

Newsletter

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We don't need more 'luxury' flats

Lewisham is in a housing crisis, and developments like the one proposed on the old site of Convoys Wharf in Deptford are the sorts of projects that are fueling it. This development doesn't even meet the targets of Lewisham Council for affordable housing or social rent, let alone the actual needs of the local community. In fact, the proposed development is so bad that even Lewisham Council wouldn't approve it- it had to be pushed through by Boris Johnson himself in 2014.

This is not a 'development' in any meaningful sense- it is an investment that lines the pockets of investors at the expense of everyone else. This gigantic plot of land, set in the heart of Evelyn ward- a borough that has been hit hard by years of gentrification, over-crowding, homelessness, and dodgy landlords- provided a huge opportunity to build the genuinely affordable housing and public space that we actually need. Instead, once again, the needs of capital have been put above the needs of everyone else. Once again, we have private car parks instead of public green space. Once again, we have the promise of empty flats bought and sold as commodities instead of real homes.

Voice 4 Deptford-a local campaigning group-is calling a public assembly for anyone in the local area who wants to be part of a fight to force the developers to listen to the needs of local residents and imagine ways that the land could be used to make our lives better. Keep your eyes peeled for more information on when and where this will happen.

Go to their website to read the proposals so far and to find out how to get involved:

<https://voice4deptford.org>
deptfordvoice@gmail.com

**VOICE 4
DEPTFORD
SE8**



GET INVOLVED

Everyone at Pie N Mash is a local member of the community and shares their time freely. The more people involved the lighter the load.

We are especially looking for people to **pack food parcels** and do other tasks at The Field

- Tuesday 12.30pm to 3pm
- Wednesday noon to 6pm
- Thursday noon to 4pm
- Friday noon to 2pm

and to **deliver food parcels**

Wednesdays from 4.30 and
Thursdays from midday.

and to run our food and outreach stalls in Peckham on Tuesday afternoons and Deptford Thursday afternoons.

If you can only do evenings and weekends, maybe you can pick up donations or do admin!

To join us, fill in the application form on our website, or contact us.

DONATE

We always welcome financial support - we'll take cash or you can donate via our website at this link:





HISTORICAL WOMEN OF LEWISHAM: KATH DUNCAN

Kath Duncan was born in Fife in 1889. She was a Communist, LGBTQ, a powerful orator and an energetic radical activist. In the 1930s Kath was living in Ommany Road New Cross. She campaigned with Greenwich dock workers against the arms trade which led to her arrest in Deptford Broadway - one of many times she was arrested. She also organised against slum landlords, attended the Battle of Cable Street and raised money for ambulances during Spanish Civil War. When she died, thousands lined the streets of South London in tribute.



DROP IN AT THE FIELD

We have free tea & biscuits for all visitors on **Thursday afternoons 12 to 3.30**. We hope you'll stop in for a chat.



GARDENING AT THE FIELD

Sustainability is a massive part of the issue we face ecologically. Join us **Sundays 1-3pm** and learn from Katy how to grow vegetables.

ABOUT US

Pie N Mash is a friendly and optimistic community of over 300 people in south east London. As a mutual aid group, we work together to make sure we all have what we need to thrive.

ABOUT MUTUAL AID

But our project isn't just about food. It's also about growing the connections between people in our community. It's about getting to know each other and making friends in our local area. It's about understanding what makes our neighbours happy and what worries them. It's about coming together to solve problems and celebrate achievements. It's about helping people when they ask and being able to ask when we need help too.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

You are invited - The Pie N Mash AGM will be 5pm **Sunday 5 December** at New Cross Gate Trust in Besson St SE14 5QE.

We have an AGM every year to approve our budget and elect role holders. Please let us know if you would like to take part.

if you would like to take part but can't attend or have specific access requirements please get in touch. This may include accessing the meeting from home, sending your suggestions in advance of the meeting, support with physical, audio or visual access, translation and more. If you would like to attend with your children we can also accommodate you.



READING GROUP SURVEY

Pie N Mash's Reading Group meets at 5pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Please take this survey to help us choose what to look at next in our reading group: <https://tinyurl.com/pnmbooks>



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