

# FORWARD

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Inspirational design sought for city's groundbreaking cultural centre

## SEARCH ON FOR TOP LIBRARY ARCHITECT

A WORLDWIDE search has been launched for a top-class architect to design the proposed £193 million Library of Birmingham.

The architect will be tasked with developing a groundbreaking centre for knowledge, learning and culture in Centenary Square – with the new library and the Birmingham Repertory Theatre (REP) sharing a number of facilities.

### Shared features

The chosen architect will be asked to design a number of these shared features, including a new auditorium, café, entrance area and common frontage.

Mike Whitby, leader of

Birmingham City Council, said: "When complete, the new library will be one of the most exciting and unique cultural developments anywhere in the world, and it's our belief that such a landmark building deserves an inspirational design.

### Global landmark

"By working with the very best international architects we will develop a building which will not only be highly accessible, sustainable and functional for visitors, but will also become known as a global landmark synonymous with cultural excellence and the city of Birmingham."

An advertisement inviting

*"By working with the very best architects we will develop a building which will not only be highly accessible for visitors, but will also become known as a global landmark"*

– Mike Whitby  
council leader

architects to submit formal tenders for the project was placed in the Official Journal of the European Union last month for those interested in the project.

### Shortlist

Birmingham City Council will select a shortlist of companies for detailed consideration after the 3 March deadline.

Project managers, Capita Symonds, will work closely with the council to select the winning architect and representatives from the REP and Royal Institute of British Architects will also be involved in the process.

Cllr Neville Summerfield, cabinet member for Regen-

eration, said: "The library presents a fantastic opportunity for architects to really focus their minds on designing an internationally significant project.

### Unique building

"In terms of visual design we start with a blank canvas. There are no previous designs for this site to consider and we want the building to be unique."

The contract is due to be awarded to the winning bid by the end of the summer with work expected to begin on site in 2010 and completed by 2013.

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## Get ready for a year of China in Brum

CELEBRATE the start of the Chinese New Year with an afternoon of free entertainment on 10 February – that also launches a year of China-themed activities in Birmingham in honour of this year's Beijing Olympics.

The traditional Dragon Dance will kick off the New Year celebrations at 12 noon at the Arcadian Centre – organised by the Birmingham Chinese Festival Committee and Birmingham City Council.

### Acrobatics and karaoke

Festivities continue with acrobatic performances by Bai-Ling Chinese Acrobatics Co Ltd (UK), children's dances by Overseas Chinese Association School and Birmingham Chinese School, and karaoke from the Birmingham Chinese Society Karaoke Group. Cllr Ray Hassall, cabinet member for Leisure, Sport and Culture, said: "Chinese New Year celebrations in Birmingham are an exciting, colourful display for the whole family to enjoy."

● Three major Chinese exhibitions are coming to Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery this year as part of the national China Now celebrations for Olympic year.



Youngsters (left to right) Kayleigh Tong, Bethany Koe and Selina Liang get ready to celebrate the new Year of the Rat with a traditional dragon

Displays will feature ceramics, historic photographs and contemporary art. The Aspects of China exhibition is the first permanent display of Chinese art in the city with more than 50 pieces of historic

ceramics from the Han, Sui, Tang, Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties.

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# Open day for disabled jobseekers

**JOBSEEKERS with disabilities are being invited to a special careers and information day in the city later this month.**

A number of employers, including the council, will be exhibiting at the open day – aimed at people with disabilities, their carers and supporters and supported by Ability Plus and BRMB.

There will also be plenty of jobs information as well as 'recruitment clinics' for one-to-one advice and free seminars. No appointment is necessary; just turn up on the day.

**Careers and Information Day for Disabled People**

✉ Queen Alexandra College,  
Court Oak Road, Harborne  
☑ 12 February, 10am–6pm  
☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/  
careersfordisabled  
✉ Recruitment Solutions  
☎ 0121 303 0328 / 5183

# Battle of the bars takes off in the city



*Cheers to a great scheme (l-r) Asst Chief Constable West Midlands Police Stuart Hyde, Jacqui Kennedy (director of Regulatory Services at the council), John Melia (British Institute of Innkeepers) and West Midlands Deputy Chief Fire Officer Vij Radeniya*

*Picture: Rich Eaton / newsteam.co.uk*

**THE best of Birmingham's pubs, clubs and bars will be celebrated through a new award scheme.**

The Best Bar None awards are set to be the 'Oscars' of the licensed trade – with one award voted for by the public via radio station, BRMB.

**Safe and enjoyable**

The scheme has been set up to reward good management and promote a safe and

enjoyable environment for customers – discouraging binge drinking and helping to prevent alcohol-related crime.

Cllr Ayoub Khan, cabinet member for Local Services and Community Safety, said: "The scheme will encourage licensees to take pride in their premises and they should be rewarded with increased business."

Premises are eligible to

enter from all over the city and will be assessed on criteria such as door and security policies, first aid, how they deal with abusive customers and what systems they have in place to combat alcohol-related crime.

**Local heart**

They will also be asked what their premises contribute to Birmingham's vision of being a global city with a

local heart.

All venues accredited to the scheme – even if they don't win an award – will receive a Best Bar None certificate to display in their premises.

Winners will be announced at an awards ceremony in September.

**Best Bar None applications**

✉ Ann Hyland  
☎ 0121 303 6999  
@ www.birmingham.gov.uk/bestbarnone

## Look out for equipment survey and have your say

**IF you had accessibility equipment and adaptations from Birmingham City Council between September and December last year, you may be called to take part in a confidential survey that the council is carrying out on behalf of the government's Department for Health.**

The survey – being carried out this month – is designed to find out what

service users think about their equipment and adaptations and what difference the apparatus has made to their lives.

**Random sample**

The survey is being carried out with around 1,000 service users contacted in a random sample.

Similar surveys are taking place in

other local authorities around the country to help the Department of Health measure how well these services are being delivered.

**More information**

✉ Laura Robinson or Louise Jackson  
☎ 0121 303 2333  
☑ Mon-Fri, 10am–12 noon and 2–4pm

## Enquiry gets to grips with graffiti

**DESIGNATED mural walls and reparation schemes with offenders are among the suggestions that have come out of a Birmingham City Council scrutiny enquiry into how to tackle graffiti.**

**Joint review**

The council's Transportation and Street Services, and Local Services and Community Safety, Overview and Scrutiny Committees undertook a joint review to examine the issue of graffiti.

Councillors heard the concerns of residents in many areas of the city, who are depressed and frustrated by the amount of graffiti they see, after asking for views through the pages of *Forward* last year.

**Fear of crime**

The councillors also recognised how graffiti can contribute to people feeling uneasy and how it can increase their fear of crime.

Last year alone, the council spent more than £600,000 removing graffiti and investing in preventative measures.

The new report calls for joint working between the council and key partners such as the police, British Transport Police, Centro and Travel West Midlands to improve information sharing.

It also agreed that the Youth Offending Service should continue its good work with offenders in removing graffiti.

**Mural art**

Where local people and ward councillors agree, it is also suggested to create defined areas where mural art would be accepted.

Lead review member and chairman of the Transportation and Street Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Martin Mullaney, said: "Partnership working is the only way to tackle this problem and the only way in which we can really start to effectively tackle graffiti as a city."

**Get your copy of the report**

☎ 0121 675 4010  
☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/scrutiny



# Climate change win heralds a 'Brighter Future'

A CITY teenager is following in the footsteps of Nobel Prize winner Al Gore by producing an award-winning documentary on climate change.

Her achievement is being praised as an example of Birmingham City Council's Brighter Futures plan for young people (which residents have a chance to comment on – see below).

Fourteen year-old May Noonan, a pupil at Bartley Green Technology College, starred in her own film about climate change which featured case studies about recycling and tree-planting in action.

The video won May a place in the final to become one of the government's young 'cli-

mate change champions' and to represent the UK at international events.

## Carbon emissions

Ziana Kotadia, from King Edwards Camp Hill Girls, also made it to the final, impressing the judges with her presentation on simple ways to reduce carbon emissions.

Climate change minister Joan Ruddock MP said: "They should both feel very proud. They are a real credit to their schools and to their families."

Their efforts come in the midst of a campaign urging Birmingham to be proud of its children and young people.

Cabinet member for Children, Young People and Fami-

lies, Cllr Les Lawrence, said: "Young people are the greatest resource this city has and we need to value them. Most of the negative perceptions of young people are misplaced – these teenagers are examples of real achievement."

● Residents can have their say on the Children and Young People's Plan for the next three years, revised following the development of the city's Brighter Futures strategy, before it is approved.

## Comment on the plan

✉ Until 29 February

✉ [www.birmingham.gov.uk/childrensplan08](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/childrensplan08)

@ [chris.palmer@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:chris.palmer@birmingham.gov.uk)



Marie Hunt and her son Christian, teacher Judy O'Sullivan and baby Alicia Wilkinson, and Jonathan Stamp and his son Mackenzie – at Maypole Children's Centre

## Fostering road shows

POTENTIAL foster parents are finding out how they can give homes to Birmingham children as the council's Adoption and Fostering Recruitment Team takes to the road in supermarkets and shopping centres across the city.

Operations manager for the Adoption and Fostering Recruitment Team, Helen French, said: "Instead of just picking up a leaflet or seeing an advert, people will be able to get firsthand advice if they are considering fostering a

child or a sibling group.

"We can then arrange a relaxed follow-up meeting to go into more detail and answer in-depth questions about the fostering process, from payments and training to the support networks that we have in the city."

A staffed information stall will be calling at the venues listed right.

## Information on fostering

☎ 0121 303 7575

✉ [www.birmingham.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/fostering)

- 10.30am–4pm, 6 Feb: Morrisons, 281 Stratford Road, Shirley
- 10.30am–4pm, 14 Feb: Morrisons, 264 Chester Road, Castle Bromwich
- 10.30am–4pm, 18 Feb: One-Stop Shopping Centre, Walsall Road, Perry Barr
- 10.30am–4pm, 29 Feb: Sainsbury's, 1059 Alcester Road, Maypole
- 10.30am–4pm, 6 March, ASDA, Walmley Ash Road, Minworth, Sutton Coldfield
- 10.30am–4pm, 15 March, ASDA, Walmley Ash Road, Minworth, Sutton Coldfield

## Our global city deserves a world class library unlike any other



Cllr Mike Whitby  
Leader of  
Birmingham  
City Council

WORK to deliver a new world-class library and cultural centre in Birmingham is now really starting to push ahead at pace with the launch of a worldwide search to find an internationally renowned architect to help us design the building (see page 1).

## Groundbreaking

To be built in Centenary Square, the £193 million project will see a new Library of Birmingham joining together with the world-famous Repertory Theatre to create a groundbreaking centre for knowledge, learning and culture, the like of which doesn't exist anywhere else in the world.

Such an important project clearly deserves a truly inspirational design.



Birmingham City Council's director of planning Clive Dutton, leader Mike Whitby and chief executive Stephen Hughes at the Library of Birmingham launch last autumn

## Highly accessible

That is why we are hunting out the very best architects in the world to help us design a building which is not only stunning to look at, but also highly accessible, sustainable and easy to use for visitors.

I am confident that when completed, the new library will provide an

amazing cultural resource and tourist attraction for not only local people, but also visitors from the wider region and country beyond.

I look forward to the appointment of our chosen architect later this year, and beyond that to 2013 when the new building is due to open.

## Council's transformation work scoops national excellence award



Cllr Paul Tilsley  
Deputy leader of  
Birmingham  
City Council

I WOULD like to congratulate Birmingham City Council's business transformation programme, which has been rewarded at the annual e-Government National Awards in London.

The council won an e-Government excellence award in the category of 'leadership and professionalism' for the work delivered on the authority's ambitious business transformation agenda.

## £1 billion savings

The award comes less than three months after the first of the planned nine transformation programmes – which are projected to realise £1 billion of combined savings over ten years – formally went live.

No other local authority in the UK has a transformation



Cllr Paul Tilsley with the council's e-Government award

programme with the breadth or the ambition our council has set itself to achieve – so to be honoured in this way is wonderful for all the staff involved.

## Delivering promises

Business transformation is delivering on its promises: the net saving to the council in 2008/9 from business

"Since opening in August last year we have seen many individual triumphs, such as helping parents return to work and getting people more involved with their child's development."

In Birmingham a further 15 children's centres are due to open by the end of March – which will mean 304 children's centres will be up and running in the whole West Midlands region by April.

Sue Burfoot, co-ordinator at Maypole, said:



DIARY DATES

Have your say on how council services are delivered

WARD COMMITTEES

Ward councillors meet with council members and citizens.

More information  
www.birmingham.gov.uk/wardctte

**Bournville**  
7pm, 18 February  
Stirchley JI School, Per-shore Road, Stirchley  
0121 464 4104

**Handsworth Wood**  
7pm, 6 February  
Hamstead Hall Secondary School, Craythorne Avenue.  
0121 464 4690

**Selly Oak**  
7pm, 20 February  
1st Arial Scout Headquar-ters, Gibbins Road  
0121 464 4104

**Shard End**  
11am, 16 February  
Moorfield Hall, Hartshill Road  
0121 303 2023

**Bartley Green**  
7.30pm, 21 February  
St Francis Church and Community Centre  
0121 303 2022

**Weoley**  
7.30pm, 19 February  
Weoley Castle Community Church, Quarry Road,  
0121 303 2013

**CONSTITUENCY CTTES**  
Constituency cllrs meet with council members and citizens.

More information  
www.birmingham.gov.uk/cctte

**Hodge Hill**  
7pm, 21 February

Beaufort Sports and Social Club  
0121 303 2020

**NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUMS**  
Organised by the community, for the community.

**Resource Centre**  
0121 303 4854

**Sandwell One**  
7pm, 21 February  
St John Wall School, Oxhill Road, Handsworth

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**  
Ensure that cabinet members are accountable for their decisions and for services delivered. Held at the Council House.

**Check before you start out**  
0121 303 2022  
www.birmingham.gov.uk/scrutiny

**Adults and Communities**  
2pm, 20 February

**Co-ordinating**  
10am, 8 February

**Children and Education**  
2pm, 27 February

**Health**  
10.30am, 13 February

**Housing and Urban Renewal**  
10am, 19 February

**Leisure, Sport and Culture**  
10am, 13 February

**Local Services and Community Safety**  
10am, 11 February

**Regeneration**  
2.15pm, 19 February

**Transportation and Street Services**  
10am, 12 February

**Vulnerable Children**  
10am, 22 February

Annual general meet – a forum for everyone

**Perry Barr Constituency**  
**RESIDENTS in Handsworth Wood are welcome at the annual general meeting of a local group that aims to get more people involved in decisions about their area – Hamstead Hall Neighbourhood Forum.**  
Launched in 2000, the forum’s successes so far have included working with the council to get more local lit-

terbins and security gates installed in ten alleyways and secure more street lighting where it was needed.  
The forum also helped Handsworth Wood residents become national TV stars as part of the BBC’s Fat Nation.  
**Hamstead Hall AGM**  
7.30pm, 12 Feb  
Hawthorn House, 58 Hamstead Hall Road  
www.hhnf.co.uk

Young volunteers go for it!



