



# West London Network



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## AUTUMN / WINTER NEWSLETTER 09

Welcome to the Autumn/ Winter 2009 edition of WLN's newsletter.

In common with the rest of the voluntary and community sector WLN faces many challenges within the current economic climate. But our work continues to represent and support the sector in West London. We are collaborating cross-borough and across the sectors with joint bids, working to lever regional & national funding into the area to benefit the many and diverse communities that make up the six boroughs in West London.

The West London involved team moves from strength to strength, helping 16-25 year olds engage with their communities, an exciting project that benefits and unites us all. The model we developed to create this project has led us to be invited to work again with V to deliver a new project, the Department of Work & Pensions Volunteering Programme in West London. Working again with our six Volunteer Centres and in partnership with local Job Centres, we will help develop pathways back into employment by creating positive volunteering experiences.

Our annual conference this year was themed "Surviving the Recession" and was held once again at Watermans Arts Centre on the 08 July. We are delighted that the delegate feedback was overwhelmingly positive and also appreciative of the smooth running of the event. Particular praise was offered to our keynote speaker Mark Berrisford-Smith, Senior Economist at HSBC Bank, and his presentation on the origins of the recession. The full report will be published later this month.

As announced at this year's conference in July the West London Network on-line survey to develop the work of our four sub-regional (issue based) networks is now live at [www.tinyurl.com/wln2009](http://www.tinyurl.com/wln2009) Please make time to go on-line & fill in the survey as it will effect what we do next at WLN. We are here to support you and we need to hear your voice.

On behalf of the all the team at WLN we hope you find this edition enjoyable and useful. We always welcome feedback, so any comments you have please send them in to us at: [admin@westlondonnetwork.org.uk](mailto:admin@westlondonnetwork.org.uk).

Best wishes  
**John Carlin, WLN Development Manager**

# CVS Roundup

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## Ealing

Both our major Ealing One Stop Jobs Shop and Personal Best projects have now started and a new worker has been recruited to offer volunteering opportunities for local unemployed residents

A group of young faith volunteers are currently being supported by ECVS to design, script and shoot their own DVD addressing causes of extremism

We have completed a major `Our Sector, Our Voice Survey` asking local VCS groups about their future priorities

Our bid to the LSC was successful and we have won funding for a new neighbourhood learning programme offering VCS groups small grants to run new taster learning sessions

`Growing the Roots` was a residential event we held to train new VCS reps on local partnerships

Through our West London LGBT project we are carrying out a major policy survey of local councils, police, PCTs and housing associations across West London on their policies and services for LGBT communities (More LGBT news on pages 5 & 6)

We have won funding for a series of community events on local estates and together with other partners have submitted a funding bid to convert an empty high street shop into a community base

Training sessions for local VCS groups have been held on how to produce their own podcasts and how to present community radio shows.

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## Hammersmith & Fulham

News from CaVSA and ChangeUp Partners in Hammersmith & Fulham

- BASIS – CaVSA have secured a £500K grant over 5 years from the Big Lottery Fund to support groups in Hammersmith & Fulham to prepare for commissioning. The project will be delivered in partnership with other ChangeUp organisations.
- Personal Best Programme – Hammersmith & Fulham

Volunteer Centre have launched the Personal Best programme in Hammersmith & Fulham and in Harrow. The next volunteer intake will be launched in June.

- Play events – Hammersmith & Fulham Play Association have recently secured a contract to deliver a programme of weekend and school holiday play events in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea.

- Advocacy Partnership launched – Hammersmith & Fulham Action on Disability (HAFAD) have recently launched an advocacy service for adults in receipt of social care in partnership with 3 other agencies in Hammersmith & Fulham.
- Media Project - Hammersmith & Fulham Refugee Forum media project is promoting positive images and stories about refugees.

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## Contacts for 6 CVS in West London

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## Harrow

### Stroke Research and Workshop Coordinator, Adam Gahhu

The Stroke Research project commenced in June 2009 and has been funded for 6 months. The main aim of the project is researching and providing up to date information about services that are currently provided in Harrow for stroke survivors and their carers.

