

# OPDC

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CORPORATION

## Your November Update



Welcome to the OPDC newsletter, keeping you up to date with event, opportunities, insights, and news in Old Oak & Park Royal.

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## Local young women help shape our plans for Wesley Playing Fields





We would like to thank the amazing young women who took part in our workshops to improve Wesley Playing fields!

Participants shared their insights and ideas about what improvements OPDC could make to the park to ensure it is inclusive and safe for all young women.





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## Have your say on improvements to Wesley Playing Fields



We'll be holding two consultation events on:

- **Saturday 30th November, 11am - 2pm at Wesley Playing Fields**
- **Monday 2nd December, 6:30pm - 7:30pm online**



Further details and the link to sign up for the online session can be found on our website [here](#) and below.

At these events, we'll demonstrate how we have taken community feedback on board and showcase our updated plans for improvement works to the park.

Find out more

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## Drop-in and meet the OPDC team



Come and meet our team at our regular community drop-in surgeries at [The Lab, Oaklands Rise](#).

Held **every other Tuesday from 3pm - 7pm**, drop by to hear about our projects and plans and talk to the team. If you have a specific query or detailed questions, we encourage you to email us in advance at [info@opdc.london.gov.uk](mailto:info@opdc.london.gov.uk).

The next drop-in date is scheduled for:

- **3rd December**



🎄 ❄️ Fun festive drop-in! 🎄 ❄️



Our last drop-in of 2024 will be on **Thursday 19th December** with a festive theme!

We're inviting all community members to join at The Lab any time between **2pm - 4:30pm** to enjoy mince pies and sweet treats, teas and coffees and some festive tunes with the OPDC team.

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## Yinka Ilori inspires the next generation of West London artists





Yinka Ilori MBE is a celebrated British-Nigerian multidisciplinary artist and designer. He has built a reputation for creating works that tell vivid, uplifting stories, focusing on themes of community, joy, and affirmation.

His signature use of bold colours and engaging narratives is widely recognised, with each project designed to connect and inspire people in meaningful ways.



Yinka's studio is based at EX2 in Park Royal and he's teaming up with BUILDHOLLYWOOD and PRDD to empower young talent in the area. Through



workshops with local kids, Ilori is helping them create art that's displayed across London, bringing their work into the spotlight.

This feature looks at Ilori's creative journey, his influences, and this new project aimed at inspiring the next generation of artists.

Find out more

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## Community Support Hub – a helping hand for you this Christmas



OPDC's community support hub is back! As we approach the festive season, we will be adding information on community organisations in our area that are supporting vulnerable people during this festive season including activities for young people, free Christmas lunches for the elderly and Christmas events.

Find out more on our Community Support Hub page

For further information please contact us on [info@opdc.london.gov.uk](mailto:info@opdc.london.gov.uk)

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## Willesden Junction Community Energy Garden



Last Thursday, the OPDC team went along to support planting of bulbs and general prewinter preparations at the Energy Garden next to Willesden Junction!

Callum is always looking for green fingered volunteers in the new year, so if you would like to support this great project, please contact him on [callum@energygarden.org.uk](mailto:callum@energygarden.org.uk) or 07485 513 370.

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## Brent Foodbank's winter appeal





Brent Foodbank have now launched their Winter Appeal to raise donations to ensure that people in crisis have access to food and support over winter and the festive season.

It is the generosity of local people that enables Brent Foodbank to keep providing vital food and support to those facing challenging times.