Hogar Salim from Small Heath is one of the young people promoting volunteering through a new poster campaign

Photo: John James

Yardley Constituency

“MAKING a difference to people’s lives through volunteering is a rewarding experience for young people” – that is the message of a new campaign to encourage more residents to discover the benefits.  
Anyone over 16 years can be a volunteer, and Birmingham City Council and partner organisations are highlighting how

younger people can get involved through a poster campaign: ‘Make A Difference’.  
Hogar Salim from Small Heath, 21, has contributed a great deal of time to the city’s volunteering scene since he came to the UK four years ago.  
He has taught people to read and write, restored a nature reserve and realised a flair for film-making that has won him several awards.  
Cllr Ayoub Khan, cabinet member for Local Services and Community Safety, said: “Volunteers can benefit from increased self-confidence as well as training and employment opportunities.”  
Find out more about volunteering  
Birmingham Voluntary Service Council  
0121 678 8876  
www.birmingham.gov.uk/volunteer

Healthy eating top of the class

Sutton Coldfield Constituency

**PUPILS from Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls have been crowned as best young chefs in the city by Deputy Lord Mayor Mike Sharpe after a ‘cook-off’ that saw them compete with nine other school teams.**  
The council’s Healthy Tums in Brum final saw groups of pupils aged 13-14 years prepare a tasty and nutritious two-course meal in the kitchens of Birmingham College of Food. They had already heard talks on nutrition and hygienic food preparation from the council’s Food Safety Team.  
Sutton Coldfield Girls’



**Sutton Coldfield Grammar School for Girls’ pupils – Carrie Cook, Hannah Dunne and Nina Brookes – celebrate their win with Deputy Lord Mayor Cllr Mike Sharpe and chef Shane Blaney**  
menu of filo mushroom parcels with salsa dip followed by prosciutto (Italian ham) wrapped monkfish and vegetable skewers was the most impressive to Radisson SAS Hotel sous chef Shane Blaney, who was judge.  
**Travel plans that help schools put safety first**  
**Hall Green Constituency**  
**TWO schools in Springfield Ward have helped to identify road safety needs that will benefit youngsters – and other pedestrians in the area – through the council’s School Travel Plan scheme.**  
The need for extra pedes-

Your constituency

Villa on the ball for kids’ competition

Ladywood Constituency

**ASTON Villa Football Club is lending a helping hand in Birmingham City Council’s drive to encourage school children into ‘greener’ ways.**  
The club treated the winner of a recent council competition to design a poster on the theme of ‘cleaner, safer community’ to a tour of Villa Park.  
Winner Amanda Holdom from Forestdale Primary School, Longbridge enjoyed the day out with some of her classmates and also saw her poster in the match day programme on 26 January and on the Villa website.  
Runners-up Leigh Asia from St Augustine’s RC School, Handsworth Wood and Rizwana Jariwala from Birchfield Community School, Aston also had their posters in the programme and on the website and visited the ground.  
All the schools who took part in the competition were part of the council’s Schools’ Litter Charter scheme.

The charter is awarded to schools that meet a number of criteria, such as regularly recycling rubbish and staging litter picks, and was set up to encourage youngsters to take responsibility for their environment.

**Find out more about the Schools’ Litter Charter**  
lynne.tandy@birmingham.gov.uk  
0121 303 9900  
www.birmingham.gov.uk/littercharter



Enjoying a day out at Villa Park – above, St Augustine’s School and, below, Birchfield Community School





Post-war prefabs make way for state-of-the-art, affordable green city homes

# Green light for eco estate

## Northfield Constituency

**WORK** has begun on a multi-million pound development in Northfield that will replace a former housing estate and bring much-needed new homes and community facilities to the area.

Bromford Homes is working with Birmingham City Council to regenerate the former Wyckall Farm Estate

where prefabricated Smiths homes were built more than 50 years ago.

The properties were a temporary solution to address local housing needs following the Second World War and are being demolished to make way for new-build homes.

The new development – called Chaddesley Grange – has an ‘excellent’ eco-rating and features an under-

ground recycling system to help residents to reduce their impact on the environment.

### Flexible purchase

The homes are available through a flexible purchase scheme where people can buy a share of a property and pay rent on the remainder.

As part of the regeneration, the council is spending

more than £3.25 million to build a new community hall and improve facilities on the adjacent West Heath Recreation Ground.

Cllr John Lines, cabinet member for Housing, said: “This redevelopment is testimony to our commitment to work with partners to deliver new affordable eco homes in the city and create vibrant communities.

“We are working with

local residents to improve amenities in the area and the extensive refurbishment of West Heath Recreation Ground is creating new play areas, improved paths and landscaping, in addition to new sports facilities including a basketball court and upgraded football pitches.”

### More information

■ Bromford Homes  
■ 08456 050 610

## CITY COUNCIL CONSTITUENCIES

There are ten city council constituencies, each made up of four council wards. They are responsible for a wide range of council services delivered to local communities.

### EDGBASTON

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■ [www.birmingham.gov.uk/edgbaston](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/edgbaston)  
■ 0121 464 1953

### ERDINGTON

■ Erdington, Kingstanding, Stockland Green, Tyburn  
■ [www.birmingham.gov.uk/erdington](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/erdington)  
■ 0121 303 9299

### HALL GREEN

■ Moseley and Kings Heath, Hall Green, Sparkbrook, Springfield  
■ [www.birmingham.gov.uk/hallgreen](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/hallgreen)  
■ 0121 675 9000

### HODGE HILL

■ Bordesley Green, Hodge Hill, Shard End, Washwood Heath  
■ [www.birmingham.gov.uk/hodgehill](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/hodgehill)  
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## Enjoy a half-term singalong!



Holycross churchwarden Dave Crathorne and Billesley School pupils Cameron Ruffles, Deanna Royston, Aaron Steele, Nathan Williams, Beth Griffiths and Malachi Wellington get ready to sing their way through half term – just one of a number of Billesley activities

## Selly Oak Constituency

**HALF-term fun** is on the cards thanks to the Billesley Schools Cluster, whose extended services team has put together a varied programme of activities for local youngsters – including the chance to learn to sing Gospel.

● Take part in a wide range of sports fun at Moseley Rugby Club and enjoy a sports-themed trip from 10am–3pm each day for £15. Call 07779 294 543 for more details.

● Arts and crafts, outdoor activities and

sports are all on offer at a play scheme held at Warstock Community Centre from 10am–3pm each day with costs from £15–£25. Contact Ange White on 0121 474 4709 for details.

● Come and create the Billesley Choir at Holycross Church, with expert coaching from the Academy of Gospel Music and the chance to take part in a concert on 16 February. Rehearsals are from 1–3pm each day and it costs £5 for the week. Contact Deniece Gabriel on 0121 444 2864 (extension 505).

All activities take place from 11–15 February, and are free with an Access to Holiday Activities Card. You will need to book in advance.

Extended services in Birmingham are delivered through groups of schools and agencies called clusters, which work together to provide activities for children, young people and their families. There are 41 clusters across the city.

Find out more about extended services

■ [www.birmingham.gov.uk/extended](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/extended)

## Recycle success brings New Year bonus to charity

### Edgbaston Constituency

**THE Lord Mayor's challenge to recycle more in January and raise money for his charities at the same time has been a big success.**

Up to 29 January, 2,692 tonnes of paper were collected in Birmingham along with around 518 tonnes of glass being recycled.

This compares to January last year when residents of Birmingham recycled 2,500 tonnes of glass and paper.

A donation will be made to the Lord Mayor's Charities by Birmingham City Council's recycling processors Smurfit Kappa Recy-

cling and Glass Recycling UK thanks to the effort.

Lord Mayor, Cllr Randal Brew, saw firsthand how a crew from the Montague Street Depot tackled the recycling round in Harborne.

Cllr Brew said: “I am hugely impressed with the service the team provides, their knowledge of the residents and the assistance they give to those who want to recycle, but are unable to lift the boxes. The team is a credit to the service and the city.”

The Birmingham Scout and Guide Association, Edward's Trust and St Mary's Hospice, Selly Oak are the charities to benefit.



Lord Mayor Cllr Randal Brew helps Will Jansen and Tony Tyler from the council's Montague Street Depot with their recycling round in Harborne last month



## Battle to banish litter boosted by new council campaign

### Erdington Constituency

**ERDINGTON** is waging war on local litter as part of a council campaign to promote civic pride in neighbourhoods.

Love Your City will encourage residents to get involved in making Birmingham a clean, green and safe place to live, work and play. Look out for the campaign logo (left)

throughout the year.

Erdington Town Centre Partnership (ETCP) is making a special effort to clean up, ready to enter this year's Heart of England in Bloom competi-

tion. Community planting and clean-up days have already been held in the main High Street area and side roads, and litter picks are held each Saturday morning.



# Revamp on cards for arts centre

Go-ahead given for a multi-million pound scheme to redevelop city arts site

A MULTI-million pound project, which will transform the home of two of the city's major arts organisations, took a step closer last month when the city council's cabinet approved the project's full business case.

The council has committed £6.2 million of funding to the £13.6 million project that is set to dramatically improve and extend the Midlands Arts Centre (mac) and South Asian arts agency sampad's 45-year-old building in Cannon Hill Park.

Arts Council England is set to provide £5.4 million of the funding and mac will raise the balance of £1.91 million through fundraising. It has already secured £800,000 from the Charles Henry Foyle Trust for a new performing arts studio.

Redevelopment plans include a brand new double-height gallery, better disabled access, a new ticket office, pedestrian bridge, and two major new studios for media and school work.

Cabinet member for Leisure, Sport and Culture, Cllr Ray Hassall, said: "We are constantly striving to encourage people from across the city to access and explore arts in Birmingham, while improving the experiences our current visitors and residents have, when attending events at key places such as mac.

## Forge ahead

"This multi-million pound project will provide a new, modern centre fit for the 21st century – helping us to forge ahead with our vision of providing accessible arts for all."

Anita Bhalla, mac chair of board, said: "The building project will revitalise and extend the arts centre for its 500,000 annual visitors and secure the future of mac and sampad for the next generation, through the creation of a fully accessible centre that is efficient, sustainable and exciting."

Work is set to begin this spring and will be due for completion in August 2009, before re-opening in October.

## City forum aims to open up access to land

CITY people interested in issues concerning access to land are being invited to join a forum which discusses a range of topics including public rights of way.

The Local Access Forum – set up by Birmingham City Council – aims to improve public access to land for open-air recreation and enjoyment. It also offers advice on more strategic issues such as the management and improvement to public rights of way and general access. The forum has also helped to develop the council's Public Rights of Way Improvement Plan, which assists the council in encouraging walking and cycling in Birmingham.

place every three months – is a voluntary body and vacancies are still open to members of the public. If you are a landowner, use rights of way as a walker, cyclist or horse rider, or have a cultural or ethical interest in access, the forum would like to hear from you and would particularly like to hear from those who find accessing green spaces and local facilities on foot or by bike challenging.

The next forum takes place on 5 March at the Council House, Victoria Square.

How do I join?

✉ Anne Shaw

☎ 0121 303 7493

@ publicrightsofway@birmingham.gov.uk



Competition winner Tim Bateman (front) with (from left) Digital Birmingham's Nikki Spencer, Ian Binks from BT who presented Tim with his prize and Steve Clarke from Birmingham University

## Tim's bright idea scoops great competition prize

PRIMARY school ICT technician Tim Bateman's ideas have proved a real winner in a competition that has won him one of the latest personal devices offering wi-fi internet access.

Entrants to a Digital Birmingham competition were asked to describe the ideal portable digital device for the learning environment of the future.

Tim's competition entry ticked all the boxes, according to Nikki Spencer of Digital Birmingham – a citywide partnership helping people, businesses and communities to share in the benefits from digital

technologies such as computers, mobile phones and digital TVs.

Depth of knowledge  
She said: "Tim's entry showed real depth of thought, IT knowledge and usability, and we're delighted he has won."

Tim sums up his proposed device as a 'Swiss Army Knife' for computing.

He said: "It's the one piece of kit everyone would want to have."

"It would be fun as well as useful and connect with various networks such as home, school, the web, mobiles and other PCs,

making it invaluable for schoolchildren."

Tim's prize, a brand new wireless-enabled Nokia N800 worth around £300, was sponsored by BT.

## Wireless city

The recent launch of Birmingham as a 'BT Wireless City' means that Tim and other wi-fi users will be able to access birminghamfiz, a free information zone providing city information, news and events while out and about in the city centre.

Find out more

☑ www.birminghamfiz.com

## Don't drink and drive message continues

DRINK drive figures for the region were down this Christmas – with just over eight per cent of those stopped by police across the greater Birmingham area testing positive for alcohol, compared with 16.5 per cent over Christmas 2006 – but the message from road safety experts to drivers is still to be aware that irresponsible actions can have fatal results.

Police conducted 1,495 breath tests this festive period, of which 124 were positive. In 2006 there were 2,579 routine tests of which 426 were positive.

## Enforcement actions

West Midlands Police continue to work alongside the council-led Birmingham Road Safety Group (BRSG) and a series of road safety enforcement actions were also undertaken during December.

During the campaign, 1,503 motorists faced prosecution for non-drink drive related motoring offences, with 1,403 prosecutions relating to seatbelts, 68 for excessive speed and 93 for mobile phone offences.

PC Steve Rogers, the force's road policing officer, said: "In 2007 over 3,000 people tragically lost their lives on Britain's roads. Drink driving, failing to wear a seat belt or travelling at excessive speed were contributory factors in over half of these. The message is clear, police will be targeting motorists who decide to risk not only their own lives but the lives of others."

"A rigid enforcement programme and a perceived greater likelihood of being caught will hopefully ensure that more motorists drive in a safe responsible manner, thus reducing the casualties on our roads."

More information

✉ Alan Pellowe (BRSG)

☎ 0121 380 6142

## Meeting seeks residents' views on city crime

A PUBLIC consultation event, which aims to share information and seek the public's views on crime, takes place next week – and all are welcome to attend.

Crime in Birmingham has fallen by a quarter in the past

three years – and that means 36,000 fewer victims – but many challenges remain for the police, council and other partners.

The event, being held by Birmingham Community Safety Partnership, will give people the opportunity to

see displays, offer their views and meet with senior officers from West Midlands Police, Birmingham City Council and the health and fire services.

## More information

☎ 5pm, 12 Feb (presentations 7.30pm,

then questions and answers)

☑ Council House Banqueting Suite, Victoria Square, city centre

✉ Natasha Patel or Mike Arnold

☎ 0121 303 3160



## Bygone Brum

# The road with one too many names

**THERE'S one very unusual feature about what the road-signs call the A4123. It's a road with two names.**

If you live in Birmingham you call it the Wolverhampton Road; if you're in Wolverhampton it's the Birmingham New Road.

They still call it new despite the fact that it opened 80 years ago. Add to that its habit of occasionally opening up and swallowing cars and you have a road with a mind of its own.

Come that official ribbon-cutting – performed by Prince of Wales (later Edward VIII) on 2 November 1927 – there was still heated discussion as to what the new road should be called, and to ensure that the towns at each end of it did not feel excluded.

Birmingham Broadway was one suggestion; Birwampten Road was another. The royal connection suggested Edward Road, Ribbon Road or Prince's Road; the route suggested Black Bypass.

There was a host of others: Phoenix or Commercial, Metaway or Worstaff Road.

The final selection – Birmingham-Wolverhampton New Road – was less inspiring, but suitably neutral.

The idea for a direct route between Wolverhampton and Birmingham had been put forward as early as 1908, but had fallen victim to a lack of funds and commitment.



Dr Chris Upton  
Senior Lecturer  
in History,  
Newman College

Although the Roads Board had offered to contribute half the cost, and the corporations of Birmingham and Wolverhampton much of the rest, the councils in between had slammed their coffers shut.

"Don't ask us for money," said the chairman of Tipton District Council. "We don't have any." I doubt that they told this story to Prince Edward in 1927.

## Revived

It was not until 1923 that the scheme was realistically revived. By then it had a second factor to recommend it, beyond that of shortening the journey between the two biggest conurbations in the area.

Building the road would provide employment for the vast number of out-of-work men in Birmingham and the Black Country at a time of severe recession.

As such it took around 5,000 men off the dole, not to mention the colossal quantities of bricks, sand and cement bought from local firms.

The route of the proposed road had been determined



The many-named Birmingham-Wolverhampton New Road as it is today through Tividale  
Photo courtesy of Birmingham Post and Mail

long before a single shovel was applied to it.

It would leave Hagley Road West at Quinton and join Thompson Avenue on the edge of Wolverhampton ten miles later. In between it would go through nothing.

That, at least, was what it looked like, and photographs taken during construction show just what a desolate and deserted environment the Black Country could be.

