



# INVITATION TO ATTEND WORKSHOPS TO PREPARE FOR THE BAN OF KHAT

All interested people are invited to attend public meetings to discuss the ban and the implications for the local community. The aims of the workshops are to:

1. Raise awareness of health and social harms from the use of Khat and other drugs, including alcohol
2. Provide information on where Khat users and their friends and family can get help
3. Share the experiences of people affected by the use of Khat, including Khat users
4. Present information on the impending ban on Khat, the implications and how to prepare
5. Explore alternative ways for Khat users to get together and have close social networks

## Women's Workshop on Tuesday 24th June 2014 - from 9.30am- 1.30pm (+ free vegetarian lunch at 1.15pm)

Place/Venue: Finsbury Park Community Hub, Corker Walk, Andover Estate, London N7 7RY

To register: please contact One True Voice on email: [one-truevoice@live.co.uk](mailto:one-truevoice@live.co.uk) or tel: 020 7998 5746 or Roz Miller on [rosalind.miller8@btinternet.com](mailto:rosalind.miller8@btinternet.com)

## Men's & Mixed Audience Workshop on Thursday 26th June 2014 - from 12 - 4pm (+ free vegetarian lunch at 1.30pm)

Place/Venue: Finsbury Park Community Hub, Corker Walk, Andover Estate, London N7 7RY

To register: please contact Islington Somali Community on email: [co-ordinator@isc26.org.uk](mailto:co-ordinator@isc26.org.uk) or tel: 020 7272 0550 or Roz Miller on [rosalind.miller8@btinternet.com](mailto:rosalind.miller8@btinternet.com)

This event is supported by: Islington Public Health; Islington Faiths Forum; Islington Mental Health & Poverty Networking Forum; One True Voice; Islington Somali Community; Islington Council and Islington Police.





# From 24th June 2014, Khat will be an illegal Class C drug.

The Government has decided to ban Khat to protect people from the potential health & social harms.

It will become illegal to possess, supply, produce and import Khat.

If the police find you in Personal Possession of Khat after 24th June 2014 you can:

- On the first occasion be issued with a "Khat Warning"
- On the second occasion, if appropriate, a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) will be issued.
- Thereafter, you will be liable for prosecution.

Exceptions will apply if particular criteria exist, for example if the person is under 18 years of age, possession takes place on school premises or within a specified distance of a school.

## Where can people get help to stop using Khat?

- You can receive anonymous and confidential advice on quitting Khat by calling 0808 800 0019 (24 hours a day / 7 days a week)
- Friends and family of Khat users are also encouraged to call and receive advice on helping Khat users to quit.
- You can also speak to your GP or visit [www.talktofrank.com/get-help](http://www.talktofrank.com/get-help)