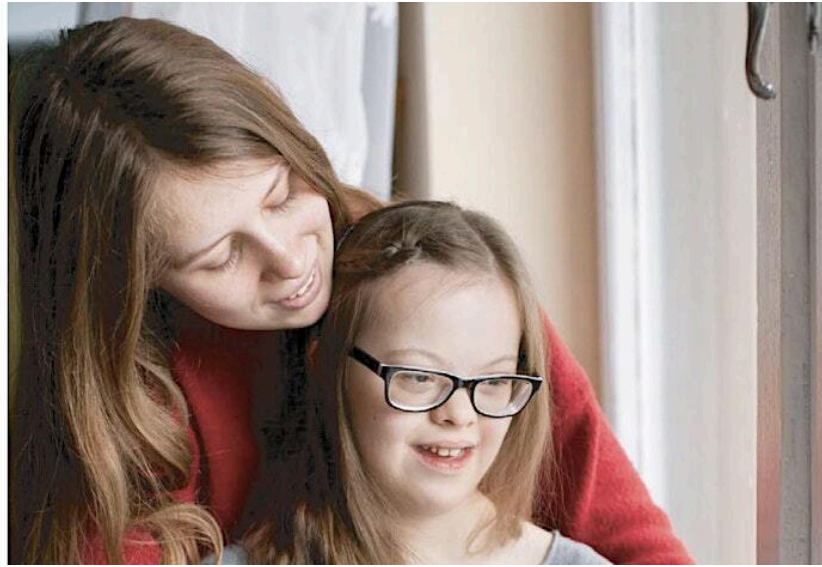
They are targeting £5,000, if you are able to help, please use the link below to donate.

We are proud supporters of Brent Foodbank and provide Small Grants funding and volunteering to help this important service for our community.

[Find out more and donate](#)

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## Brent Youth Forum



Brent Council's Inclusion Team have set up a Youth Forum to support Brent's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) strategy Plan for 2021-2025.

This new forum will give young people in Brent, aged 14-25 with SEND, a real chance to influence the projects and services that matter to them.

The Youth Forum will work towards key goals:

- Give young people a voice in decisions about the services they rely on
- Help young people with SEND access the skills and support they need for adulthood
- Encourage independence, friendship-building, and pathways to employment

The forum is open to young people with SEND, whether they have an education health and care plan (EHCP) or are in the NEET group (Not in Education, Employment, or Training). It is a great chance for young people to get involved, share their ideas, and make a difference in Brent!

Check out the below video from their first session.





Book your place for the next event using [this link](#).

Find out more information on Brent Youth Zone

You can also contact the team on Natalie Bissah; [Natalie.Bissah@brent.gov.uk](mailto:Natalie.Bissah@brent.gov.uk) and 07920 834 819.

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## Ace Café - Christmas Toy Run & Carol Service



Join Ace Café for their annual Christmas Toy Run - riders will be setting off at **10:30am on Sunday 15th December!** Volunteers will be visiting children's wards at St Mary's Paddington and Northwick Park Harrow hospitals to deliver gifts and spread some festive cheer.

Drop off your donations between: **8am - 10:30am** at Ace Cafe, Ace Corner, N Circular Rd, London NW10 7UD on the day.

Donations of toys for children aged 3-11 are welcomed and the items most requested include:

- Lego sets
- Arts and crafts kits
- Barbie dolls
- Spider-Man toys
- Toy cars and planes

Please bring your gifts unwrapped.

To keep everyone safe, hospitals advise against stuffed toys and sweets due to allergy risks. However, nursing staff would certainly appreciate any sweet treats to enjoy!

After the ride you will be able to join staff and riders for a Carol service at 7pm at Ace Café.



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## Live planning applications



- 24/0176/FULOPDC: 1 Lakeside Drive, NW10 – change of use of the existing office building to a hotel and self-storage facility.
  - 23/0051/FUMOPDC: Holiday Inn Express, Victoria Road, North Acton - redevelopment of student accommodation of 699 bed spaces; 91 homes; ground floor commercial / retail space fronting North Acton Station Square and Victoria Road; and associated amenity space, public realm and landscaping.
  - 23/0235/FUMOPDC: 93-97a Scrubs Lane, new development of 63 homes and 129 sqm of ground floor commercial uses (Class E).
  - 24/0103/FUMOPDC: 17 Western Road, Park Royal – redevelopment of the site with a single building for general industrial use, storage and distribution and communal offices, together with associated parking, external operational areas and landscaping.
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## Dates for your diary



Wesley Playing field consultation in-person event, drop-in any time between 11am - 2pm to the playing fields



Wesley Playing field consultation online event, 6:30pm - 7:30pm



Ace Café Toy run, 8:30am - 10:30am, Ace Cafe, NW10 7UD



Festive drop-in with the OPDC team, 2pm - 4:30pm, The Lab, Oaklands Rise

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