This might easily be the high road to Basra, via Langley Green and Burnt Tree Island.

It is not easy to cut a road – straight and even and 100 feet wide – through a landscape such as this. Pit mounds had to be transferred to pit valleys, mines capped and filled, canals bridged and railways tunnelled under.

So empty was the area that few buildings – other than a few squatters' shanties on the Rough Hills – stood in the road's way. Progress was therefore swift and purposeful.

## Motorway

The whole scheme looks like a dry run for the motorway

building of 30 years later.

But what was said to be the longest stretch of new road since the Romans took just three years to complete at a cost of some £600,000.

In such circumstances, I suppose it's excusable that, whatever time of day you use it, every traffic-light will be on red.

## Write to Bygone Brum

✉ Forward, Council House,  
Victoria Square,  
Birmingham B1 1BB

## Lord Mayor's Forward diary



Cllr Randal Brew  
Lord Mayor  
of Birmingham  
2007–2008

## Missing suitcase – but still a great time!

YOU really don't expect that after 20-plus hours of travelling you'll find yourself with nothing to wear because your suitcase hasn't travelled at the same speed as you. Unfortunately this is what happened when we visited Japan late last month to support the Birmingham Royal Ballet.

The Lady Mayoress was adamant that she couldn't attend the opening performance of Coppelius in the same clothes that she'd travelled in and so we ventured into Tokyo to find her a suitable outfit to wear – what an experience that was!

The ballet was wonderful and no one seemed to mind that I was still wearing a business suit I'd travelled from Birmingham in. We were so proud of the performers who received several standing ovations from the sell out audience of over 2,000, many of whom had paid the equivalent of £80 for their ticket.

By the time we were due to move on to Nanjing in China our suitcases had been delivered to us so we were able to meet the city officials and management of MG properly attired. The premises that MG has in China are amazing and we saw positive evidence of the partnership with the MG factory in Longbridge, which can only be good for local people and the city as a whole.

Our travels also took us to our sister city, Guangzhou, and there we met with senior government officials, plus teachers and students from a school which has links to Turves Green Boys School and Four Dwellings School in Quinton.

The Chinese people were extremely hospitable and are very keen to expand their links with Birmingham. In turn, I'm particularly keen to see more opportunities for young people and am very hopeful that our visit will bring these about.

## Your letters

### Panto time

#### Dear Forward

Longbridge Methodist Church, Bristol Road South is staging its annual pantomime to raise money for Sense – a charity for deaf blind people – and church funds.

This year's pantomime is Robinson Crusoe. It's one of our major fundraising events and we aim to raise as much cash as possible for charity. The cast is made up from church members and the local community, which includes children from local schools.

The performances are during half-term week, from 13–16 February. Tickets are on sale at £5 adults and £4 concessions.

Jacqueline Walker

For information and tickets  
☎ 0121 453 7294 (daytime),  
and after 3pm, call Jacqueline  
on 07915 618 557

### Craft fair

#### Dear Forward

The League of Friends, a registered charity, is holding a craft fair on 9 February, 10.30am–1pm at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital (Outpatients' department), Bristol Road South, Northfield. Entry is 50p which includes tea/coffee and biscuit. There will be lots of stalls, hand-made crafts, all made locally, plus books, raffle, tombola, cakes and more. All proceeds raised go to the charity.

**Terena Kassanis**  
The League of Friends

☎ 0121 685 4226

#### Write to Forward

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Victoria Square,  
Birmingham B1 1BB  
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birmingham.gov.uk

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## Where are they now?

### Friends/Family

#### Anthony Steven Fish

Heather Lynch is trying to trace Anthony Steven Fish possibly living in Winson Green. It would mean a great deal to her if she could find him.  
☎ 07853 138 984

✉ 60 Northleach Close,  
Churchill North, Redditch  
B98 8RB  
☎ 07853 138 984

#### Samuel Shaw

Harry Ridgeway is trying to trace his old army colleague, Samuel Shaw. He served with Harry in India and Burma and visited him after the war. Samuel was born in Stoke-on-Trent, but moved to Plymouth around 1950. He served with Harry in the Leicestershire 1st Kings (Liverpool) from 1943–1946 in India and then in Burma (Broadway and Blackpool 1944) 77 Brigade. Samuel was a Burma Star vet-

eran, ex Chindit and member of the 14th Army under Orde Wingate. Their last contact was in 1949 when Samuel visited Harry at Gravelly Hill North.

✉ Rosemary Chapman  
☎ 0121 681 6746 or  
07824 814 794

#### Charlotte (Thompson)

John Martin has emailed from Australia. He is trying to trace his granddaughter Charlotte. Her mother's maiden name was Vicky Thompson. He has never met them but has seen photographs and believes they were living in the Redditch area but may have moved back to Birmingham.

✉ hasuma@austarnet.com.au  
✉ PO Box 300, Gayndah,  
Queensland 4625, Australia

#### Neville Peach

Mrs P Wheeler has been looking for her brother Neville Peach for many years. Her hopes rose when his two

grandsons went to visit her. They said the last time they had heard from him he was living in Sparkbrook.

✉ 20 Hillwood Road,  
Northfield, Birmingham  
B31 1DJ

#### Jean Thomas correction

In the last issue we printed a request on behalf of 'Julie' Last (née Tuck) who was looking for old friend Jean Thomas. Unfortunately her name was printed incorrectly. It should have read JUDY Last.

☎ 01803 401309  
✉ paljude@hotmail.com  
✉ 41 Fowey Avenue,  
Torquay, Devon TQ2 7RE

#### Where are they now?

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Childcare

# The childcare team that's here for you

THE Childcare Information Bureau (CIB) is a free information service for parents and carers in Birmingham that provides information about childcare provision and other child and family related issues.

The team has details of childcare providers throughout Birmingham including those that currently have vacancies. It can provide information on getting help towards the cost of childcare and can offer childcare chats at a variety of locations in the city. The team also arranges childcare taster sessions where eligible parents are offered the opportunity to try up to five days free childcare.

The CIB team can also help if you are considering making childcare your career. The team has information on childcare courses available across the city and can offer advice for the best way to kick-start or further develop your career.

But, it's not just about childcare! There is information on education, health, disability, safety, employment, leisure activities and much more.

Visit the public access area at Central Library, Chamberlain Square and browse the extensive range of books, magazines and journals on every aspect of parenting.

Here, Forward takes a look in more detail at what the CIB has to offer.



Members of the CIB team

## CIB 'must-have' booklets

THE bureau has produced two booklets: Birmingham for Families – Children's Activity Pack, which gives parents ideas for things to do and places to go to keep children occupied, and companion booklet Birmingham for Families – Parents' Information Pack. The latter is a must-have

booklet for anyone raising children in the city. It includes important day-to-day information about education, childcare, health, libraries, travel and family support.

Order the booklets  
☎ 0121 303 3521

## Childcare job opportunities

ANYONE interested in a career in childcare should put 3 June in their diary.

Birmingham City Council is holding an Early Years and Childcare Opportunities event in the city centre. The event will include stands providing information, advice and job opportunities for those seeking a change in career direction. Other highlights will include a CV clinic and a series of short seminars on topics related to issues relevant to childcare.

In previous years exhibitors have included the council's Children, Young People and Families directorate, the council's Adult Education service, local colleges, partnership organisations as well as representatives from support agencies.

**Childcare information day**  
☑ 10am–3.30pm (last admission 3pm), 3 June  
☑ Burlington Hotel, New Street



The CIB Recruitment Team's Kate Hurd (sitting) at last year's event



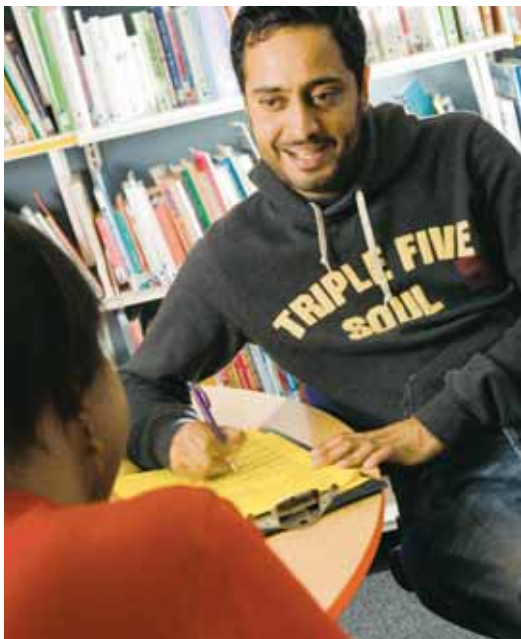
Childcare Information Bureau mascots Jaffa and Aqua enjoy reading the Children's Activity and Parents' Information packs now available



Tanya Wixey, centre, owner of Puzzles Nursery, with Natasha Clarke and her daughter Aysha



## Here to help you with free and impartial advice



THE Childcare Information Bureau's Database and Frontline team offers free impartial childcare information including:

- Updated lists of childcare providers (including childminders, day nurseries, pre-school and stay and play groups, out of school clubs and holiday playcare).
- Details of childcare providers who currently have vacancies.
- A full range of factsheets, booklets and information including areas such as choosing a childminder, lone parent families and information about careers in childcare.

*Raj Singh interviews a client*

### ● Information on the cost of childcare.

Contact the team

✉ Childcare Information Bureau, Centre for the Child, Central Library, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham B3 3HQ

☑ Mon, Wed and Fri 9am–6pm, Tue and Thurs 9am–8pm, and Sat 9am–5pm

☎ Helpline: 0121 303 3521 (Mon, Tue, Thurs and Fri 9am–5pm, Wed 10am–5pm, and Sat 9am–noon); Minicom: 0121 303 2714

@ childcareinfo@birmingham.gov.uk

🌐 www.birmingham.gov.uk/cib

You will be able to download information and factsheets covering all aspects of childcare.

## Getting men into childcare

THE CIB offers help and support to anyone wishing to choose childcare as a career.

With a need for more men in the childcare profession, the 'Men into Childcare' project offers support and guidance to men wishing to start or advance a career in childcare.

This enables children to have positive role models of both genders.

Glenn Baxter

Glenn was interested in pursuing a career within the childcare sector.

He contacted the CIB and attended the Childcare Opportunities event last year (see page 8).

He registered for the six-week Introduction to Childcare Course (which the Men into Childcare project ran in partnership with Greet Children's Centre).

He successfully

completed the course in

August and is currently studying for his NVQ level 3. Glenn has a placement within a special needs school and is enjoying the experience and the new direction his career has taken him in.

For more information about the Men into Childcare project

☎ 0121 464 3718

*Glen Baxter proudly shows his childcare certificate*

## Unwrap the childcare package

THE Childcare Chats and Taster team is able to offer a free personal advice session with a childcare advisor to discuss every aspect of finding suitable childcare.

Sessions can take place at any public venue such as a library, children's centre,

community centre, job centre or at the Childcare Information Bureau in Central Library.

Suitable childcare

You may also be eligible for a taster session, which is an opportunity for the parent

and child to see if childcare is suitable for them.

The taster will include five FREE days of childcare which can be mixed and matched across different settings and can be full or part days.

To be eligible, you will need to be on income

support or receiving benefits or be the parent of a disabled child.

More than 2,400 people have already benefited from the chats and tasters.

Find out more

☎ 0121 464 7205

## 'Puzzling' out childcare to return to college

ONE of the major fears for all parents before they start college or work is finding childcare for their children. The CIB recently worked in partnership with Job Centre Plus and arranged placements with Puzzles Day Nursery in Northfield.

Tanya Wixey saw her nursery grow from an 18-place setting to one offering 25 places and almost full to capacity in a matter of months.

Puzzles currently has eight students from Bournville College who have taken

advantage of the adult learning option.

Going back to college

Here's what two of the students said about their experience:

*"The idea of going back to college would have been a dream without this support. The childcare experience has been very positive for me and my son. Puzzles is a really friendly and warm nursery, they make you feel valued and that your opinion counts!" – student Vicky Lamden.*

*"This has given me the chance to get back into education and feel confident that my child is well cared for by the nursery." – student Natasha Clarke.*

Lots of support to parents

Childcare advisor at the Childcare Information Bureau, Linda Cosnett, said: "Tanya and her staff have been very flexible and given lots of support to the parents – many of whom were really apprehensive at leaving their children for the first time."



## TICKETS TO BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS



THE Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships is returning to the NIA from 4–9 March, with the chance for sports fans to see Olympic hopefuls competing for the title of All England Champion – and Forward readers have the chance to win tickets to the event.

The six-day tournament marks the 25th year of Yonex sponsoring the world's oldest and most prestigious badminton event, and for the first time ever, spectators will be able to watch the qualifying rounds on the Tuesday before the main tournament begins.

We're giving six lucky readers the chance to win tickets for this fantastic sporting event. The winner will get a family ticket for Friday 7 March and for five runners-up there are pairs of tickets to see the qualifying rounds on Tuesday 4 March.

How to enter

To be in with a chance of winning, answer the following question: which Birmingham arena will stage this year's Yonex All England Open Badminton Championships?

You can send your answer, including your name, address and daytime phone number, by postcard, email, or online. Usual competition rules apply and the closing date is 22 February.

✉ Forward Badminton Competition, Forward, Council House, Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB

@ forward@birmingham.gov.uk

🌐 www.birmingham.gov.uk/competition

Buy tickets

🎫 From £10 for adults and £5 concessions

🌐 www.badmintonengland.co.uk

☎ 0870 010 9079





# one in a million opportunities



A Pay and Grading Review has taken place however, the stated grades may be subject change.

The successful candidates for jobs working with children or with vulnerable adults will be subject to a Disclosure check through the confidential process administered by the Criminal Records Bureau. A conviction may not exclude candidates from these jobs but will be considered as part of the recruitment process.

BCC is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment.

Please note that adverts can be made available in large print, on request, by calling 0121 303 6739.  
Application forms are available in large print, Braille or on audio tape on request from individual Departments.

## Recruitment Open Day

### Meals Delivery Drivers

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro rata**

Wholesale Markets Precinct, Pershore Street

An Open Day is being held on 21 February 2008 for Meals Delivery Drivers. You will be working 20 hours per week, delivering meals to people within the community, in a safe and caring manner. You will be required to work 5 days out of 7 per week, including weekends and Bank Holidays, for which enhanced payment will be paid. You should have experience of caring for or working with people and an understanding of food hygiene legislation. Good communication skills; the ability to interpret and act on customer needs; and a willingness to attend appropriate training courses are also essential. Remember these spaces go quickly, so call Simone Cousins on 0121 464 9653 to book your space (between 10am - 4pm).

Ref: S975TV

## Pool Recruitment

### Clerical and Administrative Assistants (Recruitment Pool)

**£13,923 - £17,154**

We are looking for proficient Clerical and Administrative Assistants to provide a comprehensive support service to various City Council directorates. You must be able to present a positive and professional image to all service users. You must possess highly developed organisational skills. You must be numerate and have an aptitude for figure work as well as being able to show good literacy skills. Duties include dealing with telephone and written enquiries, recording, updating and interrogation of computerised systems to high standards of accuracy and use of all IT packages and complex databases. Experience in dealing with customers by telephone is essential, together with good keyboard skills and the ability to prioritise work in a pressurised team environment. After initial filtering of applications you will be required to go through an assessment process to test key skills. Previous applicants need not apply.

Ref: G0377TV

## Adults and Communities

A Criminal Records Bureau Check will be undertaken for some Adults & Communities posts.

### Social Workers

**Up to £29,728**

Learning Disabilities Service, Assessment and Care Management Teams, Yardley

Working 36.5 hours per week. You will be entering an exciting period within the Service and will enjoy working with diversity and have a positive feel to change, in using your specialist skills. As part of the Modernising agenda we are exploring different ways of delivering services that are meaningful and person centred. To embrace, the modernising agenda of 'Valuing People', Independence, Choice and Well-being and 'In Control', we are working with person centred planners and reviewers and are developing a responsive advice and referral service. You must be registered with the General Social Care Council (GSCC). For informal enquiries please call Darshan Khaira or Chris Attwood on 0121 303 2202. Closing date: 29-02-2008.

