

## Future Meetings

### 5 January 2010 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Karibu Education Centre,  
7 Gresham Road, Brixton SW2

### 2 February 2010 6.30 p.m.

Venue: Lambeth Town Hall  
Brixton SW2 !RW

Theme

To be confirmed

### 2 March 2010 6.00 p.m.

Venue: Lambeth Town Hall  
Brixton SW2 !RW

Theme:

London Criminal Justice Board

## Abdul Sultan Virani

It is with great sadness that the Group learned of the passing away of Abdul Sultan Virani on the morning of 17 November. Mr Virani was a Lambeth CPCG member for many years and was well known and respected for the copious amount of voluntary work he did both nationally and for the local community, particularly for the borough's elders. His funeral on 21 November was held at Ismaili Jamat Khan, Isleworth TW7. Our condolences go out to Mr Virani's family, friends and colleagues.

## Lambeth Mediation Service AGM

Room 8, Lambeth Town Hall, Brixton Hill, SW2 1RJ - 15 December 2009 at 6.30 pm

**Guest Speaker: Jo Berry**

**"Making Peace with the Enemy"**

6.30pm Light snacks & refreshments

6.45pm Welcome and Introduction

6.50pm Business of AGM

7.50pm Jo Berry – Guest speaker

followed by Buffet Meal

Jo's father Sir Anthony Berry MP, was killed by the IRA in the bombing of the 1984 Tory Party conference in Brighton, and her talk is about the emotional journey that she has gone through in order to reconcile and make friends with the bomber Patrick Magee. It should be a fascinating evening and we hope that you can join us.

*Jo Berry made a inner commitment, 2 days after the bomb that killed her Father, to find a way to bring something positive out of the tragedy. She chose to not blame the 'other' but sought to understand. In 2000 she met the man who planted the bomb. Pat Magee, and they sat together in a room talking for over 3 hours. Jo wanted to see the man behind the enemy and to hear his story. The first meeting led onto many and the next meetings became the subject of the Everyman documentary, Facing the Enemy, broadcast in 2001. Since then they have spoken over 60 times, at peace conferences, schools, universities,*

*internationally as well as nationally. Jo now calls Pat her friend though there are still challenges, it is an unusual friendship. Jo now knows through listening to him deeply that if she had lived his life she may have made the same choices, and with that understanding there is nothing to forgive. Recently for the 25th anniversary, they spoke together at the House of Commons to the all Parliamentary groups on Conflict issues and also Jo launched the Charity she founded, Building Bridges for Peace. There will be time for questions after Jo has spoken.*

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### **What the CPEGs have been talking about – October 2008 to March 2009**

From John May, Chief Executive of LCP2 (London Communities and Police Partnership)

nb CPEGs (Community and Police Engagement Groups) is the collective name given to the various borough-wide community and police consultative fora across London. Below is a summary of discussions held by these groups, including Lambeth CPCG, at their public meetings.

#### Summary

From the records of 36 public meetings held by 26 CPEGs during this six month period, we find discussion of no fewer than **106** different crime/community safety/policing topics. The meetings addressed the most salient public concerns, but they also picked up on very local issues.

*We believe that this demonstrates that CPEGs really are in touch with what their communities are thinking and talking about in respect of community safety and policing.*

#### Key points

- 9 topics came up at half or more of all the meetings during the period for which LCP2 has data. The figures (details in the attached Appendix) show that CPEGs are in touch with the dominant concerns of the general public in London, as evidenced by attitude surveys and opinion polls.
  - Thus knife crime, anti social behaviour, stop and search and domestic violence all feature prominently in the list of topics discussed at CPEG meetings.
- Conversely, there were 97 other topics that were of less widespread interest (but relevant to the Boroughs concerned):
  - 7 topics were only discussed at one meeting out of the 36 recorded
    - for instance Hounslow was the only CPEG which addressed truancy during this period
    - Lambeth was the only one to cover death in custody.
  - Similarly, 9 topics only came up at two meetings
    - for instance only Ealing and Kensington & Chelsea focussed on terrorism during the period
    - only Greenwich and Redbridge featured offensive weapons.
- Overall CPEGs almost, but not quite, ranged from A to Z in their discussions. The actual range was from **A** for Acquisitive crime to **Y** for Youth crime.

**Appendix: Topics discussed at CPEG meetings****Top 30  
Topics****Period 1: October 2008 - March 2009 (incl.)**

26 CPEGs represented; 36 Group meetings recorded; 106 topics discussed

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Number of Discussions</b>	<b>Percent all Discussions</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Community engagement	27	75	1
Knife crime	27	75	1
ASB	25	69	3
Safer Neighbourhoods	24	67	4
car crime	23	64	5
Stop and search	23	64	5
Youth crime	22	61	7
Domestic Violence	19	53	8
Drugs	18	50	9
Burglary	17	47	10
Local priorities	16	44	11
Partnerships	16	44	11
Communication police and public	15	42	13
Police and schools	15	42	13
Seasonal crime	14	39	15
Social housing	14	39	15
Diversions activity	13	36	17
Hotspots	13	36	17
Intelligence gathering	13	36	17
Police officer response availability	13	36	17
Transport	13	36	17
Young people's views	13	36	17
CCTV	12	33	23
Hate Crime	12	33	23
Police and Youth	12	33	23
Volunteers	12	33	23
Justice process	11	31	27
Rape	11	31	27
Street crime	11	31	27
Surveys	11	31	27

**Lambeth LINK – Public Meeting on Safeguarding Adults – 16 December**

Lambeth LINK invites you to a Public Meeting on Safeguarding Adults at **6.00 pm to 8.00 pm** on **Wednesday, 16 December 2009** at the **Kurdish Cultural Centre, 14 Stannary Street, London SE11 4AA (near Kennington Road Post Office)**. The meeting will have speakers from Lambeth Council's Adult and Community Services and you are invited to come along and find out what is happening in Lambeth to help prevent the abuse of vulnerable adults.