I started my role as a Workshop Coordinator in September 2009. The aim of this role is to inform Community Groups of help that is available for their clients during the recession. This is through a series of workshops.

If you require further information please contact me on the following details:

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**Office Hours:**

**9.30am- 3.30pm (Mon-Wed)**

**9.30am- 4.30pm (Thurs)**

**ONE 4 U** is a service set up with the London Borough of Harrow and is funded and run as a partnership with Harrow's Children Services and Harrow Association of Voluntary Service.

**ONE 4 U** has been set up to match an Individual Looked after Child with a **ONE Independent Visitor**. The

service's aims are to identify, train and then support the **ONE Independent Visitor** to champion and befriend an individual child or young person.

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## Hounslow

The CVS has appointed 2 new members of staff: Tessa Awe is our Organisation Development Manager and started on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2009, and Fuad Uddin who is our NI7 Engagement Officer. With all staff in post we have run/will run the following events for our members in the borough:

### September 2009

**Commissioning for Voluntary Community Groups:** was a full day introductory session explaining the commissioning agenda for the VCS, including a presentation from the Joint Head of Commissioning for the London Borough of Hounslow and the Primary Care Trust.

**Trustee Networking Event and Understanding Your Annual Accounts** with a presentation from a qualified accountant who is used to working with voluntary and community groups.

**Health and Social Care Forum** which enabled voluntary and community organisations, their service users and members of the public to participate in The Big Care Debate. A report from the day is being written to enable feedback from Hounslow to the government.

### October 2009

**The New Vetting and Barring Scheme** a detailed presentation, question and answer session was given to 40 voluntary and community groups by CVS Hounslow's Development Officer cascading information received at two separate training events.

**Safe Activities for Everyone** gave detailed information on Safeguarding from the Safeguarding Children's Board and from Children England.

**An Introduction to Health & Safety** was a day's training session provided by Impact Training.

### November 2009

**Children and Young People's Forum** 03.12.09 featuring an update on Safeguarding and on the Children's Trust arrangements.

### January 2010

**Health and Social Care Forum** 28.01.10 including a showcase of current voluntary and community sector projects in Hounslow.

### February 2010

**Fist Aid for the Appointed Person** 11.02.10 – this course carries a 3 year Certificate upon completion.

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## Hillingdon

### Shadow Minister quizzed

The Shadow Minister with responsibility for the voluntary sector was quizzed in June by the chief officers of various charities and voluntary organisations in Hillingdon. Nick Hurd MP, Shadow Minister for Charities, Social Enterprise and Volunteering, attended a lunchtime meeting at Key House hosted by HAVS. He listened to local concerns and answered questions, as well as outlining the Conservative approach to the voluntary and community sector.

Describing the voluntary sector as the “glue which binds the community together”, Nick, who is MP for Ruislip/Northwood, praised the work of local groups and recognised the contribution they make to the community. Ted Hill, Chief Executive of HAVS, said: “It was a great opportunity for local voluntary sector colleagues to put their concerns and questions direct to the man who could be the next Minister for the sector. Equally it was an opportunity for Nick to hear directly about the issues which exercise our minds on a daily basis.”

### Kay has tea at the palace

A long standing HAVS' volunteer had tea at Buckingham Palace on July 21 as a guest of HM The Queen. Kay Davey from Harefield was invited along to one of the summer's royal garden parties in recognition of her 25 years of volunteering. Kay, who was accompanied by her daughter Pat, said “Even the occasional shower did not spoil a very enjoyable day. The palace was beautiful and the gardens were very impressive, especially the camomile lawn.” In a spectacular marquee, delicate

cucumber sandwiches, miniature strawberry tarts and lemon meringues were served to guests together with the finest cup of tea that Kay had ever tasted!

At 4pm the National Anthem announced the arrival of the Queen and members of the royal family including Prince Philip, the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall. “There was a fascinating mix of people and everyone was very friendly,” said Kay who was also taken with the dazzling display of chiffon dresses and eye catching hats! In summing up the day Kay said: “I had a wonderful time, the atmosphere was exceptional and the occasion is something I will always remember.”



Kay (right) and Pat outside Buckingham Palace.