Ref: S71018TV

### Administrative Assistant

**£17,781 - £22,845**

Older Adults Modernisation, Kenrick Centre, Harborne

Working 36.5 hours per week. An experienced person is required to lead a small admin team, supporting a multi-disciplinary team of Social Workers, Occupational Therapists and Health professionals, involved in the modernisation of the Older Adults Residential and Day Care Services. You will ensure that high standards of administrative processes; data collection; maintenance of spreadsheets; and support to managers of the team, is carried out efficiently and effectively. For informal enquiries call Kevin Halliday on 0121 675 2639.

Ref: S976TV

### Senior Clerical Assistant

**£13,923 - £17,154**

Learning Disabilities Service, Aston

Working 36.5 hours per week. We are looking for an efficient person to undertake a full range of administrative duties supporting managers and social workers within the service. You will work as part of a team, within a pressurised environment, providing a polite and effective switchboard and reception service. You will also undertake budgetary inputting; collate management information; input and retrieve information from computerised and manual systems; as well as assisting with typing. A commitment to equal opportunities is also essential.

Ref: S81142TV

### Administrative Assistants

**£13,923 - £17,154**

Hall Green Area Office, Kings Heath and Edgbaston Area Office, Harborne

Working 36.5 hours per week. This is an exciting opportunity to join and contribute to the Business Support Team on Older Adults. You will lead the clerical team and deliver high quality services that meet the needs of our social work teams and clients. You should have previous administrative experience, together with the ability to recruit; supervise and develop staff; as well as setting up and maintaining IT systems; collating and providing statistical data; and producing budgetary monitoring information. If you have experience in the above, and are able to deal with the pressures of working in a demanding role, we would like to hear from you. For informal enquiries call Bev Warrington on 0121 303 3310.

Ref: S81128TV

### Administration Assistant

**£13,923 - £17,154**

High Street, Harborne West

Working 36.5 hours per week as part of a small team. You will be required to provide an effective administration and secretarial service; as well as taking minutes. You must have excellent communication skills, both written and verbal; as you will be in contact with managers and members of the public. Word processing skills, and the ability to process information accurately, is essential, as you will be inputting and retrieving data from manual and computerised systems. RSA/CLAIT, ECDL or equivalent typing qualification is also essential. Previous applicants need not apply. For informal enquiries call Linda Watts on 0121 675 3185.

Ref: S81144TV

### Senior Care Assistant

**£17,781 - £22,845**

Ruby Rhydderch Day Centre, Stechford

Working 36.5 hours per week, in this 20-place unit, that caters for elderly clients of varying needs. You will be part of the Management Team, ensuring the service provided to our clients is of the highest standard. You will also have responsibility for the supervision of staff. The ability to demonstrate sensitivity when dealing with clients is essential, as is being able to work as part of a team. For informal enquiries call the Manager on 0121 784 2195.

Ref: S31159TV

### Home Care Assistants (Evenings)

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro rata plus enhancements**

Edgbaston Area Office

Working between 8 hours and 25 hours per week (between 5.00 pm and 10.00 pm for up to 5 evenings per week) in one of the following areas: Moseley, Kings Heath, Kings Norton, Selly Oak, Bournville, Harborne and Edgbaston. You will provide personal care to frail older people, and people with a disability in their own homes. You will need to be sensitive to people's needs and have good communication skills, both written and verbal, as well as some experience of providing personal care. Full training and support will be given to obtain NVQ Level 2. For informal enquiries call Sue Amor or Elaine Wilkes on 0121 303 5194.

Ref: S41113TV

### Night Home Care Assistants

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro rata if applicable**

plus enhancements

City-wide Service

Hours of work are 9.15pm to 7am on a planned 4 week rota. Night Home Care Assistants make an incredible contribution to our communities providing vital individual personal care services during the night. You need experience of providing personal care whether in a work, voluntary or personal capacity, and be able to provide a service that meets the needs of individual people. You must be genuinely interested in promoting people's independence, choice, dignity and rights. We provide a city-wide night care service; therefore you will be required to travel as well as being flexible in your working pattern. We operate 7 nights per week; 52 weeks of the year, and your work will reflect this need. Training is mandatory and will lead you to an NVQ level 2 in Social Care.

Ref: S41112TV

### Home Care Assistants

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro rata plus enhancements for evenings and weekends**

Hall Green Home Care Team

This team covers the areas of Hall Green, Druids Heath, Maypole, Brandwood, Billesley and Acocks Green. Hours of work are between 7am and 10pm. You will provide personal care to frail older people and people with disabilities in their own homes. You will be expected to work evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays. Full training and development will be given to help you attain the NVQ Level 2 in Care. You should have good communication skills, both written and verbal, be committed to equal opportunities, with a sensitivity and an understanding of clients' needs. Previous applicants need not apply.

Ref: S31169TV

### Night Care Assistant

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro rata plus night duty allowance**

Lyttleton House Elderly Persons Home, Frankley

This residential home meets the needs of 30 elderly people with varying degrees of physical and mental frailty. Working 20 hours per week, as part of a caring team, you must have knowledge and understanding of the needs of older people, whilst upholding the rights and choices of our clients. Good communication skills, both written and verbal are essential; as well as being flexible, as your duties will involve working weekends, Bank Holidays and shifts. A commitment to equal opportunities is also essential. For informal enquiries call Shirley Powell on 0121 460 1150.

Ref: S31154TV

### Community Care Assistant

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro rata**

Elwood Centre, Erdington

Working 30 hours per week, as part of a team, in this day centre. A caring nature is required, as you will be providing physical/personal care to adults with physical disabilities. You will need to be flexible; creative; approachable; and committed to equal opportunities; promoting the rights and choices of our clients. You will also be involved in the implementation of individual programmes. Good communication skills, both written and verbal are essential; as well as the ability to support clients to maximise independence, and promote social inclusion. For informal enquiries call the Manager on 0121 382 7328.

Ref: S41114TV

### Care Assistant

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro rata**

Elderfield Elderly Persons Home, Sheldon

Working 35 hours per week, in this 40-bedded residential home, providing long-term, respite and interim care for elderly people of varying needs. You will be working as part of a team assisting with all aspects of personal care; promoting clients' rights and choices; acting as an advocate; and dealing with situations in a sensitive and professional manner. You should have good communication skills, written and verbal; a willingness to learn; and a commitment to promoting diversity. Flexibility is essential, as you will be working late shifts, along with weekends and Bank Holidays. For informal enquiries call Lendeater Huggins on 0121 743 0456.

Ref: S31161TV

### Volunteers Wanted

**Expenses provided**

Share recruits volunteers who support disabled people to go out socially. Some disabled people do not have the opportunity to get out as much as they would like. Volunteers give people more choices. You will go out as friends to do ordinary things, like going to the pictures. Each pair makes their own arrangements about when they meet and where they go. Training and support are provided. Do you have a few hours a month? For further details please ring the Share Office on 0121 303 0572 or write to Share, Ladywood Area Office, 23 All Saints Road, Hockley, B18 5QB.

Ref: Vol

### Volunteer Wanted

Elwood Centre provides Community Services to Adults with Physical Disabilities both at the centre and in the community. A new Service User Committee is going to be elected and requires an independent volunteer to offer support and guidance on how to function effectively as a committee. Do you have the skills and 2 hours per month to offer for this role? For further details please ring Elwood Centre on 0121 382 7328 or write detailing your past experience, to the Manager at Elwood Centre, 270 Reservoir Road, Erdington, B23 6DE. Previous applicants welcome.

Ref: Vol7

### Volunteers Wanted

**Birmingham Adult Education Service - South Area**

Birmingham Adult Education Service recruits volunteers to work in a range of subjects including IT, Arts and Crafts, English and Maths. They support learners to gain new skills and improve their confidence. Would you like to have the chance to make a difference to someone else's life? Classes take place in Centres across South Birmingham, and we particularly need volunteers in daytime classes. If you are interested, please contact Sheila Grant, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 0121 464 8272, or write to Northfield Adult Education Centre, 45 Church Road, Northfield B31 2LB, or email Sheila\_m\_grant@birmingham.gov.uk

Ref: Vol8

### Volunteers Wanted

**Birmingham Adult Education Service - North Area**

Would you like to make a difference to someone's life? Birmingham Adult Education Service recruits volunteers to support learners in classes in IT and Skills for Life, i.e. literacy, numeracy, and ESOL. We also use volunteers in other subjects to support people with physical or learning disabilities. We are based in many Centres across the Area, from Ladywood to Sutton Coldfield, and particularly need volunteers for daytime classes. Volunteers receive free training, gaining a City and Guilds qualification in Adult Learner Support. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Cilla Hawkey on 0121 633 3074, or cilla.hawkey@birmingham.gov.uk or write to Brasshouse Basic Skills Unit, 50 Sheepcote Street, Ladywood B16 8AJ.

Ref: Vol9

**For more positions in Care, please see end of Children, Young People and Families section.**

### Chief Executives

### Regulatory Services

### Dog Warden/Enforcement Officers

**£17,781 - £22,845**

Animal Welfare Team based at 581 Tyburn Road, Erdington. You will be responsible for the seizure of stray dogs, the enforcement of legislation relating to dogs with particular emphasis on dog fouling, and providing general support to the Animal Welfare Officers in the execution of their duties. You will be required to work outside of normal office hours, including evenings, weekends and Bank Holidays. Informal enquiries to: Vikki Allwood or Graham Taylor on 0121 303 9918 or 0121 303 9917.

Ref: G2408TV

### Public Affairs and Communications

### International Officer

**£23,749 - £29,728**

Public Affairs and Communications is responsible for taking forward the Leader's vision for Birmingham to become 'a global city with a local heart'. This includes developing the City Council's work with India. An exciting opportunity is available for a highly motivated, experienced officer with appropriate specialist language skills, cultural understanding and awareness to act as the main point of contact with India. You must have detailed knowledge of Indian national, regional and local political and economic structure and a proven track record of working with senior political and business personnel in India and the UK. Informal enquiries to: Jill Robinson on 0121 303 4320.

Ref: Q07TV

## Children, Young People and Families

For all teaching posts, successful appointees must be registered with the General Teaching Council.

### Head Teacher

**School Group 3, ISR L18 - L24 £53,115 - £61,521**

ST PETERIS CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, OLD CHURCH ROAD, HARBORNE, BIRMINGHAM, B17 0BE TEL: 0121 464 2128 EMAIL: enquiry@stpetersce.bham.sch.uk Website: www.st-petersce.bham.sch.uk Number on Roll 420 + 26 fte place Nursery Class. The Governors of this successful school invite applications for the post of Head Teacher following the planned retirement of the current Head in July 2008. Our children would like you to: love our school and help us learn; be calm but firm; be friendly and get to know us individually. Our Governors would like someone who: supports the Christian ethos of the school; has commitment and creativity; will continue to lead our high achieving school forwards with vision and passion. Informal visits are most welcome. Please contact Mrs Cath Williams, Office Manager, on 0121 464 2128 who will make arrangements for you. Interviews will be held on 14 March 2008. Further details and application forms are available from the Response Handling Unit on 0121 464 6488 (24 hour answerphone) Closing date: 20 February 2008

Ref: ES824TV.

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**Closing date, unless otherwise stated, Friday 22 February 2008**





Children, Young People and Families

Head Teacher

Group 3, Individual School Range: L17- L23

£51,813 - £60,033

Starting point: L17 & L20 £51,813 - £55,782

HAMILTON SPECIAL SCHOOL, HAMILTON ROAD, HANDSWORTH, B21 8AH  
TEL: 0121 464 1676 FAX: 0121 464 4808 Chair of Governors: Councillor Lal. The Governing Body is seeking to appoint a professional who has: a clear vision for building further on the many strengths of the school; proven outstanding leadership and communication skills; the ability to support and inspire colleagues; a commitment to partnership work with parents, Governors, other professionals within a multicultural community; a positive attitude to inclusion where everyone is valued and encouraged to succeed. You will be expected to take up the appointment at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2008. Informal contact with the school is most welcome. Further details and application forms are available from Response Handling Unit on 0121 464 6488 (24 hour answerphone).

Ref: ES811TV

Head Teacher

Group 2, ISR L15 - L21 £49,338 - £57,162

PRINCETHORPE INFANT SCHOOL, PRINCETHORPE ROAD, WEOLEY CASTLE, B29 5QB TEL: 0121 475 2874. Start Autumn term 2008. The Governing Body is looking for someone who: has a clear vision which builds upon existing good practice and further develops our strengths and successes; can maintain strong relationships with parents; can build partnerships with the local community and wider world; is able to make a positive difference to every child; has high expectations of individual achievement and behaviour; applies Best Value principles to maximise the potential of all available resources. Visits are warmly welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the Head Teacher, Mrs L Wildsmith on 0121 475 2874. Interview date: 6 March 2008. Further details and application forms are available from Response Handling Unit on 0121 464 6488 (24 hour answerphone). Closing date: 18 February 2008

Ref: ES826TV.

Deputy Head Teacher

Group 3, Pay Range: L9 & L13 £42,564 - £46,968

Starting point: L9 & L11 £42,564 - £44,790

MANSFIELD GREEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND CHILDRENS CENTRE, ALBERT ROAD, ASTON, B6 5NH TEL: 0121 464 6590. (Previous applicants need not apply as their application would be considered). Mansfield Green Community School and Childrens Centre is an inclusive, two form-entry mixed Primary School of some 420 pupils aged 4-11 years. You will be supported by a very able and multi-faceted workforce who are much respected in the community they serve. You will be expected to take up the appointment at the beginning of the Autumn Term 2008 or earlier if possible. Informal contact with the school is most welcome. Further details and application forms are available from Response Handling Unit on 0121 464 6488 (24 hour answerphone). Closing date: 15 February 2008

Ref: ES825TV.

Assistant Head Teacher (2 Posts)

Salary Range L10-L14 £43,656 - £48,138

DORRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, DORRINGTON ROAD, PERRY BARR, B42 1QR. We have recently introduced a new staffing structure, which incorporates two Assistant Head positions. You will play a significant part in our Leadership Team. This is an exciting opportunity for a committed person to join the Leadership Team and move Dorrrington forward during this challenging time. You will: have a commitment to raising standards in the school; be creative, forward thinking and a successful classroom practitioner; have the highest expectation for our children; have a range of Leadership and Management experience. Visits are most welcomed and encouraged. If you would like further information, please contact Miss Loretta Barratt on 0121 464 5330.

Teachers

MPS/UPS + 1 SEN Point

JAMES BRINDLEY SCHOOL, BELL BARN ROAD, B15 2AF, TEL: 0121 666 6409, Contact: Nicky Kendall (Head Teacher). Start Date: September 2008 or sooner if possible. Full Time. We have the following opportunities available:

Teacher for Hospital Sector: to work across the various hospitals;

Cross-phase Teacher: Maths Teacher at Willows Centre; Cross-phase Teacher: at Dovedale Teaching Centre.

Are you ready for a new challenge? James Brindley School seeks to provide a high quality education to children and young people unable to attend mainstream school because of health related needs. As well as individuals from the special school sector, we would welcome applications from people who have recent mainstream experience and are willing to apply their skills in a different setting. Interviews to be held: March/April 2008. For further details and application form please contact the school at the above address or on the above telephone number or visit the website www.jamesbrindley.bham.sch.uk. Closing date: 20 February 2008.

MPS + TLR1

£20,133 - £29,427 + £6,829 - £11,557

Head of Humanities

MPS + TLR1 (£8,405)

PARK VIEW BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE SCHOOL, NASEBY ROAD, ALUM ROCK, B8 3HG, TEL: 0121 464 4209, FAX: 0121464 2656. This is a new post bringing together into one curriculum cluster Geography, History and Religious Education. You will be required to develop the present Humanities staff into a thriving, effective and forward looking team. The challenges will be firstly to maintain and improve upon our present overall good GCSE results and secondly to work with the Leadership Team and Governors to transform Humanities teaching as part of Phase I Birmingham's Building Schools for the Future Programme. Informal visits to the school are welcome. For more information and to apply please contact Paul Hunt on 0121 236 4476 or visit www.hays.com/jobs/parkview Closing date: 21 February 2008.

