



**Riana Development Network**

Harnessing the future

# Newsletter

**Welcome to our second edition of the RDN Newsletter. Find out more about the programmes we're doing in your community**

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## Jack Petchey Foundation Partnership



Riana Development Network has partnered with the Jack Petchey Foundation to address the needs of young people in the Hounslow area.

Two sets of table tennis tables along with table tennis equipment have been delivered for the youth club RDN runs at Benson Close.

Over the next couple of months, the Jack Petchey Foundation Monthly Award scheme will be implemented, including sports leadership awards. This is to help raise aspirations, develop young leaders and encourage positive engagement within the local area.

## What's going on?

### Riana Youth Hub

Ages 11-18yrs

Wednesdays 5-7pm

Alf Chandler Centre,  
Hounslow

### Supplementary Education

Ages 7-16yrs

Saturdays 12-4pm

Sundays 2-4pm

Alf Chandler Centre, Hounslow

### Community Allotment

Open to all

Wednesdays 3:30-4:45pm

Waye Avenue, Cranford

# Vlogstar Challenge Hounslow



On Sunday 18th September, the Media Trust came to Hounslow to deliver the first Vlogstar Challenge workshop of 2016/17.

The initiative aims to enable 16-24 year olds to have a platform to speak out on social issues through vlogging.

Roy, the mentor for the day, spoke about the various things to consider when vlogging such as:

- Lighting
- Sound
- Audience
- Content

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**“It was amazing to see how good the video quality of smartphones is for recording” - Maxwell**

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There were a number of opportunities throughout the day to trial new ideas and use digital cameras and phones to capture vlogs.

At the end of the workshop, vlogs were submitted to the competition where finalists get the chance to visit YouTube space and win £1000s worth of equipment for their organisation.

Check out the documentary of what happened in the workshop on our YouTube channel : [Riana Development Network](#)





# Tesco Bags of Help Scheme

The RDN Cranford Community Allotment project was shortlisted in October to receive a grant from Tesco's Bags of Help initiative.

The Way Avenue Community Allotment project will build raised beds; build 8 seater benches to improve the outdoor learning centre for the local community and to encourage outdoor activity. The project would involve buying and erecting a Poly-tunnel to allow for all year round growing of produce for



educational activities and having a metal storage shed for keeping the tools which can be used by the community.

The project is one of three community groups in the local area that could receive the following grants £12,000, £10,000 and £8,000 which are raised from the 5p bag charge.

Voting took place in stores from 31st October – 13th November and is now closed.

## Heston West Community Awards



Since our launch of the Life Skills initiative, the young people that we worked with in Heston have continued to make a difference in the community!

The Big Local event saw staff from RDN receive recognition for the time they have invested into bettering the young people in the area. Seema Malhotra, local MP of Feltham and Heston, issued the awards and spoke highly of the positive work being done.

Complete with food, dance and celebration, the evening was a highlight for both volunteers and the community alike.



Heston West's "Dream Team" of volunteers

# Supplementary Education

The RDN Saturday School is fast approaching the end of the autumn term and an increasing number of students are benefiting from our extra support.

We have seen progress across all year groups, particularly in English. Creative writing has flourished in Year 5 and 6. Here's an extract from one student's work:

*I tried to open the door to the shop that had the doll in it. It would not open. I gave up. I threw a snowball at the door and started walking. The door finally opened. I ran with excitement towards the door and went in. The doll wasn't there. I looked around the place. I saw it, I tried to touch it and another doll dropped and hit the door. The door slammed. BANG!*



**"I'm happy my son has moved up one sub level in Maths " - Parent**

## Food Security & Livelihood

RDN has provided additional 38 families with a breeding stock of goats this year in Magina, Kenya through funding from AFFORD UK making the total number of beneficiaries so far to 77.

The project equips widows and youth headed households; the caretakers, and family with the skills and practices for rearing goats and Food Security and Livelihood to maintain a sustainable supply of goats.



Local Assistant Chief handing over the goats to the beneficiaries.

The families are trained on simple veterinary skills to ensure that they have the expertise to improve the health of their livestock. This also means they are able to rear more breed stock which they can sell to improve their economic well-being. This enables the families to improve their nutrition. Any surplus income that they can generate from the sale of the goat breed stock is used to ensure that the children have access to healthcare and clothing.