

IMPERIAL AND WHITE CITY

Our newsletter for the local community

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A Maker Challenge participant showcases their creation at the finale in April.



Hello!

Welcome to the eighth issue of Imperial College London's community newsletter for local residents, businesses and organisations in and around White City.



Welcome to the summer edition of our community newsletter!

In this issue, we'll be meeting the incredible local women behind the Agents of Change women's network in White City – a fantastic local initiative that supports female community leaders to drive positive change in their communities. The Agents of Change network is unique in the UK and is supported by a partnership of local organisations, including Imperial. Learn about the impact the network has made and the opportunities for getting involved.

Also, in this issue, you can find out more about some of the fantastically exciting projects we've supported in the local community over the past few months, such as our interactive workshops to celebrate 150 years of the Periodic Table. We have lots more family and interactive events planned over the summer in our new café and garden space at The Invention Rooms, so make sure to register for our email updates and follow us on Twitter @InventionRooms.

Have a lovely summer – we hope to see you soon,

Professor Maggie Dallman
Vice-President (International) and
Associate Provost (Academic Partnerships)

News from Imperial

Plight of the bumblebee



Research from Imperial has found that bees exposed to pesticides don't fly as far as other bees. The study showed that bees exposed to a common type of pesticide – called a neonicotinoid – fly shorter distances and for less time. This could lead to bee colonies going hungry and reduce their ability to pollinate the plants we rely on.

Mystery knee bone

A bone in our knees that was thought to have disappeared through evolution has made a surprising comeback. A new study from Imperial found that the small bone – called the fabella – is becoming more common. As the bone is so rare, scientists aren't sure what it does, but think that better nutrition could explain its resurgence.



Rainforest radio

Imperial have designed new audio recorders to capture the sounds of the rainforest in Borneo. The sound recordings will help scientists and local people study the effect of human activities – like logging – on the plants and animals living in the forest.



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We've been busy here at The Invention Rooms. During half term, we ran our first Safe Camp Making Session with the London Sports Trust where local young people made their own 3D printed LED key rings. Back in April, we teamed up with our friends at the Royal College of Art to create fictional plants and flowers in our latest Creative Roots workshop.



Learning about tools like laser cutters, 3D printers and basic electronics at our Safe Camp Making Session.



Getting to grip with new gadgets with the What the Tech?! volunteers.

What we've been up to in the local community



Exploring the elements and 150 years of the Periodic Table with the Riverside Arts Group at our HF ArtsFest banner making workshop.



Designing plants with artist Rachel Hill at Creative Roots...



...and producing some marvellous creations.

Events and activities

Get involved

Agents of Change

Register your interest to sign up for our free six-month leadership programme for women living and working in the north of Hammersmith and Fulham.

When: October 2019

Where: The Invention Rooms

Deadline for applications: Friday 16 August

What the Tech?!

Bring your phone, tablet or laptop and join our free weekly gadget workshop for older residents living in the local area.

When: 14.00 on Thursdays

Where: The Invention Rooms (Thursdays)

White City Campus tours

Join us for a free walking tour of the White City Campus to explore some of our new facilities and learn more about our work.

When: Last Friday of every month at 14.00

Where: White City Campus

To sign up for any of these activities, visit our website or drop us a line:

www.imperial.ac.uk/white-city-campus/community

E: whitecity.community@imperial.ac.uk

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Still deciding what to do over the summer holidays? Looking for some fun activities near you?

Subscribe to our White City Campus news mailing list to hear about our upcoming events and activities at The Invention Rooms. From family activities, to hackathons and screenings, there's something for everyone!

Find out more and sign up on our website:

www.imperial.ac.uk/white-city-campus/community/the-invention-rooms/whats-on

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Competition:
win a £50 dining voucher for Albertine's, Shepherd's Bush



Question:
Do you know where this garden is?



Send your answer to:
whitecity.community@imperial.ac.uk
by Friday 30 August.

Correct answers will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 dining voucher for Albertine's, Shepherd's Bush.

Well done to our last winner, **Anna Pitman**, who spotted that the location in the photo was the Japanese Garden in Hammersmith Park.

“We’re building a unique network”

Open to any women living or working in the north of Hammersmith and Fulham, the Agents of Change network brings together women from a wide range of backgrounds to share their expertise, resources and ideas to drive positive social change.

Members of the network meet four times each year and are supported by a group of local organisations, champions and mentors to develop new ideas and projects that can make a real difference in our local community.

A key part of the network is the Agents of Change leadership programme. Designed by female community leaders, the six-month leadership programme is open to members of the network who are active in their community and looking to develop their leadership skills. Starting in October and running once a month, each session focuses on different aspects of leadership and professional development, including communication and influence, confidence, project management and networking.

The network and its leadership programme are providing an exciting platform to drive positive change in White City. We meet some of the people involved.

“This programme provides opportunities for personal growth, business development, and gaining new insights. It is the ideal programme to go on to do better for yourself and better for others.”

– Carol



Carol, Agents of Change member and programme graduate

Over the past five years, local resident and Agents of Change graduate Carol has built her own vegan and organic food business. She was recently made head chef at a nursery in Hammersmith and Fulham and is now developing a project in partnership with the nursery to encourage sustainability among children and their families.



Farial, Agents of Change member and programme graduate

“Agents for Change really aligned with my passion to work collectively to make a difference.”

– Farial

Farial took part in the pilot programme of Agents of Change. She works with the charity West London Zone, which helps local schools, families and charities to work together to further support children and young people.

“It’s a hugely important platform for local women to gain confidence, hone skills, network and ultimately step forward to empower themselves, their families and our communities”

– Kim Smith, Chief Executive of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham



Kim, Agents of Change champion, Hammersmith and Fulham



Betty, Agents of Change member and mentor, Imperial

“As a mentor for Agents of Change, I value being able to help women discover and bring out the best of themselves. I’d encourage anyone to become a mentor and support this network.”

– Betty Yue, Head of the Centre for Continuing Professional Development, Imperial

Network member Milena works in the local community for a charity and supports a project to improve the experiences of school children through gardening.



Milena (left), Agents of Change member and programme graduate

“Agents of Change is a great place to meet other amazing women who live near you. It’s a way to connect with people and be inspired by their energy and ideas to build things within our community for the future, together.”

– Milena

Join Agents of Change 2019

If you’re passionate about your community and want to develop your confidence and leadership skills, why not apply to join our next programme?

The six-month programme is open to women over 18 living or working in the north of the Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham.

Deadline for applications: Friday 16 August

Programme start date: October 2019

To learn more about the programme, our network and how to apply, visit the Agents of Change website or drop us a line.

www.agentsofchange-whitecity.co.uk

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Help us grow

We’re looking for local businesses and organisations to mentor our Agents and support our programme and growing network. To find out more about how you can get involved, email us at whitecity.community@imperial.ac.uk.

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We welcome your ideas and suggestions about this newsletter or anything Imperial College London is doing in White City. You can contact Priya or Tom from our dedicated Community Engagement Team who can answer your queries or arrange a meeting.



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