Head of Religious Education

MPS + TLR 1B (£8,405)

ST. EDMUND CAMPION CATHOLIC SCHOOL, A SPECIALIST LANGUAGE COLLEGE, SUTTON ROAD, ERDINGTON, B23 5XA, TEL: 0121 464 7700. The Governors wish to appoint an enthusiastic, creative and forward thinking practising Catholic Teacher to lead Religious Education across the school from April/September 2008. You will have a secure knowledge of current schemes of work and pedagogy. You will be able to demonstrate the ability to provide leadership in this core curriculum area, including A' Level RE which is a popular subject. A School Lay Chaplain works closely with the Head of RE. Opportunities for further professional development will be encouraged. Interested candidates are welcome to visit the school by arrangement. Further details and an application pack are available from the school or from the Vacancies Section of the school website: www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk

Head of Performing Arts (Permanent)

MPS + TLR 1

QUEENSBRIDGE SCHOOL, QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD, MOSELEY, B13 8QB. You will: have proven ability at KS3 and KS4 combined with strong classroom management skills; have ability to inspire and lead from within that team and influence the wider Arts agenda both inside and outside school; have the capacity to lead the development of all accredited routes within the Arts; work collaboratively across the curriculum taking a strategic role in the continuing development of our innovative Enterprise curriculum at KS3; engage creatively with the role of professional artists. Should you require an application pack, then please visit our web site www.queensbridge.bham.sch.uk or phone: 0121 464 5566. Closing date: 15 February 2008

Head of Physical Education

MPS + TLR2 £3940 + 2 SEN £3,597

CALTHORPE SCHOOL AND SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE, DARWIN STREET, HIGHGATE, B12 0TJ, TEL: 0121 773 4637, www.calthorpe.bham.sch.uk Head Teacher Mr G Hardy. We are seeking a Head of P.E. who is an enthusiastic and forward looking leader, inspired to rise to the challenge of implementing their vision within an established and highly successful team. We offer exceptional facilities and you would have the opportunity to participate in our extensive international links with France, China and South Africa leading our 'Dreams and Teams' partnership. We also work in collaboration with the YST and the SSAT and have a leading role within the network of specialist schools. Interviews will take place week commencing the 18 February 2008. More detailed information about the role and application packs are available on our website. Closing date: 15 February 2008.

MPS + TLR2

£20,133 - £29,427 + £2,364 - £5,778

Head of Music

MPS + TLR2 (£5,778)

PARK VIEW BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE SCHOOL, NASEBY ROAD, ALUM ROCK, B8 3HG, TEL: 0121 464 4209, FAX: 0121 464 2656. We are looking for a new Head of Music who will continue to build on well established exemplary practice, working closely with our primary schools, further extending our excellent links with the city's Peripatetic Music Teachers, delivering our annual Drum Festival and ensuring an innovative, culturally and religiously empathetic curriculum. You will also promote and develop musical performances within the school and bring music into the KS4 curriculum. Informal visits to the school are also welcome. For more information and to apply please contact Paul Hunt on 0121 236 4476 or visit www.hays.com/jobs/parkview. Closing date: 21 February 2008.

Head of KS4 Science,

MPS + TLR 2B (£3,940)

ST. EDMUND CAMPION CATHOLIC SCHOOL, A SPECIALIST LANGUAGE COLLEGE, SUTTON ROAD, ERDINGTON, B23 5XA, TEL: 0121 464 7700, www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk. The Governors wish to appoint for April or September 2008, a well-motivated, experienced Science Teacher. Specialists in Physics, Chemistry or Biology will be considered. You will be expected to teach Science across the ability range to pupils in KS3-4 and if appropriate to KS5. Particular consideration will be given to candidates who are able to demonstrate involvement in raising achievement at KS4 and in extra-curricular activities. Interested candidates are welcome to visit the school by arrangement or contact the Head of Department, Dr. D. Salt. Further details and application forms are available from the school or from the school website.

Phase Leader (4 Posts)

MPS + TLR2 (£3,940)

DORRINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, DORRINGTON ROAD, PERRY BARR, B42 1QR. We have recently introduced a new staffing structure, which incorporates four Phase Leader positions. As part of the Senior Management Team you will have a crucial and exciting role to play in assisting the Leadership Team to raise standards for all at Dorrrington. Each Phase Leader will be responsible for either: FS, KS1, lower KS2 or upper KS2. We can offer: the opportunity to lead school improvement; excellent opportunities for CPD; a supportive and friendly staff; guaranteed leadership and management position. If you would like further information, please contact Miss Loretta Barratt on 0121 464 5330. Visits are most welcomed and encouraged.

Head of Individualised Learning

MPS +TLR 2b (£3,940)

HOBMOOR PRIMARY SCHOOL, WASH LANE, YARDLEY, B25 8FD, TEL: 0121 675 3269. Required for April 2008. This non-class based post within school incorporates the role of SENCo, G&T and EMAG Co-ordinator and offers significant professional development opportunities and leadership experience for the successful candidate. You will be: an outstanding Teacher with the ability to share excellent practice with colleagues; committed to engaging children in their own learning; driven to improve learning opportunities for all children with a creative curriculum; experienced in the role of SENCo and managing staff for SEN. Informal contact with the school is welcome. Further details and application forms are available from the Response Handling Unit on 0121 464 6488 (24 hour answerphone). Closing date: 19 February 2008

Ref: ES827TV.

Head of ICT

MPS + TLR 2 (£3,940)

QUEENSBRIDGE SCHOOL, QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD, MOSELEY, B13 8QB. We are seeking an experienced and innovative Teacher to lead ICT as a discrete subject. You will be: a creative and skilled practitioner; enthusiastic about ICT and its power to enable new ways of learning; confident in leading the ICT Team through curriculum development; motivated to drive up standards at both key stages. For an application pack, please visit our web site www.queensbridge.bham.sch.uk or phone 0121 464 5566. Closing Date: 15 February 2008

Children's Centre Teacher

MPS + TLR2 Fixed Point £3,750 pro rata

YARNFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL, YARNFIELD ROAD, TYSELEY, B11 3PD. Head Teacher: Miss Sue Dixon. Required for Easter or as soon as possible thereafter. We are looking to appoint a link Teacher based at Fox Hollies Children's Centre to manage and develop the Early Years Foundation stage of the curriculum within Fox Hollies CC and the Gospel Oak Satellite Centre. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone wanting to be part of an exciting new challenge. Informal visits at the Fox Hollies Children's Centre on 8 February between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. For further information and an application form please send a large SAE to the Head Teacher at Yarnfield School. Closing date: 29 February 2008.

Teacher

MPS + TLR2

WILLIAM COWPER PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHILWELL CROFT, NEWTOWN, B19 2QH, TEL: 0121 464 3402, FAX: 0121 464 2088. If you relish a challenge, have career aspirations and wish to benefit from our extensive CPD package, come and join our rapidly improving school. We may be currently in Special Measures, but under our new and recently praised Senior Leadership Team, we are committed to turning our School into a good/outstanding school by April 2009. We could, with the approval of your Head Teacher, consider secondment. The vacancies at present are for Class Teachers, but for the right candidate there are opportunities for subject leadership/middle management. Please phone Hilary Allan, Acting Head Teacher for more information and to arrange to visit the school.

MPS

£20,133 - £29,427

Experienced Key Stage 2 Teachers

MANOR PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, CHURCH LANE, B6 5UQ, TEL: 0121 327 1023. Are you an experienced, committed and talented practitioner? Do you have the ability to lead others and looking to develop your teaching career? If so, Manor Park Primary School requires Teachers for Key Stage 2 for Summer 2008 (or before). You must have high expectations, be a conscientious and inspiring Teacher with a determination to raise standards. You will have the privilege of working in a friendly, supportive and vibrant environment. Informal visits welcome. For Further details, please contact Mrs Davoren (HT/PA) or School Office on 0121 327 1023.

Teacher of Maths and English (Key Stage 3)

PARK VIEW BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE SCHOOL, NASEBY ROAD, ALUM ROCK, B8 3HG, TEL: 0121 464 4209, FAX: 0121 464 2656. This is a new post adding additional impetus and impact into the curriculum areas of Maths and English. You will be an experienced and skilled primary practitioner who wishes to gain experience of working at KS3. You must be a good Teacher confident in teaching elements of both KS3 Maths and English. You will also need to care passionately about supporting the achievement levels of young people. Informal visits to the school are also welcome. For more information and to apply please contact Paul Hunt on 0121 236 4476 or visit www.hays.com/jobs/parkview. Closing date: 21 February 2008.

Early Years Teacher

PERRY BEECHES NURSERY SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE, 256 BEECHES ROAD, GREAT BARR, B42 2PX, TEL: 0121 360 2199, FAX: 0121 360 4467. We are looking for an enthusiastic practitioner with experience of the Foundation Curriculum and Birth to Three Matters. You will be part of a very supportive team with many new developments taking place. Informal visits most welcome. For further details please contact Head Teacher Mrs. J K Lewis on 0121 360 2199.

Teachers Posts

ST. BENEDICT'S INFANT SCHOOL, ST. BENEDICT'S ROAD, SMALL HEATH, B10 9DP, TEL: 0121 464 6420/464 4710, FAX: 0121 464 6485, E-mail:enquiry@stbendic.bham.sch.uk. We pride ourselves on being: an effective school; a creative school; an e-learning school. We are looking for enthusiastic and effective Teachers for the following vacancies:

Teacher (Main scale post)

Fixed term full time maternity leave cover from March 2008 & July 2008 (Reception Class);

Teacher (Main scale post)

Fixed term, full time maternity leave cover from April 2008 & July 2008 (Year 2 Class);

Part-Time Teacher (Main scale post)

Permanent 3 days per week.

Informal visits welcome; please ask to speak to Mrs Anita Thompson, Deputy Head, to arrange a date. Please telephone or email for an information pack (school closed 11 & 15 February 2008). Closing date: 27 February 2008.

Temporary Teacher (2 Posts)

WHEELERS LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL, BAGNALL ROAD, KINGS HEATH, B13 0SJ, 0121 464 2551. Cover for maternity leave from 7 April 2008 to July 2008. The Governors are looking for an experienced Teacher to cover maternity leave (2 posts). You will be joining a hard working and committed team, dedicated to improving standards further at our caring and successful school. For further details and an application form please contact the school.

Y4 Class Teacher

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, GREAT COLMORE STREET, B15 2AY TEL: 0121 692 1051 FAX: 0121 622 6343 Head Teacher: L. Fadden B. Ed (Hons). Required for Summer Term 2008, Temporary Post. We wish to appoint an enthusiastic and committed Teacher to join our hard working and supportive team. We are looking for a good Teacher with effective classroom management skills. PPA time is scheduled on a weekly basis and appropriate support will be given. Informal visits are welcome. For further details and application packs, please contact the school on 0121 692 1051.

Teacher

VICTORIA SCHOOL AND SPECIALIST ARTS COLLEGE, BELL HILL, NORTH-FIELD, B31 1LD TEL: 0121 476 9478. Temporary post to start A.S.A.P. for one term in the first instance. You will work with a Key Stage 4 class of pupils with a wide range of abilities. We are looking for a Teacher with excellent classroom skills and high expectations who is flexible and able to use a range of creative approaches to ensure that all can achieve their full potential. If you want to know more, please contact the school to organise a visit or for further details and an application form.

Teacher of English

QUEENSBRIDGE SCHOOL, QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD, MOSELEY, B13 8QB, TEL: 0121 464 5566, FAX: 0121 464 5588, EMAIL: enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk Full Time from 1 September 2008. You will: have a rigorous and inventive approach to the delivery of English across both KS3 and KS4; be infectiously enthusiastic about the subject and have the ability to inspire the creativity of our students; actively contribute to the long term vision and practice of both the whole school and the English Department; have strong classroom management skills and a commitment to the best possible outcomes for all students. For an application pack, please visit our web site or phone 0121 464 5566. Closing date: 15 February 2008

Teacher of ICT

QUEENSBRIDGE SCHOOL, QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD, MOSELEY, B13 8QB, TEL: 0121 464 5566, FAX: 0121 464 5588, EMAIL: enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk. Full Time from 1 September 2008. We are seeking a qualified Teacher of ICT. You will be: an enthusiastic Teacher who is committed to engaging students to achieve their full potential; keen to innovate by applying your excellent subject knowledge; able to teach across KS3 and KS4; willing to be part of a successful team. For an application pack then please visit our web site or phone 0121 464 5566. Closing date: 15 February 2008

Teacher of Science

QUEENSBRIDGE SCHOOL, QUEENSBRIDGE ROAD, MOSELEY, B13 8QB, TEL: 0121 464 5566, FAX: 0121 464 5588, EMAIL: enquiry@queensbridge.bham.sch.uk. Full Time from 1 September 2008. Under the direction of a new Subject Leader, the Queensbridge School Science department is a rapidly improving team with a practical approach to science and a drive to excite pupils about science in the real world. You will be: a dedicated scientist with an infectious enthusiasm for the subject; a hands-on Teacher with a practical based approach; excited by the challenge of bringing science to life for our students; committed to the best possible outcomes for all students. For an application pack please visit our web site or phone; 0121 464 5566. Closing date: 15 February 2008.



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Children, Young People and Families

Lecturer of Beauty Therapy and/or Hairdressing

**Unqualified Teacher Scale, £14,751-£23,331.**  
THE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE, VOCATIONAL SKILLS CENTRE, GRESSSEL LANE, TILE CROSS, B33 9UF, TEL: 0121 464 9600. Required from September 2008. We will be introducing Beauty and/or Hair courses and we are looking for someone who is able to set-up the salons and courses. We require a suitably qualified and experienced Beauty Therapy and/or Hairdressing Teacher to deliver on all levels. Proven industrial salon experience is essential and experience of teaching the 14-19-age range is desirable. You should have relevant professional qualifications accompanied by extensive vocational experience. Some previous experience of teaching/training is required as is a teaching qualification, or willingness to undertake one. Further details and an application form are available from Mary Cox at The International School on 0121 464 9602 or email at mary.cox@iscsb.bham.org.uk

Primary Teacher

**MPS + 1 SEN**  
**£20,133 - £29,427 + £1,866**  
MINERVA CENTRE, THORNWAITE CLOSE, FRANKLEY B45 0DS. Temporary post to cover maternity leave (all appointments are to the Service and staff are deployed in line with Service priorities) Start Date: 7 April 2008. We are seeking to appoint an experienced Teacher with proven skills in behaviour management and good all round mainstream primary expertise. You will provide high quality education for permanently excluded pupils and work preventatively with mainstream schools to support the inclusion of pupils at risk of exclusion. You will join a supportive and creative team and have access to high quality CPD. Informal enquiries to Marion Kerry on 0121 303 8299. Interview Date: 22 February 2008. For further details and application form contact 0121 303 5379 / 464 3717 (24 hour answerphone) or Email: csrecruitment@birmingham.gov.uk or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs  
Closing Date: 15 February 2008

Ref: EC4471TV

Teaching Assistants - qualifications required

The following qualifications apply to Level 3 Teaching Assistants:  
Qualified status: NNEB; BTEC National Diploma (2 years); Caring Services (Nursery Nursing); NVQ Level 3 (Child Care and Education); NVQ Level 3 (Early Years Care and Education); BTEC National Diploma in Childhood Studies (Nursery Nursing); BTEC National Diploma Caring; BTEC National Diploma Early Years and Childhood Studies; BTEC National Diploma Early Years Care and Education; BTEC National Diploma Early Years; BTEC Level 3 Certificate for Teaching Assistants; NVQ Level 3 for Teaching Assistants; Certificate of Higher Education Learning Assistant; Classroom Support Worker Qualification & secondary (NVQ equivalent); CACHE L3 Certificate in work with Children & Early Years (APEL); L3 Teaching Assistants (APEL).  
For Teaching Assistant vacancies, the following requirements apply:  
Level 4: Applicants must already hold HLTA status or work to gain this status as soon as possible.  
Level 3: Qualified to NVQ Level 3 Teaching Assistants or equivalent qualification (see qualifications listed above).  
Level 2/3: Progression to Level 3 is dependent upon being qualified to NVQ Level 3 and a post at that level being available.  
Level 2: Preferably qualified to NVQ Level 2 Teaching Assistant. Any unqualified candidate appointed would be expected to gain NVQ Level 2 within a reasonable period of time.