To find out more contact the Lambeth LINK team:

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**[www.lambethlink.org.uk](http://www.lambethlink.org.uk)**

**News from London Civic Forum****Help Shape London's Future at City Hall, The Queen's Walk, SE1****Tuesday, 8 December 2009, 10:00 - 1:30**

**Inclusion London** are holding an event for London's Deaf and Disabled People's organizations which will look at the key issues for Deaf and disabled people in relation to the London Plan, Mayors Transport and Economic Strategies and how they can become involved in the consultation process. For more information please contact Inclusion London:

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**Civic Forum Consultation on Mayor's Transport Strategy****Monday 14 December at the Human Rights Centre 10.00am – 1.00pm**

London Civic Forum is holding a consultation event to look at the Mayors Transport Strategy which aims to support community and voluntary organizations focus on some of the key issues for their communities and support them develop their response to the strategy.

If you would like to know more or wish to book a place, please e-mail

[events@londoncivicforum.org.uk](mailto:events@londoncivicforum.org.uk) or call Deirdre on 020 8709 9774

**Extracts from the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies bulletin November 2009****The price of public interest publication: Nutt-gate**

Following publication of Professor David Nutt's July 2009 Eve Saville lecture, *Estimating drug harms: a risky business?*, by the Centre the Home Secretary, Alan Johnson, welcomed the publication saying 'It should be self-evident that decisions on Government policy ought to be informed by sound evidence...science research ought to be contributing a major part of that evidence base. It should be playing a key role in helping us to decide our overall strategies.' Sorry, that was David Blunkett in 2000, speaking to a gathering of academics; in the real world Professor Nutt lost his unpaid post, five members of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs resigned and a widespread debate took place in the media about why one of the country's most respected scientists was sacked as chair of the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs when the speech had been previously cleared by the Home Office and was given by David Nutt speaking in his capacity as a Professor at Imperial College London. Director Richard Garside's on the impact of the sacking on the Advisory Council can be read here

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2009/nov/05/drugs-advisory-council-david-nutt#start-of-comments>

**How police are making criminals of the over-40s**

The number of over-40s receiving a first conviction or caution has increased by half since 2001. It is now running at a startling 65 a day, according to new Government figures. Daily Mail (23/11/09)

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1223172/Police-making-criminals-40s-Target-culture-fuels-rise-time-convictions-Britains-middle-aged.html>

**Keeping-up appearances**

Shoppers are stealing food and fashion accessories to maintain high standards of living during the credit crunch, according to a new survey. Times (10/11/09)

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/crime/article6910302.ec>

For another perspective, you can download: 'Law abiding majority? The everyday crimes of the middle classes', published by the Centre in 2007, here

[http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/opus45/Law\\_abiding\\_Majority\\_FINAL\\_VERSION.pdf](http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/opus45/Law_abiding_Majority_FINAL_VERSION.pdf)

Further articles can be found at <http://www.crimeandjustice.org.uk/November2009>

## **CPCG Board Meeting – 17 November 2009**

On 17 November, Lambeth CPCG Board held its first meeting following the CPCG AGM on 20 October. At the Board meeting, elections of CPCG Honorary Officers were held with the following results: Chairperson, Anna Tapsell; Vice-Chairs, Paul Andell and Sandra Moodie; Hon. Comptroller, Jim Toohill.

At the same meeting, Hilary-Claire Wears' application for Individual Membership of Lambeth CPCG was accepted.

## **Swine Flu**

Mindful of the expected resurgence of Swine Flu over the coming months, and to do our bit to help reduce the spread of the virus, CPCG would ask you not to attend our public meetings if you have flu symptoms.

## **Meetings and events attended during October/November 2009**

1 December	Jim Toohill attended the LCP2 Board meeting
28 November	Anna Tapsell, Doye Akinlade, Gill Kenealy and Ros Munday observed the anniversary vigil outside Brixton Police Station for Ricky Bishop who died in police custody in 2001
24 November	Anna Tapsell met with the Borough Commander, Ch. Supt. Nick Ephgrave.
4 November	Doye Akinlade attended the Safer London Foundation CEP meeting at St Vincent's, Talma Road, Brixton, which included a workshop on how to run a Safer Neighbourhood Panel

## **Join our Group... Have Your Shout**

If you wish to become a member of CPCG, either as an individual or representing an organisation or group in the Community and Voluntary sector, please contact CPCG (see contact details below) and we will send you a Membership Pack.

### **Important contacts**

**Non emergencies, advice or comments**

**Tel: 0300 123 1212**

**In confidence (anonymously) with information about a crime**

**Tel: 0800 555 111**

**Crimestoppers**

**Emergencies, if a crime is happening now or there is immediate danger Tel: 999**

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