

Call for Silver Sunday savers



Businesses in the Royal Borough of Greenwich are being asked to provide special treats as part of borough-wide programme for the borough's senior citizens.

Sunday 6 October is Silver Sunday - a special day to celebrate the

achievements and contributions that older people make to our society and the local economy. The day is being coordinated by Age UK Bromley & Greenwich in partnership with the Royal Borough which is hosting key events in the town centres.

At this stage, local businesses, and organisations are being asked to plan special events or activities throughout the day. Shops, pubs and restaurants are being encouraged to offer special discounts for older people while other venues are being invited to offer free or reduced entry for over 60s.

Cllr John Fahy, the Royal Borough's Cabinet Member for Health, Adults and Older People said: "Silver Sunday provides an opportunity to celebrate the contribution made by older people to the life of the nation. I am delighted that the programme of activities across the borough will reflect many aspects of the work that support older people.

To register an event for the programme of activities - or to suggest special offers that your business would like to promote for Silver Sunday - please send an email marked 'Silver Sunday Pledge' to [Louise Donovan](mailto:Louise.Donovan) no later than 6 September.

Free cycle stands for businesses

Businesses in Greenwich can apply for a free bicycle rack from Transport for London (TFL).

TFL is aiming to support the growth in cycling in London and increase the quantity and quality of cycle parking.

There are three designs for employers to choose from:

- Sheffield stands
- toast racks
- vertical parking

Businesses will be responsible for the installation of the cycle stands once they are delivered by TFL.

For further information, contact TFL's Business Engagement Team.

Guide to Successful Retailing - Workshops

The National Skills Academy (Retail) is offering training and development for small retail businesses at a fraction of the normal cost. Training is available to all retail businesses with fewer than 250 employees.

The following Mary Portas inspired 'Guide to Successful Retailing' courses (each lasting half a day) can be delivered locally through the Academy's network of Skills Shops, which are specialists in the delivery of retail solutions.

- Finance and Business Planning

- Driving Sales through Marketing
- Buying and Visual Marketing

The normal price of training is £85 per businesses but this is available at the heavily subsidised price of £25, providing at least 10 businesses register for any one course.

Further details about the courses can be found at www.nsaforretail.com.

To register your interest in the training, please email: Alison.harris@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

Latest Business Award winner

Your London Inventory Ltd, a newly formed business based in Deptford High Street, is one of the latest businesses to be recognised by the Mayor of Lewisham Business Awards.

Co-founders Anton Conlon and Ryan Robbins won in the New Business category and were presented with their award by Sir Steve Bullock at the Civic Suite, Catford, on Monday 22 July.

Established only 18 months ago, Your London Inventory provides a third party digital inventory service for a wide range of estate agents and private landlords who have properties to let. The judging panel were impressed by the way in which the small business had established good relationships with London agents and already has a sustainable level of repeat business.

Anton Conlon said: "We set up our business in January 2012 and have

exceeded our expectations. We attribute part of our success to the fact that landlords and agents know they can trust us as an independent third party.

"Another major factor is our fast and reliable turnaround. Most of our competitors take up to a week to provide a full inventory while we always aim for 24 hours or less turnaround. We helped develop an application that enables us to provide intuitive reports with full images in a very short time with full IT back up for peace of mind."

Sir Steve Bullock, Mayor of Lewisham, said: "It's great to see a new local business such as Your London Inventory showing such quick and clear signs of



From left to right: Ryan Robbins, Sir Steve Bullock, Anton Conlon

success in these challenging economic times. The company is a terrific example of what can be achieved by remaining sensitive to new business opportunities and following through with hard work and determination."

Nominations are now open for the next awards round at www.lewisham.gov.uk/businessawards

Blackheath fireworks

The fireworks on Blackheath are South London's biggest and best free fireworks display. This year, the fireworks will be held on Saturday 2 November 2013 and, as in previous years, around 100,000 people are expected to join the celebrations.

Lewisham Council is now offering ways for businesses to support the fireworks through sponsorship or other opportunities. Sponsorship packages might include your business name in promotional materials and on the Council website. In 2012, the web page dedicated to the fireworks received almost 55,000 hits in the week prior to the event.

To discuss sponsorship packages or other ways in which you or your business can be involved, contact the Council's Events Team on 020 8314 7321 or email events@lewisham.gov.uk.

Pink Friday



5-a-side football at Lewisham Council

October is breast cancer awareness month and, during October alone, over 4,500 people in the UK will hear the shocking news that they have breast cancer.

On Friday 18 October, Breast Cancer Care will be running

a free lunchtime breast health awareness session in the Civic Suite, Catford. Businesses in the borough are encouraged to let their staff attend but also join Lewisham Council in raising money for the Lavender Trust which supports younger women with breast cancer. Council

staff will be wearing pink, donating money and organising sponsored activities such as 5-a-side football, cake baking, raffles and car servicing.

For more information and fund-raising ideas [click here](#)