Level 3 Teaching Assistant

**Actual Salary: £12,924 - £16,736**  
**32.5 hours per week, term time only**  
**Level 3 Teaching Assistant**  
SOMERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOMERVILLE ROAD, SMALL HEATH, B10 9EN, TEL: 0121 675 0956. Permanent contract to commence as soon as possible. We require an experienced Teaching Assistant to work alongside Teachers in Year 5 to support pupils in this thriving school. Relevant qualification such as, NVQ Level 3, in Childcare is essential. You will also need a high level of skills in English and Mathematics. Informal enquiries to Mr R Hornsby, Head Teacher at Somerville School on 0121 675 0956. Application forms from Somerville Primary School on the above telephone number.

Level 3 Teaching Assistant

WASHWOOD HEATH NURSERY SCHOOL A BIRMINGHAM CHILDRENS CENTRE, 201 SLADEFIELD ROAD, WARD END, B8 2SY, TEL: 0121 464 1810, FAX: 0121 464 0052, Head Teacher: Claire Quinlan. Required for March 2008. 8.30 a.m. & 3.45 p.m. Monday - Friday. We are looking to appoint a keen team player with good oral and written communication skills in English. Bilingual speaking is desirable but not essential. Ideally you will have sound knowledge of Early Years Foundation Stage and the Every Child Matters agenda. The role will involve close liaison with teaching staff in the planning and implementation of an innovative curriculum. We are a friendly school and have good links with our families and the local community. We aim to provide a high standard of education for our children. If you require an application form and pack please send a large SAE (48p) to Debbie Pollard, at the school or alternatively Email: d.pollard@washwdhn.bham.sch.uk Application form and details of the post are also available from our website: www.washwdhn.bham.sch.uk. Closing date: 20 February 2008, 4.00 p.m.

Level 3 Teaching Assistant

**Actual Salary £6,462 - £8,368**  
WASHWOOD HEATH NURSERY SCHOOL A BIRMINGHAM CHILDRENS CENTRE, 201 SLADEFIELD ROAD, WARD END, B8 2SY, TEL: 0121 464 1810, FAX: 0121 464 0052, Head Teacher: Claire Quinlan. 16.25 hours per week (8.30 a.m. & 11.45 a.m.), term time only. Temporary post to cover maternity leave until September 2008. We are looking to appoint a keen team player with good oral and written communication skills in English. Bilingual speaking is desirable but not essential. The role will involve close liaison with teaching staff in the planning and implementation of an innovative curriculum. If you require an application form and pack please send a large SAE (48p) to Debbie Pollard, at the school or alternatively email: d.pollard@washwdhn.bham.sch.uk Application form and details of the post are also available from our website: www.washwdhn.bham.sch.uk Closing date: 20 February 2008. 4.00 p.m.

Level 2/3 Teaching Assistant

**Actual Salary Level 2: £11,113 - £12,675 Level 3: £12,924 - £16,736**  
GEORGE DIXON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE, CITY ROAD, EDGBASTON, B17 8LF, TEL: 0121 675 4488. 32.5 hours per week, term time only. We are seeking to appoint Classroom Assistants to work alongside Teachers in mainstream classrooms. You will support students across KS3, KS4 and KS5. You should be flexible and demonstrate an ability to work on your own initiative and as part of a team. For further details and application form contact: Mrs J Griffith-Edwards, Administration Officer or email: enquiries@georgedixon.bham.sch.uk. Closing date: 20 February 2008

Lunchtime Supervisor

**£6.08 per hour**  
**Retainer paid during holidays. You will lead a team responsible for supervising pupils during the lunchtime break. You will receive a free school meal each day.**

GOSSEY LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL, GOSSEY LANE, B33 0DS, TEL: 0121 464 2909, FAX: 0121 464 4801, EMAIL: enquiry@gosseylane.bham.sch.uk We currently have vacancies for 3 Lunchtime Supervisors to work for 1 hour and 5 minutes per day. If you think that you have the skills needed to support our pupils in the dinner hall and playground, please contact Mrs Jeffs in the School Office for an application pack. Closing Date: 22 February 2008 at 4.00 p.m.  
NANSEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, NASEBY ROAD, SALTLEY, B8 3HG TEL: 0121 464 5760. For 5.25 or 6.5 hours per week. We currently have vacancies for both temporary and permanent Lunchtime Supervisors to join our team of friendly experienced staff who are responsible for supervising children during the lunch time break. Previous applicants will be considered. For further details and an application form please send a stamped self addressed envelope to the school. Closing date: 18 February 2008.

ST THOMAS CHILDREN'S CENTRE NURSERY, BELL BARN ROAD, LEE BANK, B15 2AF, TEL: 0121 464 0003. FAX: 0121 464 0035. We are a happy and successful Nursery School (situated near the City Centre and within a Children's Centre) and currently have vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors to join our team of friendly staff. You will be part of a team of 5 Lunchtime Supervisors assisting and playing with the children during the lunchtime break. Hours of work will be 12.00-1.30pm daily except for Fridays (12.00-1.00pm); the 7 hours weekly will be for term time only. Please contact Barbara Tumelty, Administrative Assistant on 0121 464 0003 for further details and an application form, or send an A4 SAE to the Nursery. Closing date: 29 February 2008.

HALL GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL, STRATFORD ROAD, HALL GREEN, B28 9AJ, TEL: 0121 464 3840. For 8 hours per week. For further details and application form contact the school.

JAMES WATT PRIMARY SCHOOL, BOULTON ROAD, HANDSWORTH, B21 0RE, TEL: 0121 464 4736. We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor to join our team of friendly and experienced staff. You will be required to be flexible as the working hours vary within the different Phases. In the first instance the hours of work will be 11.15 & 12.45 Monday to Friday, term time only. Please contact Muriel Weaver for an application form or send an A4 SAE to the School.

MONTGOMERY PRIMARY SCHOOL, WHITE ROAD, SPARKBROOK, B11 1EH TEL: 0121 464 9115. 5 hours per week. This is a high-achieving multi-ethnic school with a good ethos. We wish to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor with good communication skills to join our talented team of dedicated staff. The position is working with children during lunchtime/playground duties. For further details and an application form, please send a large stamped envelope to school.

MOOR HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL, ROWALLAN ROAD, SUTTON COLDFIELD, B75 6RE, TEL: 0121 675 3966, Email: enquiry@moorhall.bham.sch.uk Required as soon as possible, 6.5 hours per week, term time only. We wish to appoint two Lunchtime Supervisors to join our experienced team, responsible for supervising children aged 4 & 11 during their lunch break. Working hours to be two weeks with Infants (1 hour 33 minutes, 11.57am & 1.30pm) and two weeks with Juniors (1 hour 3 minutes, 11.57am & 1.03pm) on regular rotation. For further details please telephone or email the school. Further information about our school is available on our website: www.moorhall.bham.sch.uk Closing date: 27 February 2008.

Data Manager

**£26,067 - £27,594**  
NINESTILES SCHOOL A TECHNOLOGY COLLEGE, HARTFIELD CRESCENT, ACOCKS GREEN, B27 7QG TEL: 0121 628 1311 FAX: 0121 778 4234. You will be responsible for: maintaining student specific data; the school's use of strategic and operational data and its systems required for analysis. You will also set up, maintain and review highly complex data. Precision and accuracy are essential qualities, as is the ability to make decisions. You will have proven ICT skills, excellent communication and organisational skills and the ability to work as an individual or as part of a team. Application forms and further details available from Ninestiles School or email: ninestiles@ninestiles.bham.sch.uk or from our website: www.ninestiles.bham.sch.uk

Highfield Children's Centre Posts

HIGHFIELD CHILDREN'S CENTRE, HIGHFIELD ROAD, SALTLEY, B8 3QU  
**Family Support Co-ordinator**  
**£26,067**

Fixed term to 31 March 2011. We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic Co-ordinator for our Family Support Team as they deliver services to the children and families in our Children's Centre and the wider community. You should be qualified to at least Level 3 in Childcare and previous experience in a similar role is essential. For further details and an application form, please telephone the Centre on 0121 675 4617.

Family Support Worker

**£20,099**  
Fixed term to 31 March 2011. We need a suitably qualified Nursery Officer to join our Family Support Team at Highfield Children's Centre. Your work will involve parents and children in the community and in the Children's Centre. Previous experience in a similar role is essential. For further details and an application form, please telephone the Centre on 0121 675 4617.

Bilingual Teaching Assistant Level 3

**£17,781 pro rata**  
We are looking for a suitably qualified Bilingual Teaching Assistant to join our ioustandingi Nursery School (Ofsted December 2007). Knowledge of a community language is essential together with a good understanding of independent learning approaches. This is a permanent position, part-time in the first instance with the possibility of full-time in the future. Please telephone the Centre on 0121 675 4617 for further details and an application form.

Behaviour Support Manager (Child Protection)

**£26,067 - £27,594**  
MOSELEY SCHOOL, A LANGUAGE COLLEGE, COLLEGE ROAD, MOSELEY, B13 9LR, TEL: 0121 678 6400, FAX: 0121 678 1299. EMAIL: enquiry@moseley.bham.sch.uk. Term time only or part time hours may be negotiable. Full time 36.5 hours per week. We are seeking to appoint a third Behaviour Support Manager to support our team of six Student Learning Leaders working with pupils to overcome behaviour which has a negative impact on performance. You will support individuals and monitor the behaviour of individuals and groups. You will work with colleagues to develop and implement systems to monitor and improve behaviour/attendance and punctuality. You will be organised, innovative and have a genuine interest in helping young people. For further details and application form please contact the school.

Learning Mentor

**£23,749 - £29,728**  
ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUDLEY ROAD, LADYWOOD, B18 7QW. TEL: 0121 454 0767. You will provide a complementary service to the pupils and the school, addressing the needs of children who need help to overcome potential barriers to learning both inside and outside the school. You must possess highly effective communications skills and a proven track record of working with pupils in the primary age group. You will also be expected to continue the initiatives introduced into the school, i.e. circle time, peer mediation, pupil transition. Informal visits welcome by prior appointment. For further details please send a large self-addressed envelope to the above address.

School Office and Finance Administrator

**£21,412- £22,845 pro rata**  
BANNERS GATE INFANT AND NURSERY SCHOOL, COPPICE VIEW ROAD, SUTTON COLDFIELD, B73 6UE, TEL: 0121 464 7355. Term time only (8.15am-4.30pm.) We need a School Office and Finance Administrator with excellent interpersonal and communication skills to join our team. You will have full responsibility for the administration of the school office and will support the Head in financial and budgetary areas of the school. More specific roles are laid out in the job description. School office experience and knowledge of CMIS is essential. Experience in school finance would be advantageous although training will be available. For further details, visits and applications please telephone the school office on 0121 464 7355. Please send a SAE if applying by post. Closing date: 20 February 2008, 4.00 p.m.

Lead ICT Technician

**£21,412 - £25,320**  
GEORGE DIXON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE, CITY ROAD, EDGBASTON, B17 8LF, TEL: 0121 675 4488. Full time. George Dixon International School has a very large network of computers situated in two separate buildings connected with fibre optic cables. You must have the ability to diagnose and repair network, hardware and software faults, maintain all current ICT equipment and have a sound knowledge of software, hardware, PC/Laptops, cabling, wired and wireless networks particularly Microsoft Server 2003. You should be reliable and have excellent communication skills and using your own initiative, be able to provide ICT support in classrooms. For further information please contact Mrs J Griffith-Edwards or email: enquiries@georgedixon.bham.sch.uk

School Nurse

**£21,412 - £22,845 pro rata**  
**Actual salary £9,274 - £9,895**  
SALTLEY SCHOOL AND SPECIALIST SCIENCE COLLEGE, BELCHERS LANE, B9 5RX, TEL: 0121 464 1801, FAX: 0121 464 6389 Head Teacher: Mrs Anne Cole. 18 hours per week, 3 days per week, term time only (9.00am & 3.30pm): Enthusiastic and efficient School Nurse required for this popular and successful school. You will: promote, develop and deliver Health Education programmes for children; plan, organise and carry out immunisation programmes; develop and provide programme of support including specialist advice for individual children; offer advice and support in the development of health related policies. Further details and an application form please contact the school. Closing date: 22 February 2008, 4.00 p.m.

Building Services Supervisor & Residential/Non Residential

**£18,430 - £20,736**  
ALSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALSTON ROAD, B9 5UN, TEL: 0121 464 1569, FAX: 0121 464 5205. The Governors wish to appoint a full time (36.5 hours) Building Services Supervisor whose duties will include overall security and safety of the site, routine maintenance and supervision of cleaning standards throughout the school. We are seeking a hard working; self-motivated person with a flexible and positive approach, who will contribute to a safe and healthy school environment and the ethos of the school. Informal visits to the school are welcome. We can only accept applications submitted on the Authority's forms and previous applicants may apply. For further details or to arrange an informal visit to the school please telephone 0121 464 5204. Closing date: 20 February 2008, 4.00 p.m.

Sports Hall Administrator

**£17,781 - £18,907 pro rata,**  
TURVES GREEN BOYS TECHNOLOGY AND HUMANITIES COLLEGE, TURVES GREEN, NORTHFIELD, B31 4BS, TEL: 0121 675 5283, FAX: 0121 675 3047, EMAIL: enquiry@tgbs.net Temporary 1Year Contract. 2-3 Part-Time Posts, for evenings and weekends. Working hours are 6pm to 10pm Monday to Friday, and 9am to 4pm Saturday and Sunday to be shared amongst the part-time posts. There will be an opportunity to increase hours through the school holidays as lettings increase. The post will involve reception duties, data input and analysis, assistance in setting up, checking and sorting equipment for users, security of the building, opening the building when shift commences and securing the premises at the end of the shift. Visits to view the Sports Hall can be arranged. For a detailed job description and an application form, please email or telephone the school. Closing date: 20 February 2008.

ICT Technician,

**£17,781,**  
TURVES GREEN BOYS TECHNOLOGY AND HUMANITIES COLLEGE, TURVES GREEN, NORTHFIELD, B31 4BS, TEL: 0121 675 5283, FAX: 0121 675 3047, EMAIL: enquiry@tgbs.net Full Time: Having specialist Technology status has enabled us to provide high quality teaching and learning that feature ICT heavily. The role demands supporting staff and pupils to provide a high quality learning experience. You must have the ability to diagnose and repair hardware and software faults; maintain all current ICT equipment; have a working knowledge of wired and wireless networks and be able to work as part of a team. For a detailed job description and an application form, please email or telephone the school. Closing date: 20 February 2008.

Science Laboratory Technician

**£16,536 - £18,430**  
BISHOP CHALLONER CATHOLIC SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE, INSTITUTE ROAD, KINGS HEATH, B14 7EG, TEL: 0121 444 4161. For 36.5 hours per week. Required as soon as possible on a full time basis (not term time only) for a busy Science Department in this very successful, oversubscribed 11 to 18 Secondary School, which has been awarded Science Specialist Status. Experience in all three Sciences up to 'A' Level Standard in a school environment is required. You will make up a team of three, including the Head Technician, to whom you will be responsible. For further details and an application form please contact the School.

