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Stratford Advice Arcade, Newham CAB

Newham residents can now receive a CAB service at the Stratford Advice Arcade. CAB advisors will be on hand to help with all queries relating to **debt**, every Tuesday 11am – 1pm.

People seeking advice on **welfare benefits** are invited to visit the office every Wednesday 11am – 1pm. The service welcomed its first clients this month.

Rashid Seedat, CAB Legal Services Director, commented: "This new service will undoubtedly be well-received in the local community. It will give residents in Newham a chance to seek help and advice on welfare benefits and financial issues. The new location is well served with good transport links".



Hackney CAB monthly in Hackney Citizen

Hackney CAB has been working closely with the local newspaper Hackney Citizen to raise awareness on local policy issues and opportunities for supporting local residents. Keith Magnum, Editor of Hackney Citizen, says: "The Hackney Citizen is delighted to be working with the Citizens Advice Bureau. The articles they send us every month are very popular with our readers and we are glad to be able to help Hackney residents by enabling the CAB to get its news and advice to a wider audience."

Advisors and staff at the bureau have been committing to a monthly column as it is a gateway to warn Hackney residents of a wave of rogue activities locally, like unlawful employers advertising opportunities through the Job Centre.

Hackney Citizen is out on 1st of every month and available free of charge from major libraries and Hackney CAB.

For the online version visit: <http://www.hacknecitizen.co.uk>

Rushanara Ali MP visits Tower Hamlets CAB

Rushanara Ali, MP for Bethnal Green and Bow, visited the Tower Hamlets CAB recently to get a first-hand glimpse of the valuable work it does in the community. Her priority has always been to bridge relationships between different ethnic, religious and minority groups in the constituency.

She was welcomed by Richard Tchoutezo, Tower Hamlets CAB Director, who took the opportunity to discuss issues affecting the local community and the CAB's campaigning work to improve local services.



Volunteer Spotlight

Stephen Bond
Trainee Generalist Advisor

As someone new to the CAB, I was given an early experience of just how satisfying the work can be. I recently saw a client who had been wrongfully dismissed by an employer.

With CAB intervention, we were able to secure for the client not just wages that were owed but also additional pay in lieu of notice, plus holiday pay.

The client gained new-found confidence when standing up for her rights, after suffering humiliation in the workplace. She is extremely grateful to the CAB for securing her entitlements.

Organisations such as the CAB, which seek to ensure that access to legal advice is not restricted to those able to pay, are struggling to survive in this new 'Age of Austerity'.

In my short time here I have seen at first hand the invaluable role that the CAB plays. I sincerely hope that its ability to operate effectively is not diminished by lack of funds.

If you would like to volunteer for the CAB, please visit the volunteer pages or website or come into the bureau and speak to reception.

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Please visit our website

www.eastendcab.org.uk

Fundraising — I.C.T. Appeal

It takes 12-18 months for an advisor to qualify and receive the Citizens Advice Certificate and our current Training Suites are in need of urgent upgrades. Most of the PC's run on 512Mb—1GB ram which slows down the training and practice of an individual thus, delaying the qualification of Volunteer Generalist Advisors to hold a one-to-one advice sessions at our Advice Bureaux in Towerhamlets, Newham and Hackney.

With £13,000 we can purchase and install twenty up to date machines and we are appealing for your support to help us do so.

If you would like to help, please visit your local bureaux, call 020 8525 6364/6350 or email supportourwork@eastendcab.org.uk

Please donate online at:

http://www.charitygiving.co.uk/donate/donate_b.asp?charityid=1957

Social Policy Call

East End CAB is campaigning on broad issues across the cuts and how they will impact on our clients and local residents in Hackney, Newham and Tower Hamlets.

The Legal Aid Reform proposals threaten to reduce legal aid funding by almost 100% across the service, decimating Welfare Benefits and Debt advice for the most vulnerable. The government's own proposals acknowledge that half a million people will lose access to specialist legal advice in benefits, debt, housing and many others if the proposed cuts are implemented.

Join us to campaign against the cuts to legal aid and say I LOVE LEGAL AID - you can join the campaign at www.justice4all.org.uk

Are you worried about how proposed cuts to benefits will affect you? Ask your CAB adviser for details of proposed cuts and tell us your story as to how this might impact on your life. You can email us confidentially at socialpolicy@eastendcab.org.uk



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