## LawWorks Choices Volunteer Lawyers – Here to help you!

LawWorks, a small independent charity, has launched a scheme to match unemployed lawyers with pro bono opportunities in their area. There are currently nearly 500 lawyers looking for ways to help! If your organisation needs assistance with any legal matter, please contact the Choices team at LawWorks, and we can advertise your opportunity to our members, and pass on their details. Simply email: [lh@lawworks.org.uk](mailto:lh@lawworks.org.uk) with a short description of the help needed, location, and the time commitment (in hours) that is required.

Alternatively, join the Initial Electronic Advice service, an automated, web-based system, which allows not for profit organisations and advice agencies to submit a short legal query and have this answered by a lawyer via email, completely free of charge. Visit the website at: [www.lawworksiea.org.uk](http://www.lawworksiea.org.uk)

The main legal areas we cover are: advertising, banking, building and construction, charity, clinical negligence, commercial, company, competition, construction, consumer, consumer credit, contract, corporate, crime, debt, education, employment, energy, environment, EU, family, health and safety, housing, immigration, insolvency, insurance, intellectual property, IT, landlord and tenant, mental health, mortgages, data protection, finance, insurance, pensions, personal injury, planning, property, public law, small claims, tax, telecoms, trust, welfare, wills and probate.



# The Networks



## West London LGBT Conference 18 November 2009 Ealing Town Hall 9.30am to 4.30pm

Now in its third year, this years LGBT Conference is shaping up to be the biggest yet. Clare Summerskill will open as our key note speaker, with some insights from her Oral History work.

Lindsey Rivers from Age of Diversity will speak on Older LGBT issues. Lindsey will be joined by the successful Opening Doors - Central London, Older LGBT project about how we can set up a similar project here.

Tim Price from PACE will be joining us to discuss Mental Health and Wellbeing needs of LGBT people and how we can improve services and support available to those LGBT people who need them.

Pav Ahktar from Imaan will be discussing the needs and issues of Muslim LGBT people, who often face multiple barriers accessing services, on how we can improve the support available.

For the first time ever, we will have a 'Question Time' style hustings – LGBT representative from the main political parties will be answering questions from the floor. Proceedings will be chaired by Colin Izzard from the North West London Lesbian and Gay Group.

If you have a question for the panel, please send them to Peter Vittles on 020 8280 2286 or email [peter@ealingcvs.org.uk](mailto:peter@ealingcvs.org.uk)

You can book your place by filling in the attached form or submit an online registration form, go to: <http://westlondonlgbtconference2009.eventbrite.com>

### West London LGBT Forum Update:

- Membership of the Forum is continuing to increase. We now have over 300 people who are Forum members - a 100% increase on the January 09 figure with representatives from a wide range of mainstream services, voluntary groups, LGBT groups and LGBT residents.
- Since our Forum Membership has grown, we are

- consulting on a revised Terms of Reference for the Forum on the selection of the chair.
- Our social networking pilot continues to go from strength to strength. We have a [Facebook profile](#) with over 450 contacts, and a [Twitter profile](#) with over 300 followers.
- We are using our social networking presence to engage with a wide range of people from West London and all over the world. We have been successful in reaching stage two of our bid with the Equality and Human Rights Commission for three years funding for our project.

### Update on other projects we are working on:

- We are developing a range of LGBT training for mainstream services and voluntary groups to raise the profile of the needs and issues affecting LGBT people.
- The West London LGBT Online Directory is now available, go to [www.ealingcvs.co.uk/lgbt](http://www.ealingcvs.co.uk/lgbt) and the directory can be downloaded from our website.
- A further update will be added in January 2010 with new sections and groups. If you have any comments or would like other services added please contact us.
- Our West London LGBT Survey of LGBT people who live, work, socialise or use services in West London has had a fantastic response, with over 180 filling in the survey. We will be feeding back the results at the November Conference.

We have had a good response to our Mainstream Services Policy Survey – again we will feedback at the November Conference.



