



Chestnuts Community Centre

10 December 2014

The Bridge Renewal Trust have agreed to take on the management of Chestnuts Community Centre for an interim period of a year. We are delighted to do this because we are passionate to see this much loved community resource stay open and reach its potential to become a thriving hub of activities long into the future - and for all the communities in South Tottenham.

The Bridge, key staff and trustees have a strong track record in developing sustainable social business; this includes developing financially sustainable community centres that offer a vibrant mix of activities and opportunities for local people. We want to bring these skills to the mix over the next year, keeping the centre open whilst the Local Authority consult with a wide spectrum of stakeholders about an ambitious future for Chestnuts as a community arts and culture centre that the borough can be proud of. As a charity, the Bridge will ensure that any potential for the centre to generate income over and above running costs are ploughed back into the centre and community activities.

The Bridge will take on the management of the Centre in mid-January 2015, though we are already starting to speak with all the current users of the Centre to ensure as much continuity as possible. We know that Chestnuts is a centre that many different people and stakeholders feel passionate about. We will be encouraging the local community and organisations to feed in to the independently run consultation. You can find out about and contribute to this process by visiting www.haringey.gov.uk/chestnutsyoursay or telephoning the Community Buildings Officer at Haringey Council on 020 8489 2778.

The outcome of consultation, expected Spring 2015, will provide a framework for how the Bridge takes forward the management of Chestnuts and is responsive to stakeholders and the community.

If you are interested in using Chestnuts as a venue please contact Geoffrey Ocen or Russel King on 020 8442 7640 or by email at admin@bridgerenewaltrust.org.uk.

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