Working Age Bulletin

Wednesday 21st October 2026

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WORKING AGE MEETING

Croydon Vision, in partnership with Job Centre Plus and local employers, host weekly sessions designed to upskill and help you back into work with confidence. Don't miss this opportunity to upskill, have your questions answered and take the next step in your career.

TIMES

Every Wednesday
afternoon 1.30 PM - 3.00 PM

VENUE

Bedford Hall,
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JustGiving Link:

https://www.justgiving.com/charity/croydonvisually

Weekly Meetings:
Bedford Hall 1.30pm – 3.00pm every Wednesday. Please arrive at 1.15pm for tea and coffee.

WAG Timetable:
Monday
ESL: 10.30am – 12.30pm – Bedford Lounge
Braille: 1.30pm – 3.00pm – Second Floor
Tuesday
Braille: 10.30am – 12.30pm – Second Floor
Knitting: 12.00 – 2.00pm – Lounge
Book Club: 1.30pm – 3.00pm – Second Floor
Wednesday
Braille: 10.30am – 12.30pm – Second Floor
Craft Skills: 10.00am – 1.00pm – Art Room
WAG: 1.30pm – 3.00pm – Bedford Hall

Itinerary for Oct/Nov:

21st October	Black History Month Afternoon with special guests
28th October	Talk by Ines
4th November	Talk by Sickle Cell Group
11th November	Energise Croydon – Citizen Advice Bureau

The Big Make:
For those feeling inspired to make something, ***The Big Make*** at **Croydon Urban Room** brings together artworks created by Crisis staff, volunteers, members and local partners in support of ending homelessness in Croydon. The exhibition runs until **Fri 30 Oct**, with free workshops in sewing, ceramics and art taking place from **Tues 20 - Thurs 22 Oct**.

Our very own Chitra Mani and Francis Nimo from WAG participated in making some of the exhibits.

Croydon Culture:
The Hands That Built Croydon - As part of this year's Black History Month programme, The Hands That Built Croydon shines a light on the individuals, families and community groups whose hard work, commitment and care have helped shape the borough over many years.

Created by the Windrush Generation Legacy Association (WGLA) in partnership with Croydon Council and IKEA, the portrait exhibition celebrates the contributions

that often go unseen, from community leadership and volunteering to everyday acts of service that strengthen local neighbourhoods.

Through personal stories and portraits, the exhibition explores the people behind Croydon's communities, recognising the resilience, talent and dedication that continue to make a difference across the borough today. On until Sat 31 Oct Whitgift Shopping Centre, Croydon, in Whitgift square outside River Island.

FIND OUT MORE

Winter Energy Support for Visually Impaired People – Find Out More and Apply Soon

With winter approaching, we wanted to share information about an external support scheme funded by British Gas to help visually impaired people access a range of practical products, energy-saving support and advice.

The scheme may be able to offer eligible people support in several ways, including:

- Hygiene packs: Everyday essentials such as shampoo and conditioner.
- Fuel vouchers: Support for eligible households using prepayment meters.
- Household appliances: Products such as slow cookers, air fryers and talking microwaves.
- Winter warmth products: Items to help keep you warm at home during the colder months.
- Free energy advice: Guidance on energy use and ways to save energy.

Do I need to be a British Gas customer? No. You do not need to be a British Gas customer to enquire about the scheme.

However, eligibility requirements may vary depending on the type of support you are seeking. For example, certain household white goods products may only be available to people receiving qualifying means-tested benefits. Availability will also depend on the scheme's criteria and remaining resources.

How to Find Out More and Apply:

If you are interested in exploring the support available, please follow these steps:

1. Call the RNIB Helpline on 0303 123 9999.
2. Tell the adviser that you would like to find out more about the British Gas winter energy support scheme for visually impaired people.
3. Provide your details so that a callback can be arranged with the relevant team.
4. When the team contacts you, they can discuss the available support, explain the eligibility requirements and advise you on the next steps towards making an application.

Please be aware that you may not receive a callback immediately, as demand for the scheme could be high.

Young Women's Trust:

At Young Women's Trust we have a programme called Navigating Work as Women of Colour. The workshops start next week, and we would appreciate your help in sharing it.

This free programme has been designed by and for women of colour. Workshops will take place on Zoom on Thursday 22nd October 2026, 12.00 – 2.00pm.

Young women will:

- Connect with and learn from other women of colour.
- Learn about their rights at work and how to advocate for themselves.
- Build confidence in their voice and contributions.
- Explore ways to navigate bias, microaggressions and workplace challenges.

Sign up here: Workshop Series | Young Women's Trust

Today's quote:

"Every accomplishment starts with a decision to try." — Gail Devers

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