# The Networks

## LGBT (Continued)

### Activities of the Project to March 2010

- West London LGBT Conference – 18 November 2009 at Ealing Town Hall
- Addressing Hate Crime on Estates and Homophobic Bullying in Education Centres
- Develop tool kits on Hate Crime, Homophobic Bullying and Equalities issues
- LGBT Residents Survey and Mainstream Policy Survey
- Building LGBT Groups – assisting local lgbt groups apply for funding, achieve PQASSO or charity status and set up Forums in boroughs that do not have them
- Deliver training to Statutory and Voluntary organisations on LGBT issues
- Recruit volunteers to deliver Community Radio Shows
- Secure longer term funding for the LGBT Project
- Deliver seminars on LGBT and Human Rights issues

**We are looking for people, organisations and groups who would like to assist us in delivering these key pieces of work to improve the lives of LGBT people in West London. If you would like to get involved in any of these activities or projects, contact Peter Vittles on 020 8280 2286 or email [peter@ealingcvs.org.uk](mailto:peter@ealingcvs.org.uk)**

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## Volunteering Forum for West London

### Rising unemployment boosts volunteering

There are 1.4 million people living in West London. In September this year, 40,926 people of working age in West London were unemployed (based on Job Seekers Allowance claims, [www.nomisweb.co.uk](http://www.nomisweb.co.uk)).

Many people who are out of work are turning to volunteering as a way of maintaining their skills, or developing new ones, or to keep up confidence and motivation levels. Local Volunteer Centres in West London are working hard to keep up with demand for their brokerage services, which link people who want to volunteer with the organisations that need their help.

Earlier this year, the Department for Work and Pensions launched a new volunteer brokerage

scheme, to help JobCentre clients into volunteering. The West London Volunteering Forum are delivering the scheme through local Volunteer Centres in the sub-region. Volunteer opportunities in fields such as administration, finance, child care and teaching are particularly popular.

“The current demand for volunteering is so high that volunteer vacancies are filling up”, says Kate Goddard, Chair of the Volunteering Forum for West London. “We’re keen to hear from any organisations who would like more help from volunteers. And if you’ve not worked with volunteers before, we can help you to get started”.

You can find details of your local Volunteer Centre at [www.glv.org.uk](http://www.glv.org.uk).

### About Improving Support

Improving Support provides a website, magazine and e bulletin which bring together practical resources for all those providing support to third sector organisations.

Funded by Capacitybuilders, this website provides a gateway to the widest range of tools and information, and will soon offer an easily accessible community for the exchange of resources, ideas and learning.

An Improving Support magazine and ebulletin also help support providers to stay informed and share learning on a range of issues relevant to their work. For more information go to;

[www.improvingsupport.org.uk/about.aspx](http://www.improvingsupport.org.uk/about.aspx)

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# West London V-involved Team Makes a Splash at the London Mela

## Young People Make a Real Difference

This August saw the V-Involved Team's presence at the London Mela. Held in Gunnersbury Park on August 16<sup>th</sup> the event is an artistic led celebration of Asian culture and creativity, inspired by South Asia. The Mela, which was first held in 2003 originates from the Indian sub continent and this year featured the best in classical music, British urban artists, dance comedy and cabaret, street theatre, circus and exhibitions.



The V-Involved Team tied in with the London Mela by holding their sub regional event promoting volunteering in West London. In consultation with the Youth Action Team (a committee of 16-25 year olds) the V-Involved team, wanting to make an impact hired a 7 metre Hummer which stood centre-piece as the attraction.



Young people were given the opportunity to go inside the Hummer to find out about the varied and exciting volunteering opportunities available. George, a 16 year old young person from Ealing said "I did not realise that I could get an opportunity volunteering as a DJ. Not only have I had an opportunity to sit in a Hummer I am so excited that I have a chance to apply for a volunteering opportunity I am passionate about."



We hired the Hummer as a marketing tool and it enabled the team to attract hundreds of young people throughout the day and provide exposure to the project. The team carried out 65 individual consultations where we were able to register young people and provide information on suitable opportunities.



Overall the day was a great success as it publicised and promoted this nationwide initiative.

Throughout the summer the V-Involved Team focused on developing short term opportunities as we anticipated an influx of young volunteers that were available during the summer holidays. Young people took part in opportunities ranging from officiating at children's sports days, publicity design, admin, stewarding and stage management at festivals such as the Notting Hill Carnival, Brent Diwali & Eid.

