherness within the Stratford community and support our local businesses.

Anyone who makes a pledge of kindness between November 8th and December 6th 2021, will be in with a chance of winning a Stratford gift or experience worth up to £100. Winners to be chosen and announced on Monday 6th December 2021.

We want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the businesses taking part in the campaign. We estimate to reach over 3 million people and recieve over 60 pledges. We're excited to launch and look forward to generating some community engagement! For more details visit: www.stratfordoriginal.com/makeapledge







#### TWO PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

#### Newham Plan Refresh

Newham make plans for the next 15 years and respond to key challenges of delivering inclusive growth, supporting the Covid-19 recovery and responding to our climate emergency around the town centre.

For more information on the plans and how you can get involved, visit www.stratfordoriginal.com/news/newham-local-plan-refresh



#### Plans for 302 - 312 Stratford High Street

Dominvs Group has recently run two public consultations to get people's views on their development plans for 302 - 312 Stratford High Street. This includes student accommodation, work spaces and much more. For more info visit:

www.stratfordoriginal.com/news/public-consultation-invitation



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#### CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND

Christmas is back! The last in-person Christmas event we ran was back in 2019 and we can't wait to finally be able to celebrate again this year. Previously, our events have brought over **300 visitors** to the town centre and this year we hope to attract even more.

Join us on **December 8th between 4.30-7pm,** for our **Christmas Wonderland** in **Theatre Square.** Meet Santa at our grotto, play fairground games and enjoy our free hot chocolate, popcorn and candy floss vans.

Also keep an eye out for our **WhatsOn Christmas Guide** where we promote all of the other brilliant events taking place across the town centre. These will be distributed across Stratford at the end of November.







### FREE GIFT WRAPPING SERVICE

On Saturday 11th and 18th
December, we will be offering a

FREE Christmas present wrapping
service between 12-3pm! Anyone
who buys their Christmas gifts
from one of our BID members
between the 3rd and 18th December, gets up to 3 of their items
beautifully wrapped. We will be
asking for receipts to make sure
people are telling us the truth!

Thanks to the team at **Stratford Shopping Centre** for giving us the space to make this possible.

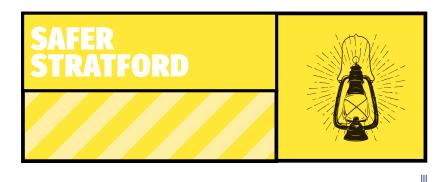


## STRATFORD TOGETHER

To promote this campaign, we are running adverts across a number of different placements in Stratford and the surrounding area. A huge thank you to Theatre Royal, Broadway Clinic, St. John's Church and Stratford Shopping Centre for offering us additional advertising space and enabling us to reach more people.

The campaign will be activated in Stratford Railway Station, in Bus Shelters throughout Newham, in the Newham Recorder (print and digital) and across our own comms channels. We hope you like the end results!

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Alessandra Valencic Safer Business Network Manager

#### WAVE and Ask for Angela Training.

This training was delivered in partnership with Safer Sound, MPS, Newham Council and Westfield and was a huge success, with a turnover of 150 people. The aim of the training was to upskill frontline staff to recognise vulnerabilities in licensed premises and increase the confidence in preventing a vulnerable person who became a victim of crime.

Step by step, we are building a stronger, more resilient, and confident business community.

#### SentrySIS - how can you help?

Your intelligence is used to build case files on offenders in the area to ensure they are held accountable for their criminal and antisocial behaviour. The more information we recieve, the more information is shared by the police - giving us a better picture of the offenders and enabling us to issue injunctions.

To support us, all you have to do is log into the SentrySIS app and start reporting crimes happening in and around your business. If you have issues using the app or have forgotten your login details, please contact Ale. She can also organise training, if necessary.

#### Why report crime on SentrySIS?

It's essential that our members collaborate with us in the reporting of incidents so that we can:

- Intervene and build case files on prolific offenders
- Guide the work of police and Newham council
- Identify crime generators and hotspots
- Hold the offenders accountable for their crimes

For more information or if you have any questions, please email Alessandra: Alessandra.valencic@saferbusiness.org.uk

**BUSINESS CRIME REDUCTION** PARTNERSHIP STATS

42

SHOPLIFTING INCI-**DENCES REPORTED** 

**OF STOLEN GOODS** £18K REPORTED

**OF STOLEN GOODS** 34% **RECOVERED** 

Recognising the great work that our businesses do to keep Stratford safer, we introduce to you - Yobo.

Yobo is a senior security supervisor at Stratford Shopping Centre and was awarded with the **Leadership Frontline Award** at the Amulet 2021 Award ceremony in October. It's great to know that we have the best of the best on the ground in Stratford!

> Yobo **Senior Security**



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## BUSINESS ESSENTIALS





#### **PERSONAL LICENCE**

A personal licence allows the holder to sell or authorise the sale of alcohol and is needed if you want to apply to become a designated premises supervisor.

#### WHEN

Wednesday 16th February from 10am - 4pm.

#### **WHERE**

STRATFORD CIRCUS ARTS CENTRE THEATRE SOUARE F15 1BX

#### **FOOD SAFETY**

This qualification is suitable for those working in a catering environment who are responsible for handling food. It is also the most popular food safety qualification accepted by enforcement officers and auditors.

#### WHEN

Thursday 24th March from 10am - 4pm.

#### WHERE

STRATFORD CIRCUS ARTS CENTRE THEATRE SQUARE E15 1BX

Visit stratfordoriginal.com/ training to book your place.



#### **WASTE &** RECYCLING

Join the other 57 BID members who have saved money through our waste and recycling scheme with First Mile. We subsidise 67% of your mixed recycling costs, meaning you only pay 33p per £1.

In October, our members have recycled an equivalent of 48 trees!

#### And saved...

- 6 TONNES OF CO2
- 3,214 KWH ENERGY
- WITH A RECYCLING **RATE OF 55%**

#### **NEWHAM BUSINESS AWARDS**

We're excited to be attending the awards this month and wish all the shortlisted businesses the very best of luck. We are proud sponsors of the Civic and Community Award and have been blown away by the entries this year.





#### **UPCOMING TRAINING**



**Personal** Licence **Holders** 



**Food** Safety



**Customer Service** 



**FIRST AID** 

#### Other Events



**AGM** 



**Christmas** Wonderland

### **EVENTS AND TRAINING SESSIONS AVAILABLE TO**



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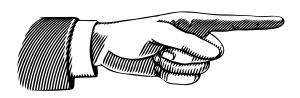


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