

Future Meetings Schedule

1 May: 6:00 pm at the **Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall**, Brixton Hill SW2 1RW

'Stop and Search'

Update from Lambeth Stop and Search Monitoring Group on developments in Lambeth and across London.

5 June: 6:30 pm at **St Anne's Community Centre**, Harleyford Road, SE11 (Between Oval Cricket Ground and Vauxhall Train/Underground Station)

'Theme be confirmed'

3 July: 6:00 pm at the **Assembly Hall, Lambeth Town Hall**, Brixton Hill SW2 1RW

'Terrorism Revisited'

(Note: Meetings at venues away from the centre of the borough start half an hour later to allow for travel)

There is no CPCG meeting in August and we restart on September 4th.

Youth and Safer Neighbourhoods.

(From Fred Glick, Chair, Clapham Common Safer Neighbourhood Panel)

It is clear that the majority of the problems in our ward that can be effectively addressed by the SNT involve youth. As victims, as perpetrators, and simply as community members. Considerable time was spent at our first few meetings discussing problems associated with and affecting "The Youth," so it was proposed that we establish a youth panel to run along side our neighbourhood panel. Thanks to the efforts of our SNT and the administration of Lambeth Academy this has been achieved and at our last panel meeting the youth panel was ably represented by two Lambeth Academy students.

A simple thing, but already I think a lot has come of it. The kids had a lot to say, they were taken very seriously and their input informed the priorities set for the SNT, one of which is to continue with youth engagement activities. In addition, we're well on the way towards establishing a youth club based out of Lambeth Academy (a need that was identified by the kids) which would not only provide a safe, constructive outlet for them, but also a venue for police/youth interaction in a non-confrontational setting. Taking it OFF the streets, as it were.

I'm not sure if any other wards have found effective ways to engage the youth, but I think Sgt. Mooney and his team deserve a lot of credit here for creating what could be a model for use elsewhere.

Meetings Attended

(If you would like more information about these meetings, please contact the respective CPCG member through the office).

Helping Victims of Crime Help Themselves – 6 March

Gill Keneally attended this one day conference sponsored by the Safer Lambeth Partnership and Victim Support Lambeth. The conference was set within the themes emerging from the recent Victims and Witness Audit and the Hate Crime Audit and sought to inform the future work of the Victim and Witnesses Joint Action Group (JAG) of the Crime and Disorder Partnership – Safer Lambeth.

Particular emphasis was given to the needs to adopting services to the needs of young people as victims, to ensuring that information about availability of services was widely published and that young people themselves be given the opportunity to support one another eg through volunteering with organisations like Victim Support.

Further details are available from Gill or from Victim Support.

Gangs, Young People and Violence – South Bank University, 23 March

Canon Ivelaw Bowman attended this one day conference called to address the recorded increase in violent crime in many urban centres across the country and the emergence of gang cultures. Contributions were from both academics and practitioners and covered the structures and dynamics of gangs, relationships with drugs, collaborative and mediation approaches to reducing gang conflict and diversionary and development programmes (the latter exemplified by Lambeth's X-it programme)

Domestic Violence.

Paul Reynolds and Anna Tapsell attended the Domestic Violence Forum on 22nd March whilst Anna chaired the Lambeth Women's Aid AGM on the 21st.

Communities First

Lambeth Borough Council, and the Lambeth Strategic Partnership, are redesigning the structures within which community engagement in the borough takes place. Anna Tapsell and Paul Reynolds attended a half day meeting of local community and voluntary groups which received a series of presentations on the proposals.

1st Lambeth Somali Youth Conference – 28th March

Anna Tapsell attended this evening conference held in Streatham by the London Somali Development Council which provided young Somali people to present their concerns and particular needs. We are hopeful that some of these young people shall get involved with our own Youth Sub-Group.