

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2025



JOIN OUR EVENTS THIS SEPTEMBER

Creative Community Event - 6th of September

We're excited to once again partner with the University of East London to host our popular Creative Community Event on Saturday, 6th September, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at St John's Churchyard.

This free, family - friendly event celebrates all aspects of wellbeing - physical, mental, and emotional - through a diverse mix of relaxing activities, creative workshops, engaging games, and live entertainment. Everyone is welcome - children, adults, families, and neighbours alike!

Activities will take place across St John's Churchyard and nearby locations, led by local businesses including City Boldering, Mary Ward and Working Well Trust. A dedicated map is available below to help you explore all that Stratford Original has to offer on the day.

Dancing City Festival - 6th of September

On the same day, don't miss the return of Dancing City, a vibrant outdoor dance festival taking place in The Source, Salway Place. Proudly sponsored by Stratford Original, this year's programme features two dynamic performances: Fragments of Us and When Jazz Meets Hip Hop.

Download your map here:

"Stratford Connects" Networking Event - 25th of September

Stratford Original BID in partnership with the Newham Chamber of Commerce, warmly invites you to our upcoming networking event on Wednesday, 25th September, at Freaks and Geeks, 25 W Ham Ln, between 17.00 to 19.00.

This is a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow local businesses, chat with our team, and enjoy a relaxed evening in a vibrant setting. Stratford Original is proud to sponsor the event — so don't forget to book your ticket on our website www.stratfordoriginal.com/events/networking-in-stratford/.

Let's network, share ideas, and build a stronger business community together!

CYCLING IN STRATFORD AND NEWHAM

Newham has ranked 4th in the UK and 39th globally in the recently published CityRatings by PeopleForBikes, recognising our Borough as one of the best places for cycling. At Stratford Original, we're proud to have supported the active cycling community over the years.



DR BIKE @ MARK YOUR BIKE



Over 20 bikes were fixed in our last bike session and more got security marking.

Find our next scheduled events in Stratford town centre on the following dates:

- Saturday September 6th, between 12- 4 pm (St John's Church yard);
- Friday September 19th, between 4-7pm (outside 44 Broadway, by the shopping centre).

PLANTERS REFRESH

Our autumn greening refresh is scheduled from Wednesday, 10th of September to Friday, 12th of September.

If your business is located near one of our greening hubs, we appreciate your support in helping to keep the plants thriving by watering them as needed.



6TH SEPTEMBER

CREATIVE
COMMUNITY DAY

St John's Churchyard

12.00 - 16.00

11TH SEPTEMBER

BI-WEEKLY
INTEL BRIEFING

Stratford Centre

11.30 - 11.40

19TH SEPTEMBER

DR BIKE

Stratford Broadway

16.00 - 19.00

PEOPLE POWERED PLACES

People Powered Places is London Borough of Newham's flagship programme of participatory budgeting and is a beacon of best practice in participatory democracy. The programme has become one of the largest participatory budgeting initiatives in the UK, delivering lasting transformation with more than 300 projects funded that have had real impact on the borough.

Residents can select local priorities online via Newham Co-Create or by visiting their local library or community centre. These priorities align with Newham Council's 'Building a Fairer Newham' Corporate Plan, aiming to collectively achieve Newham's goals. Residents will have a final opportunity to decide local priorities at local 'Our Ideas' events, as well as discussing potential project ideas.

Gain support to apply for People Powered Places funding.

- Each neighbourhood has £200,000 available
- Residents can apply for up to £5,000
- Young people can apply for up to £10,000 (with a partner organisation)
- Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector can apply for up to £20,000
- -Applications open on Friday 18 July and close on Sunday 14 September.

Find out more:

STORY STREET X THE LEGO GROUP

This summer, Discover's Children's Forum have been working with the LEGO Group to co-create a truly spectacular new play street – filled with creativity, invitations to play and building with LEGO® bricks.

Story Street is kindly supported by The LEGO Foundation and Stratford Original BID was delighted to donate free tickets to families.

Read more about the Story Street:





DIALOGUE EXPRESS CAFE

Dialogue Cafe, London's first café run primarily in British Sign Language (BSL), has launched its newest location — Carpenters Dialogue Express Cafe, 96 Gibbins Road.

This unique venture is more than a coffee spot — it's a bold statement of inclusion, social reform, and local pride. Staffed almost entirely by deaf and hearing-impaired team members, Dialogue Express empowers its employees through meaningful employment and offers educational introduction to BSL.



MET ENGAGE - A NEW TWO WAY PLATFORM FOR WORKING WITH **COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESSES**

To achieve the mission of 'More Trust, Less Crime, High Standards', Met is rolling out a new two-way communications tool called Met Engage.

Met Engage is a single, clear, two-way communications channel that allows messages to be focused to the specific neighbourhood or interest group that officers wish to reach.

The tool enables targeted crime prevention and provides updates based on individual or local needs, giving the officers the ability to respond in a 'you said, we did' fashion.

Some of the features include:

- Crime fighting through crime appeals, circulation of missing persons and wanted people and provide investigations updates

- The ability to map private CCTV or ring doorbell across your borough
- Opportunity to report where crimes and anti-social behaviour are happening in your area
- Ability to focus reassurance patrols or engagement to specific communities, and understand gaps in engagement

We encourage you to sign up to the platform so you can receive key information, get to know their local officers, and report feedback on crimes and concerns impacting your area.

Visit our website ond find the support required to sign up and successfully setting you up.



OUR AMBASSADOR STATS

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ENGAGED

128 **MILES COVERED**

ISSUES REPORTED THROUGH THE LOVE **NEWHAM APP**





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