**If you are interested in getting involved in the work the V-Involved Team does please contact;**

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## Natural Heroes



### Groundwork London (West)

has recently been awarded funding for two new and exciting nature conservation projects in West London.

Collectively, the two projects will significantly improve the quality of West London's natural environment at the same time as building appreciation amongst local residents of the richness and diversity of wildlife that these spaces provide.

## Access to West London's Nature

Natural England has awarded Groundwork London (West) funding to deliver a three year project aimed at encouraging new groups of people to engage, learn about, experience and appreciate the natural world within West London. The target beneficiaries are: young people; black and ethnic minority groups; people with physical and mental ill health; people who live in areas deficient in access to nature and Lower Super Output areas (LSOAs). The project will be working with people who live within the London Boroughs of Hammersmith and Fulham, Brent, Ealing and Kensington and Chelsea.

The project involves a number of educational activities, public events and practical nature conservation volunteering days to raise residents' awareness of the existing resources; break down real and perceived barriers to accessing nature; boost residents' skills in practical conservation work; and improve and enhance the quality of these spaces.

## Habitat Heroes

Further funding has also been awarded to Groundwork London (West) by Grantscape for a year-long project of practical nature conservation work to conserve and enhance the biodiversity value of two of West London's greatest natural assets: Wormwood Scrubs Park and Local Nature Reserve, and Little Wormwood Scrubs Park.

Through this project Groundwork London (West) will be recruiting a network of volunteers to deliver the ambitious targets for scrub clearance, tree planting and maintenance and other nature conservation activities.

Both of these projects will be delivered through close partnership working with local schools, community groups, businesses, universities and other community organisations. For more information or to get involved in either of the above projects, contact Paul Clay by email: [paul.clay@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:paul.clay@groundwork.org.uk) or telephone 020 8743 3040.





## Groundwork London & H&F Homes celebrate a decade of partnership



A new play area on the Lancaster Court estate, Darlan Road, was opened on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, marking the 100<sup>th</sup> completed Housing Estates Improvement Programme (HEIP) delivered through the H&F Homes and Groundwork London partnership in a decade.

The HEIP programme launched in 1998 with the first project completed in 1999. Since then, Groundwork London has delivered 100 environmental improvement projects across the borough which have ranged from small projects (<£5k) such as fencing improvements, installing pergolas and improving planting, to larger projects (max £50k) such as restoring a sunken garden in a sheltered housing unit; gating and entrance improvements; a ball court; toddler play area; lighting improvements; etc.

HEIP projects actively engage residents in the improvements of their estates throughout the consultation and design development process. The projects are then maintained for the first year by Groundwork's Employment and Training Team which helps local people back to work through providing training and hands on experience in horticulture and grounds maintenance.

The project on Lancaster Court was initiated by residents in the Lancaster Court Tenants' and Residents' Association who had approached H&F Homes for help after deciding children on the estate lacked a proper play area. They made a bid for money from the housing estates improvement fund, which awards money every year to fund projects to help improve estates.

This project received the maximum grant available from H&F Homes (£50,000) and Groundwork raised a further £52,000 from the Big Lottery and WREF to complete the play area.

As part of the consultation and design process on Lancaster Court, Groundwork London took local residents on an 'inspirational' trip to visit other play areas designed and delivered by Groundwork. This gave residents a chance to select the elements of each they liked in order to inform the design for Lancaster Court.

The £80,000 play area at Lancaster Court now features swings, a slide and a number of natural play features such as boulders and small hills.

For more information, contact Nicola Durrant by email: [Nicola.Durrant@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:Nicola.Durrant@groundwork.org.uk) or telephone 020 8743 3040.



# Lee & Nightingale

## Recruiting a new agency.

NAVCA has just formalised an exciting new partnership with recruitment communications agency Lee & Nightingale. The agreement will see both parties working closely together to promote voluntary organisations as employers of choice, boosting both the number and quality of applicants for all our vacancies, whilst at the same time greatly reducing the high costs normally associated with recruitment campaigns.

