

Jon Cruddas MP - Volunteer Newsletter

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The Campaign Trail 2017

2016 was a year filled with success in Dagenham and Rainham. Long fought campaigns against landfill plans and overdevelopment in Rainham were overturned, and after 18 months of solid campaigning in the community we saved the Dagenham Civic Centre.

In 2017 we built on those victories.

Dagenham Police Station **SAVED**

On Wednesday 1st November after a three month campaign led by Jon Cruddas MP, and supported by the council; the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime has announced that Dagenham police station has been saved.

Jon Cruddas MP commented: "This is brilliant news and a massive victory for People Power. It is a victory for everyone who came together in such a broad coalition to defend our community - local campaigners, voluntary groups and the council. It is a real testament to what a community can achieve when it comes together behind a single issue.

"In particular, I would like to thank all those who went door-to-door collecting signatures for my petition, which reached over 5,000 names. Those voices were heard loud and clear.

"I am truly delighted at the decision. But what is clear is that faced with £400m of government austerity cuts, the Mayor's office had a truly impossible job to do. We now have to take the battle to government and demand that those cuts are reversed across the capital. It's simply not right to put a price on people's safety."

C2C Service Back on Track

Earlier this year C2C bosses admitted that their services needed adapting as they weren't up to scratch. Since then C2C have introduced four more carriages during the morning rush hours, meaning that all five trains calling at Rainham between 7:15am and 8:30am have eight carriages instead of four.

C2C are currently reshaping their services to accommodate for the new Beam Park development, which will include 60 new carriages on the line. C2C highlighted at a recent meeting that they are keen to get input from local residents to develop the service.

Havering Coordinator Fay Hough said: "I think this is a fantastic idea. As the lead for the campaign I will be setting up a 'user group' of five or six commuters who use the service, to make sure everyone is represented. The user group will give residents a voice, and will regularly meet with and feed back to C2C bosses and train planners."

Jon and Fay both echoed that 'the campaign was huge, and C2C recognised that their service was letting Rainham residents down. This user group is a fantastic opportunity to take the campaign further, working alongside C2C to make sure the people of Rainham have their voices heard.'

Volunteering in Havering

We are pleased to announce that our number of volunteers within South Havering is rising. Jon currently has over 100 volunteers across Rainham, South Hornchurch and Elm Park. If you are a resident of any of the three wards and would like to get involved more with campaigns and other volunteering activities, you can contact Jon's office on the details below. A lot of our volunteers are involved in local community campaigns that are not necessarily political, for example, Dover's Farm Estate Green Campaign. We also have volunteers that represent Jon attending local meetings such as Safer Neighbourhood meetings. There are many different volunteering opportunities, so if you are interested, we would love to have you on board.

Jon's Havering Coordinator - Fay Hough is always interested to hear about issues that we can campaign on in Havering so please get in touch:
labourfay@outlook.com

Young People's Mentor

Havering Young People's Mentoring Service provides support, advice and guidance to young people aged 10-18, encouraging them to make positive choices and achieve their goals.

Mentors are matched with a young person and meet with them on a weekly basis, for a period of up to 12 months. During this time, a strong relationship is built through a variety of activities and trips, including a monthly group meeting with other volunteers and young people engaged in the Service.

To contact: https://search3.openobjects.com/mediamanager/havering/directory/files/volunteer_registration_form.docx - Application form.

Once you have completed your application form please send to
rachel.tapp@havering.gov.uk

Haven House Children's Hospice Havering

Haven House need volunteers to be part of their Chasing Elves Team on 10th December 2017.

If you enjoy meeting people and can spare a couple of hours then you could join our Chasing Elves Volunteer Team for the day.

Participants of the event will be invited to run, jog, walk or dance their way around a brand new festive 10k course, starting and finishing at Hainault Forest Country Park. Chasing Elves promises to be an exciting Christmas themed challenge that is open to all, from beginners to experienced runners and we need volunteers to help keep the event running.

To apply follow the link:

<https://do-it.org/opportunities/893c1a0b-8329-44bc-9246-f84b615b11ed>

Volunteering in Dagenham

Across the six Dagenham areas that fall within the parliamentary constituency of Dagenham and Rainham, Jon Cruddas has now built an engaged network of over 400 active volunteers. The volunteers get involved in a number of different activities, from community projects to political campaigns. Most importantly the volunteer network operates as Jon's eyes and ears on the street, reporting any issues that may need his attention which can range from controlled parking, to anti-social behaviour. There are many different volunteering opportunities, so if you are interested, we would love to have you on board.

For more information or if you know of any local issues that you would like to speak to us about, please don't hesitate to contact Jon Cruddas at Jon@jon-cruddas-mp.net

Chadwell Heath Community Centre Volunteer

The formerly named Robert Jeyes Library is now a multi-use Community Centre in Whalebone Ward. The Centre aims to help the disadvantaged, and the community as a whole, and they welcome all to come along. The centre provide various activities for all ages. These include fitness activities, arts and crafts; activities for children and many more.

This community space is run by volunteers and is constantly seeking more people who are willing to give up their time to support them. You could really make a difference.

To contact the volunteering team:

Drop in: High Road, Chadwell Heath, RM6 6AS. **Call:** 020 8270 4305.

Or email: volunteering@lbbd.gov.uk or robertjeyes.library@lbbd.gov.uk

Participatory City

In August 2017, the Participatory City Foundation initiated their £6.4m project called the Every One Every Day in Barking and Dagenham. This involves working with local residents and organisations to improve the neighbourhood.

The Foundation has worked on many projects including; batch cooking and community meals, a shared urban farm to grow food, free work spaces for local people to develop 100 new businesses and give free-to-use high street shops to sell wares. There is a total of 250 community projects. There will soon be high-street shops in Barking and Dagenham including a Central Warehouse for free public use.

Their mission is to combine the creative minds and skills of the locals in order to create a stronger society.

On 25th November is the chance for you to find out more about the many projects launched through the Every One Every Day project and take part in many activities. Come along to the Barking Learning Centre to see the range of projects inspired by many.

The Participatory City Foundation are looking for people to work on the project and would like to hear from those interested in joining them.

To get involved and suggest your own ideas please email hello@participatorycity.org