Family Support Worker (Qualified)

**£16,536**  
WASHWOOD HEATH NURSERY SCHOOL A BIRMINGHAM CHILDRENS CENTRE, 201 SLADEFIELD ROAD, WARD END, B8 2SY, TEL: 0121 464 1810, FAX: 0121 464 0052, Head Teacher: Claire Quinlan. Full Time, All Year Round - 37 hours per week (8.30 a.m. & 4.30 p.m.). Required for April 2008 (earlier if possible). A vacancy has arisen within the Children's Centre for a Family Support Worker to work in our diverse community in a culturally sensitive manner. You will be required to engage, enable and support parents to be and families. Ideally you will have sound knowledge of the Every Child Matters agenda. If you require an application form and pack please send a large SAE (48p) to Debbie Pollard, at the school or alternatively email: d.pollard@washwdhn.bham.sch.uk Application form and details of the post are also available from our website: www.washwdhn.bham.sch.uk Closing date: 20 February 2008, 4pm.

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**For an application pack or to apply online, unless specified in an individual advert please visit our website on [www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs). If you do not have internet access, please telephone 0121 464 1111 (8am - 8pm Monday to Friday) Or text bccjobs to 07786200403 with your name, address and job reference number. Application packs will not be distributed after 12.00 noon by Contact Birmingham on the day before the closing date.**

**Closing date, unless otherwise stated, Friday 22 February 2008**



## Children, Young People and Families

### I.C.T. Support Technician, £16,536

SHELDON HEATH COMMUNITY ARTS COLLEGE, SHELDON HEATH ROAD, B26 2RZ, TEL: 0121 464 4428, EMAIL: vacancies@sheldonheath.bham.sch.uk Full Time 36.5 hours per week, an enthusiastic colleague is required to provide ICT support across the school. You will have some knowledge of ICT maintenance and repair & in addition, experience in one or more of the following areas would be desirable: network maintenance generally and RM CC3 particularly; lap-top repair; media applications; peripheral devices; Web design; CMIS and e-Portal. Flexibility and the ability to learn quickly and work in a dynamic and fast changing environment are as important as experience. Please contact the school for an application pack. Closing date: 29 February 2008.

### Cover Supervisor

**£15,842 - £16,217 pro rata**

HALL GREEN SCHOOL, SOUTHAM ROAD, HALL GREEN, B28 0AA, TEL: 0121 628 8787, WEB: www.hallgreen.bham.sch.uk. The role is term time only. This role will involve covering short-term staff absence (normally 3 days) and is likely to include: supervising work that has been set in accordance with school policies; managing the behaviour of pupils whilst they undertake this work, ensuring a constructive classroom environment; responding to questions and requests for help from pupils; collecting completed work and returning it to the appropriate member of staff; reporting back on progress to Departmental and Pastoral Teams as necessary. In periods when cover may not be required the Cover Supervisor will need to be flexible enough to respond to the other tasks: examination invigilation; admin; general supports etc. For further details and an application form please contact the School. Closing date: 20 February 2008.

### Receptionist

**£15 842 - £17154 pro rata**

FRANKLEY COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL NEW STREET FRANKLEY, B45 0EU, TEL: 0121 464 9901. Required from March/April 2008, for 32.5 hours per week, term time only. We are seeking to appoint a person with excellent communication skills to be part of our Reception Team. Duties include reception, answering the telephone, input of records on the school's Management System and other general administrative duties. You must be: able to work well in a team; adaptable; able to work under pressure. Experience of CMIS would be an advantage. For further details and application form please write to the above address, telephone or email: FCHS@frankley.bham.sch.uk

### Receptionist / Administrative Assistant, £14,787-£15,825

MOSELEY SCHOOL, A LANGUAGE COLLEGE, COLLEGE ROAD, MOSELEY, B13 9LR, TEL: 0121 678 6400, FAX: 0121 678 1299, EMAIL: enquiry@moseley.bham.sch.uk. 36.5 hours each week. You will have excellent communication skills and a wide range of administrative experience, to work as a member of the team which staff the busy reception desks at this split site school. You must be able to work calmly under pressure and be able to deal consistently and effectively with a wide range of contact groups. You will have good ICT skills and be familiar with standard Office applications. Experience of working with young people would be an advantage. Interviews will be held week commencing 3 March 2008. For further details and an application form please contact the school.

### Family Support Assistant

**£14,218 - £16,217**

BORDESLEY GREEN EAST CHILDREN'S CENTRE, 358 BORDESLEY GREEN EAST, STECHFORD, B33 8QB, TEL: 0121 783 2138. Full time post; Fixed Term for one year commencing 1April 2008 & 31 March 2009, in our developing Children's Centre to support and meet the needs of the children and families within our reach area. We are seeking to appoint a Family Support Assistant to take an integral role as part of our Family Support Team. Further details and application forms are available from Response Handling Unit on 0121 464 6488 (24 hour answerphone.) Closing date: 15 February 2008. Ref: ES828TV

### Senior Nursery Nurses (2 Posts)

**£14,197 - £18,430 pro rata**

BELLFIELD INFANT SCHOOL AND CHILDREN'S CENTRE, VINEYARD ROAD, NORTHFIELD, B31 1PT, TEL: 0121 464 4855. Fixed Term Contract: until 31 March 2009 in the first instance. 37 hours per week. This post is NOT term time only but for 48 weeks of the year. We are seeking to appoint 2 Nursery Nurses to work in our Children's Centre which provides day care and family support to children and families within the community. You will have experience of working with children from birth to 5 and their families in a supportive environment and be able to work as part of a team of dedicated practitioners. You will be expected to: plan and deliver day care for the children; run parent and child groups; offer support to an allocated number of families. For further details and visits please contact Mrs Hadlington on the above number. Previous applicants need not apply. Please send a SAE to school for an application pack (Large Envelope, Stamp & 48p).

### Office Assistant

**£11,598 - £14,218**

KINGS HEATH BOYS' SCHOOL, HOLLYBANK ROAD, KINGS HEATH, B13 0RJ TEL: 0121 464 4454. This post provides an opportunity to work within a busy school office supporting general administration. Computer literacy will be essential for the successful candidate. King's Heath Boys' is a successful multi ethnic boys' school, judged to be 'a good school' by Ofsted June 2007. Further details and application packs are available from the school.

### After School Club Worker

**£11,598 pro rata (Salary £6.92 per hour)**

LITTLE BELLS CHILDREN CENTRE, BELLS FARM CLOSE. DRUIDS HEATH, B14 5YG, TEL: 0121 458 5454. To work 12.5 hrs per week 3.30 & 6.00pm each day and school holidays where applicable. The post will involve leading activities with children aged from 5 & 11 and giving homework support. You will be expected to provide a nutritious snack and quality child care each evening and work as part of our friendly staff team. NVQ 2 or higher is essential. For more details please contact Maggie or Sarah on 0121 458 5454. For an application form send a large SAE to Mrs. L. Morton Business Manager.

### Examination Invigilators

**£8.52 per hour**

SHELDON HEATH COMMUNITY ARTS COLLEGE, SHELDON HEATH ROAD, B26 2RZ, TEL: 0121 464 4428, EMAIL: vacancies@sheldonheath.bham.sch.uk, Head Teacher: Mr J. P. Allen. We are looking to appoint a team of Invigilators to join our Examinations Secretary in the administration and supervision of internal and external examinations. You must: have good communication skills; be accurate and pay attention to detail; have a positive disposition to students; be reliable; be able to work independently but also as part of a team. If this is of interest to you please telephone Eileen Gardner, the Head Teacher's P.A., at the school for an interview. Closing date: 29 February 2008.

### Playcare Worker (After School Club)

**£8.00 per hour**

DEYKIN AVENUE JUNIOR AND INFANT SCHOOL, DEYKIN AVENUE, B6 7BU, TEL: 0121 464 4460. Hours to be negotiated, term time only. Required as soon as possible. A caring and enthusiastic Playcare Worker is required to manage our After School Care Club. Duties include: planning and delivering a programme of play activities for the children, escorting them from classroom to club and serving snacks. A clear understanding of working in a similar setting would be an advantage. You should be qualified to NVQ3 or equivalent and have relevant experience working at that level. For an application form, job description and person specification, please send a large stamped addressed envelope to the school.

### Exam Invigilators

**£7.83 per hour**

BROADWAY SCHOOL, THE BROADWAY, PERRY BARR, B20 3DP, TEL: 0121 464 8834, FAX: 0121 464 1122, EMAIL: enquiry@broadway.bham.sch.uk Website: www.broadway.bham.sch.uk We wish to appoint Exam Invigilators on a casual basis to work variable hours during main exam periods from May 2008. A full training programme will be organised by our Examinations Officer. For application packs, please contact Sarah Hamblin at the school, or email: sarah.hamblin@broadway.bham.sch.uk. Alternatively, applications can be downloaded from our school website: www.broadway.bham.sch.uk. CV's alone will not be accepted.

### Before and After School Club Worker (2 Posts)

**£6.92 per hour**

GREAT BARR PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALDRIDGE ROAD, B44 8NT, TEL: 0121 464 2251. Term Time Only. Require to join our team in our busy club. You should be qualified to NVQ2/3 and would be supervising children aged 4 & 11. There is one vacancy for 8 hours per week: 7.30am & 9.00am and 3.30pm & 6.00pm Tuesdays and Wednesday only; one vacancy for 17 hours per week 7.30am & 9.00am and 3.30pm & 6.00pm on Monday, Thursday and Friday and 3.30pm & 6.00pm on Tuesday and Wednesday. Further details and application form may be obtained from the school.

### Examination Invigilators

**£6.67 per hour**

BORDESLEY GREEN GIRLS' SPECIALIST BUSINESS AND ENTERPRISE SCHOOL, BORDESLEY GREEN ROAD, B9 4TR, TEL 0121 464 1881, FAX 0121 464 3311. We are seeking to recruit a pool of staff to assist with examination supervision throughout busy examination periods. Hours worked would be on a demand basis, initially for the period May-June 2008 with the possibility of invigilating examinations at other times during the year. Duties would include preparing the rooms prior to examinations, distribution of scripts and supervision of students during examinations. Training will be given to the successful applicants. For further details and an application form, please contact the school.

### Nursery Cleaner

**£6.01 per hour**

LITTLE BELLS NEIGHBOURHOOD NURSERY, BELLS FARM CLOSE, DRUIDS HEATH, B14 5YG, TEL: 0121 458 5454. A cleaner is required to work 10 hours per week between the hours of 5.30pm-6.30pm plus 1 hour each morning. Experience of working in a similar environment preferred. For more details please contact Maggie or Sarah on 0121 458 5454. For an application form send a large SAE to Mrs. L. Morton Business Manager.

### Principal Employee Relations Officer

**£23,749 - £29,728**

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, 38-50 ORPHANAGE ROAD, ERDINGTON, B24 9HW. Working within our Employee Relations team, you will provide in depth advice and guidance to Head Teachers and managers on complex employee relations issues affecting individuals and groups of staff. You must have experience in dealing with Trade Unions both on an individual and collective basis and have an excellent knowledge of employment law, preferably including experience of employment tribunals. Knowledge of education legislation would be an advantage. A CIPD qualification, or working towards one is preferred. Informal enquiries to: Brian Brinson on 0121 303 2411. For further details and an application form contact 0121 303 5379 (24 hour answer phone) or email csurecruitment@birmingham.gov.uk or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs Ref: EC4332TV

### Advice Guidance and Support Information Officer

**£17,781 - £22,845**

EARLY YEARS AND CHILDCARE TEAM, CHILDCARE RECRUITMENT TEAM, CHILDCARE INFORMATION BUREAU, CENTRAL LIBRARY CHAMBERLAIN SQUARE. To oversee the central functions and operational systems within the Childcare Recruitment Team and provide in-house advice and guidance support to clients contacting the service. You will also have key responsibility for gathering and maintaining information for clients and producing publications for prospective childcare workers. You will require experience in a childcare or careers or recruitment setting. Experience of working with the public in an advisory role and producing promotional information is also required. Informal enquiries to: Donna Mawdesley on 0121 464 1195. For further details and an application form contact 0121 303 5379 (24 hour answer phone) or email: csurecruitment@birmingham.gov.uk or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs Ref: EC4366TV

### Administrative Assistant

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro-rata**

SPECIALIST SUPPORT SERVICE, VAUXHALL GARDENS, BARRACK STREET, B7 4HA. This post is 18.25 hours per week. An effective, Clerical, Word Processing/ICT Administrative Assistant is required for the Communication and Autism Team. Duties will include: providing comprehensive administration support for the Team, assisting with the preparation of resources and general office duties as required. Informal enquiries to Specialist Support Service on 0121 303 1790. For further details and an application form contact 0121 303 5379 (24 hour answer phone) or email: csurecruitment@birmingham.gov.uk or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs Ref: EC4422TV

### Catering Supervisor

**£17,781 to £22,845**

Hobmoor Primary School, Hobmoor Road, Yardley, B25 8TN  
30 hours per week. Experienced, self-motivated Catering Supervisor required to join our family orientated school. This is a brand new kitchen and at present you will be required to cater for children at lunchtime but there is the potential to introduce new services and increase income. You will have knowledge of large scale catering and current nutritional guidelines, along with the ability to deliver a balanced diet and excellent customer care skills. Duties will include preparing and cooking meals for pupils, planning and controlling all aspects of the service including costing, stocktaking and keeping appropriate records. If you think you have what it takes and you want to be part of this school's family then call The Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021. Informal enquiries to: Ellen Rowe (Catering Manager) on 0121 464 9047 or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs Interviews to be held March 2008. Ref: ED839TV

### Catering Supervisor

**£17,781 to £22,845 pro rata**

You will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the catering arrangements at the school/Day Nursery. Duties will include preparing and cooking meals for pupils; planning and controlling all aspects of the service including costing, stocktaking and keeping appropriate records. Experience of cooking for large numbers is essential, along with some supervisory experience. You will be required to undertake the basic food hygiene examination if you do not already have the certificate, for which full training will be given. A Criminal Records Bureau check will be required.

Mere Green Combined School, Mere Green Rd, Four Oaks, B75 6SG

28.5 hours per week. Informal enquiries to: Sue Baxter on 0121 464 9043. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021 or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs Interviews to be held 5 March 2008. Ref: ED840TV

Banners Gate J&I, Coppice View Rd, Sutton Coldfield, B73 6UE

33.5 hours per week. Informal enquiries to: Sue Baxter on 0121 464 9043. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021 or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs Interviews to be held 4 March 2008. Ref: ED841TV

### Assistant in Charge

**£7.31 per hour**

You will be responsible for overseeing the service of food to the school pupils, which will include hygiene and cleanliness of the dining centre. Some supervisory experience is desirable. You will be required to undertake the basic food hygiene examination if you do not already have the certificate for which full training will be given. A Criminal Records Bureau check will be required.

Mayfield Annex, Villa St, B19 2XS

15 hours per week. Informal enquiries to: David Allan on 0121 464 9049. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021. Interviews to be held on 6 March 2008. Ref: ED842TV

Bournville Infant School, Linden Rd, B30 1JY

10 hours per week. Informal enquiries to: Paula Hyland on 0121 464 9039. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021. Ref: ED843TV

### Cleaner

**£6.09 per hour**

Are you free to work a few hours a day, either early mornings or late afternoons at a school in Birmingham near you. This is a rewarding job you will enjoy. We are looking for hard working and committed cleaners to keep our schools clean, fresh and welcoming. We offer 4 weeks paid holiday and all the training you need. A Criminal Records Bureau check will be required.