Lee & Nightingale is currently one of the UK's leading independent recruitment advertising agencies. As specialists in public and third sector recruitment, it has built up an unrivalled understanding of the unique challenges faced by organisations like ours – particularly the need to reduce costs wherever possible.

Lee & Nightingale's Client Services Director, Fiona Horton, commented:

*"With third sector workloads ever-increasing, yet simultaneously donations diminishing, our clients have many challenges ahead - especially regarding their tighter budgets. Therefore, anything we can do to save on costs and time - from writing concise and captivating copy, to providing advice on how best to target the market - we will do."*

One highly cost-effective recruitment technique offered by the agency is 'signposting', which side-steps the need for large, expensive press advertisements altogether. This means producing a small, inexpensive 'signpost' ad, directing job seekers straight to dedicated internet microsite carrying a wealth of information about the specific role and employer. In most cases, the signpost ad and microsite combined will cost less than an equivalent 'traditional' press ad, but be far more effective. Other benefits to NAVCA of working with Lee & Nightingale include the fantastic contacts they have with the media, and also their in-house account coordination team who can produce eye-catching art work within very short timeframes. In short, the agency provides a total solution to recruitment advertising under one cost-effective umbrella.

NAVCA representatives have been quick to express their views on the blossoming relationship. Isabel Hartland, Director of Resources at NAVCA commented:

"We have been so impressed with the quality, reliability and cost-effectiveness of Lee & Nightingale's service that we have decided to recommend them as our preferred supplier to all our members. As part of this partnership, Lee & Nightingale will also help to raise awareness of [www.goodmoves.org.uk](http://www.goodmoves.org.uk) – our online career hub for the third sector."

As the recession continues to impact charitable and voluntary organisations, relationships akin to the one between Lee & Nightingale and NAVCA will become more and more important in order to raise profiles whilst keeping costs to a minimum. Hopefully this relationship will provide a blueprint on how best to provide the third sector with quality, cost-effective advertising at a reasonable and fair price.

**To find out more information about the NAVCA partnership, or to learn more about the recruitment advertising services and savings we provide, please contact Sam Davis, Account Manager, on 0151 346 2046 or email her at [sam.davis@leeandnightingale.com](mailto:sam.davis@leeandnightingale.com)**



‘Respect is the UK membership association for domestic violence perpetrator programmes and associated support services. Our vision is to end violence and abuse in intimate partner and close family relationships. Our key focus is on promoting, supporting, delivering and developing effective interventions with perpetrators.

In 2008 after a three year consultation we launched the Respect Accreditation Standard. This document was supported by the Home Office, CAFCASS, The Association of Directors of Children's Services, Relate, Women's Aid, Refuge, and GLDVP as a statement of minimum standards for domestic violence intervention programmes working with perpetrators.

Accreditation was developed so that members of the public, funders, commissioning agencies and other professionals could be assured of a high quality, safety-focused service from organisations accredited by Respect. It provided a recognised framework for delivering programmes in many different ways, allowing skilled practitioners and effective projects to gain recognition for their work, to support safe practice.



As part of this process Respect received London Councils funding to work with member organisations in London to support them through the accreditation process and help them build capacity through referrals from the Respect Phonenumber: 0845 122 8609.

This is a helpline offering information and advice to people who are abusive towards their partners and want help to stop, it runs Monday – Friday 10am – 1pm & 2pm – 5pm.

As part of this work, and in the run up to the 16 days of action for White Ribbon Campaign on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009, we are launching posters in London aimed at ending men's violence against women. The aim of the campaign is to encourage other men to support their friends who are using violence in their intimate relationships to seek support and we are keen to link with other agencies in London to collaborate on this work. If other groups have particular questions or would like me to come and speak about our work with them or at public events they are welcome to contact me by email or on the number below."

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Respect is a UK registered charity, number 1083968.



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## **Dates for your diary!**

**18 November 09**  
**West London LGBT Conference**

**25 February 10**  
**Volunteering Forum for West London Conference**

**Runs until early December 09**  
**The WLN Survey**  
[www.tinyurl.com/wln2009](http://www.tinyurl.com/wln2009)  
**(Please make time to go on-line)**