



ENGAGING ISLINGTON BME, REFUGEE & FAITH FORUMS

Invites you to an Open Session for Islington BME, Refugee and Faith community organisations

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Green jobs, funding and well-being for BME, Refugee, Faith communities

Friday, July 30th

Islington Ecology Centre, 191 Drayton Park, N5 1PH

9.30am – 1:00pm

**Hot lunch provided



For further information and to book please contact Improving Reach on 020 7832 5829 or email improvingreach@vai.org.uk

In partnership with Capacity Global, the London Borough of Islington and the BME Forum



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Improving Reach, in partnership with Capacity Global, Islington Council and Islington BME Forum invite you to a morning of workshops, discussion & networking, to promote green inclusion for BME, Refugee and Faith communities. The event will look at environmental sustainability to support organisations in the creation of jobs, funding, conserving energy and money and promoting health and wellbeing for our communities.

10:00-11:00 **Opening Seminar**

- **Chair - Maria Adebowale – Director of Capacity Global.**
Capacity Global works with communities in urban areas, who suffer most from environmental injustice, to ensure their voices are heard to create opportunities.
- **Shilpa Shah – Sheila McKechnie Foundation winner.** Shilpa is founder of Akashi, a grassroots campaign that aims to empower Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) and faith groups to act on climate change and climate justice.
- **Maxine Holdsworth – Head of Sustainability Islington Council.**
Islington council are committed to improving the environment, now and for the future, promoting green living in Islington, through energy efficiency and affordable warmth, food growing and healthy eating, reducing waste, recycling and the use of green spaces.
- **Mulat Haregot / Sarah Menzies –Evelyn Oldfield Unit.**
Evelyn Oldfield Unit is an infrastructure support organisation which works with refugee, migrant and asylum organisations. Sarah is a Development Worker at the Unit, currently developing an Environmental Capacity Building project.
- **Big Funder – TBC -** Supporting the BAMER voluntary sector to better access funding to engage communities in environment and provide access to nature, food growing and wellbeing.

11:05–12:30 **Workshops**

Workshop 1: Green Jobs and funding

Workshop 2: Anti poverty, Wellbeing and funding

12:30–13:00 **Feedback and Closing**

13:00 **Networking Lunch in garden with information and resources stall**

Attendees

- BME, Refugee and Faith community and voluntary organisations
- Environment focussed organisation