Mere Green Combined School, Mere Green Rd, Mere Green, B75 5BL

9.5 hours per week. Informal enquiries to: Cheryl Tyler on 0121 464 9065. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021. Interviews to be held end of February 2008 Ref: ED844TV

Four Oaks Primary School, Edge Hill Rd, Four Oaks, B74 4PA

6.5 hours per week. Informal enquiries to: Cheryl Tyler on 0121 464 9065. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021. Interviews to be held March 2008 Ref: ED845TV

### Mobile Catering Supervisor.

**£17,781 to £22,845**

Based at The Portland Centre, 304 Portland Rd, Edgbaston, B17 8LR. 31 hours per week (Term Time option may be available at pro rata salary). You will provide relief support and supervision to catering teams in schools in order to deliver the daily meals provision. You will have experience of delivering a large scale catering provision and knowledge of current legislation affecting catering. You will be a good organiser and have excellent organisation and communication skills. Informal enquiries to: Caroline Coulthard on 0121 464 9040. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021 or visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/jobs Ref: ED846TV

### Deputy Cook

**£7.31 per hour**

You will be responsible for assisting the Catering Supervisor with the day-to-day management of the catering arrangements at the school and deputising in their absence. Duties will include preparing and cooking meals for pupils; planning and controlling of all aspects of the service including costing, stocktaking and keeping appropriate records. Experience of cooking for large numbers is essential, along with some supervisory experience. You will be required to undertake the basic food hygiene examination if you do not already have the certificate for which full training will be given. A Criminal Records Bureau check will be required.

St Saviours Primary School, Alum Rock Rd, Salfley, B8 1JB

20 hours per week. Informal enquiries to: Sue Baxter on 0121 464 9043. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021. Interviews to be held on 6 March 2008. Ref: ED847TV

Alston J&I School, Alston Road, Bordesley Green, B9 5UN

20 hours per week. Informal enquiries to: Jayne Tippen on 0121 464 5213. Application forms are available from the Recruitment Line on 0121 464 9021. Interviews to be held on 6 March 2008. Ref: ED848TV

A Criminal Records Bureau Check will be undertaken for some Children, Young People and Families posts.

### Social Workers

**£30,598 - £37,543**

Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service, Nechells

Working 36.5 hours per week. An exciting opportunity exists to join a new multi-disciplinary team, providing a service tailored to meet the mental health needs of children with Learning Disabilities and their families. You should be registered with the General Social Care Council (GSCC); have a Diploma in Social Work or equivalent; a PQ Award; and an understanding of children's emotional and mental health needs. Post qualifying experience of working within this service area is essential. We offer regular supervision; on-going professional development; supportive management structure; with a commitment to equal opportunities. For informal enquiries call Kate Hopkins on 0121 464 6592. Ref: EY1154TV

### Social Workers

**£30,598 - £37,543 pro-rata if applicable plus Market Supplement**

Fostering Services, Tamebridge House, Perry Barr

Working either 30 or 36.5 hours per week. We are looking for Social Workers, who are able to listen; assess; make decisions, and evaluate. You will work with our Foster Carers on the basis that they are the adults who will achieve change for children who have complex needs. The children need to feel valued; learn how to trust; grow in confidence; and enjoy success. It is our task to support Foster Carers and to work in partnership with them. You must be registered with the General Social Care Council (GSCC). For informal enquiries call Ivor Bell on 0121 303 9523. Ref: EY1150TV

### Team Assistant

**£13,923 - £17,154**

Small Heath Area Office

Working 36.5 hours per week. You will undertake a full range of administrative duties, providing support to Social Work Teams within Duty and Assessment. You will need excellent communication skills, both written and verbal; the ability to deal with the public; be a team player; and able to work on your own initiative, within a pressurised environment. Ref: EY1151TV

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**Closing date, unless otherwise stated, Friday 22 February 2008**



Children, Young People and Families

Team Assistants

**£13,923 - £17,154**  
Tamebridge House, Perry Barr  
Working 36.5 hours per week within our Children and Families Social Work teams. You will provide comprehensive administrative support to the teams, and will need to demonstrate that you have the necessary skills and abilities to be able to work across a range of responsibilities. These will include dealing directly with clients, ensuring the input and retrieval of information from computerised systems, and assisting with collation of management information and data quality. Good communication skills, both written and verbal are essential. Ref: EY1153TV

Development

Highways

Technical Officer

**£17,781 - £22,845**  
You will provide administrative support and assist in the delivery of a service to a range of clients of Highways Information. You have experience in general administrative duties and the collection, recording and maintenance of information in a database. The ability to deal courteously with enquiries to strict deadlines, as well as good communication skills including writing letters and responding to queries over the telephone, is required. You will also possess good IT skills as well as the ability to read maps and plans. Informal enquiries to Anne Shaw /Janet Evans on 0121 303 7493/7687. Ref: T0387TV

Library and Archive Services

Project Manager - Community Connection

**£30,598 - £37,543**  
3 years Fixed Term Contract. The Library Service has been awarded £1.4m through the Big Lottery Fund for exciting community spaces in 5 libraries. This innovative development will play a key part in the transformation of library service delivery, and the linking of community engagement activities across the service. You will meet the terms and conditions of the grant, and report on the project at prescribed milestones. You will have a broad range of skills to lead the work to enable people with low skills and confidence to influence and benefit from this community librarian-ship development. Informal enquiries to Geoff Mills on 0121 303 2985. Ref: JL1093TV

Leisure, Sport and Culture

Detached Play Development Officer

**£23,749 - £29,728**  
Temporary 3 years Fixed Term Contract. You will need to have strategic vision and skills to support the development and management of the project portfolio building, its profile and resources. You will have commitment and drive to deliver the project effectively. You will have a proven track record of working with children in a child-centred way, commitment to implementing equal opportunities and endorsing anti discriminatory practice. Informal enquiries to Elaine Coulson on 0121 303 3014. Ref: J01244TV

Film Birmingham Manager

**£23,749 & £29,728**  
This exciting new role will see you use your strong project management skills to take key strategic development steps to support Film Birmingham in promoting the city as a location for film. Calling on a proven background in film or broadcast media, you will use your expertise to develop Birmingham's film and television industry. Your versatility as a communicator and negotiator will stand you in good stead from handling requests to film in Birmingham, to working with key regional and national stakeholders on strategies and pitches to promote the city to the industry. Informal enquiries to Val Birchall on 0121 303 2919. Ref: JL1091TV

Housing

Administration Officer

**£13,923 - £17,154**  
City Centre. You will be required to work within a busy, interesting and challenging environment, undertaking a full range of clerical duties to include: filing, archiving, faxing, invoicing and maintaining accurate records. You will be competent in the use of a variety of software packages, including Word and Excel. You should have a flexible approach, effective written and verbal communication skills, as well as the ability to prioritise and meet conflicting deadlines to guarantee the smooth running of the homeless service. Informal enquiries to: Waheed Rasab, Team Leader on 0121 303 6635. Shortlisting date: 28 February 2008. Work based assessment date: 6 March 2008. Interview date: 13 March 2008. Ref: H371TV

Housing Trainee (5 Placements)

**£17,154**  
Various Neighbourhood Offices  
2 year fixed term traineeship contract. Do you want to have a hand in changing communities and in doing so, help change people's lives for the better? If so, a career in housing could be for you. This is an excellent opportunity to undertake a traineeship in social housing provision. You will gain working experience of the housing service, including: rent collection; management of empty properties; estate management, and tackling antisocial behaviour. You will need to be able to provide effective customer service and manage your own time and priorities. You must be committed to completing a professional housing qualification (minimum entry requirements BTEC National or equivalent). Informal enquiries to Zarina Hunt: on 0121 303 3799.  
Information days will be held on: Tuesday 12 February 2008 at the Sparkbrook Family Centre, 31 Farm Road B11 1LT between 9.30am & 1.30pm and Tuesday 19 February 2008 at The Drum, 144 Potters Lane, Aston B6 4UU between 1.00pm and 4.pm, where you can have assistance in filling out an application form and find out more information about the placements. Ref: H0231 TV

Legal and Democratic Services

Legal Services Office

**Solicitor /Barrister / Legal Executive**  
**£30,598 - £37,543**  
Project work in Legal Services requires high calibre Lawyers with the commercial acumen to engage in dialogue with bidders/providers and to analyse and develop solutions in a range of transactions. Due to internal staff changes we are able to offer 2 project posts. Both posts will focus on BSF work and PPP/PFI projects. Integral to this work is the provision of a wide range of advice on EU procurement and TUPE with the opportunity to become involved in other areas of work. Informal enquiries to Rob Barker on 0121 303 3870. Ref: G2407TV

Local Services

A Criminal Records Bureau check will be undertaken for some Local Services Posts.

Ladywood

Part-Time Female Fitness Instructor

**£13,923 - £17,154 pro-rata**  
Nechells Community Sports Centre. 8 hours per week. Assisting the team in the fitness area with the daily operation of the gym for mixed and ladies only sessions, you will promote a centre, which is Inclusive Fitness Initiative accredited, catering for individuals with disabilities and will also promote other Fitness related projects such as 'Exercise On Prescription'. Experience in gym instructing and knowledge of safe exercising is required. Section 7(2)(e) of the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 applies. Informal enquiries to Mark Brown on 0121 464 4373. Ref: J01246TV

Sutton Coldfield

Clerical Assistant

**£11,598 - £13,357 pro-rata**  
Mere Green Centre/Library, Four Oaks. 7.5 hours per week. You will need to demonstrate good customer service skills in order to deal with enquiries at a very busy community centre. You will also need effective communication and computer skills. The ability to work on your own initiative and as part of a team is crucial for the smooth running of the centre. Although the post is predominately Fridays some holiday cover will be required on other days. Informal enquiries to: Theresa Tammam or Julie Wilson on 0121 464 6910. Ref: J11023TV

Caretaker /Cleaner

**£11,598 - £13,357 pro-rata**  
Mere Green Centre/Library, Four Oaks. 7.5 hours per week, times to be negotiated. You will be responsible mainly for cleaning the Library. Other duties include answering general enquiries and escorting people to the outdoor facilities. You will have experience of building security as well as dealing with members of the public. You must be able to use your own initiative and should be flexible with your working hours. There will be opportunities for overtime work, which may be at other sites across Sutton Constituency. Informal enquiries to: Theresa Tammam on 0121 464 6910. Ref: J11024TV

Parks, Sports & Events

Casual Sports Coaches

**Minimum of £8.35 per hour**  
Rates of pay will be based on the sport, level of qualification, level of performance of group and experience  
Various locations. Coaches are required for the sports of Basketball, Boxing, Gymnastics, Hockey, Netball and Swimming (Level 2 or above) and Tennis. Are you a qualified Coach or Instructor and wish to make a real difference to the lives of people across the City? You will be on a Sports Coach Supply Pool Register arrangement and will coach children and occasionally adults in a variety of venues, including schools and leisure centres throughout Birmingham. Working casual hours, we will call on your coaching experience to undertake particular projects, including holiday schemes and after school clubs. You should have a current National Governing Body of Sport qualification (Level 1 or above unless specified) and have effective verbal communication skills. You should be able to plan coaching sessions autonomously or as part of a team. You will be committed to equal opportunities and have experience of working in diverse cultural communities. Ref: J11021TV

Resources

Human Resources

World-class sports championships. High profile concerts. Festivals and outdoor events that rival the very best in Europe. Offering safety advice for events like these is a big responsibility. In fact, some people would find this intimidating. However, if you're the type of person we're after, you'll find it exciting.

Safety Services Manager

**£30,598 - £37,543**  
We need an experienced Manager who is a confident communicator. You will be no stranger to advising Senior Managers and can lead a team of experts who offer advice for some 40 major events a year as well as 370 parks and open spaces and 17 leisure centres. Ref: J01239TV

Safety Advisers (2 Posts)

**£23,749 - £29,728**  
Utilising your skills, knowledge and experience across one of the City's Directorates, you are already working as a Health and Safety Adviser, and you are ready to be pushed right out of your comfort zone here at Europe's largest Council. Ref: R064TV

Safety Trainer -

**£17,781 - £22,845**  
Experience of developing and delivering Health and Safety training, along with strong communication skills are vital for this key role within health and safety teams across the Council. Ref: J01241TV  
Informal enquiries to Greg Ward on 0121 303 3279.

Revenues and Payments

Clerical Assistant -

**Council Tax Support Team**  
**£13,923 - £17,154**  
Working within a small team responsible for the collection of Council Tax, duties include liaison with the Valuation Office, updating computer and manual records, dealing directly with organisations and landlords housing Asylum Seekers and assisting in interviewing customers at the Customer Services Office. You will deal with customers by telephone, letter and face to face carrying out clerical duties to support the functioning of the Support Team. Experience of working with computers and spreadsheet packages is essential. Informal enquiries to: John Tustin on 0121 303 5719. Ref: F1376TV

Council-Linked

Female Personal Assistant

**£7.50 - £8.00 per hour**  
10 hours per week. Monday - Sunday 10am - 11am, plus 3 extra hours floating per week. Weekdays £7.50 per hour and Weekend £8.00 per hour. Job share considered. Female Personal Assistant required for Indian Punjabi speaking lady with a visual impairment living in the Handsworth area. Duties include personal care, light housework and shopping. Sex Discrimination Act 1975 Section 7 (2) (b) applies. Closing Date: 15 February 2008  
For an application form ring Penderels Trust on 0121 683 0004 quoting ref: GS / LAMA.

Female Personal Care Assistant

**£7.50 per hour**  
Monday to Sunday 7am - 8:15am and 9:30pm - 10pm, job share applies. Female Personal Care Assistant required by a lady with physical disabilities living in the Great Barr Area (Beaches Estate). Tasks include: all aspects of personal care, hoisting and light domestic duties. Sex Discrimination Act 1975 Section 7 (2) (b) applies. Closing Date: 1 March 2008  
For an application form ring Penderels Trust on 0121 683 0004 quoting ref: EF / LCL.

Personal Care Assistant

**£7.50 per hour**  
Friday 8:30am - 6pm, plus flexibility to cover sickness and holidays

£7.50 per hour. Personal Care Assistant required for young disabled lady living in the Harborne area. Duties include personal care, washing, dressing, domestic tasks and shopping. Car driver preferable and familiarity with using a ceiling hoist and manual handling an advantage but training can be given if required. Criminal Records Bureau check may be required.

For an application form ring Penderels Trust on 0121 683 0004 quoting ref: AW / KAA.

Nursery Manager

**£18,000 - £20,000 (dependent on experience and qualifications)**

Whizzkids Community Nursery. Full time, 39 hours per week (salaried). Exciting opportunity for an experience Nursery Manager to develop an established community nursery. We have 52 childcare places aged 0-5 years. We need someone who can take the nursery forward, as we are developing into a children's centre providing a full range of nursery, holiday club and after school services. You need NVQ level 3 or equivalent together with experience of managing a successful nursery. You will be responsible for managing and organising the nursery and staff in a child care environment.

If you require an application pack please contact Mrs D King on 07917 468653 or by Email: debkayking@yahoo.co.uk or write to: - Whizzkids Community Nursery, FAO The Board, 135 Speedwell Road, Birmingham B25 8AU.

Lead Women's Worker - Female

**£22,464**  
Established over a Quarter of a Century, we now have an exciting Women's Development Programme and are seeking a motivated, experienced individual. Working with Asian Women, you will be Responsible for Leading and Delivering all aspects of the Programme and Managing a small team. Must have relevant experience, fluent in a community language with a sound understanding of the issues faced by local women and above all have a passion for the Community. Section 7(2) (e) Sex Discrimination Act 1975 applies. Post is funded for 5 years by Big Lottery Fund.

For an application pack E-mail: meanaz@saathihouse.org. or send a C5 size (medium) stamped SAE to: Saathi House, 49 Bevington Road, Aston, B6 6HR.

Family Support Worker

**£21,500-£24,000**  
Malachi Trust provides practical/emotional support to vulnerable families in Birmingham. You will need to have experience working with children and families in need, and able to communicate/engage effectively with them. You must hold a Diploma in Counselling and be confident working towards outcomes in line with Every Child Matters. We are looking for people who enjoy challenges and can fit into an enthusiastic team, committed to the service they provide.

For an application form please telephone 0121 464 6426 and leave your name and address. Applications must be returned by 25 February 2008.

School Caretaker

**£7.00 per hour**  
Working 7am - 8am and 3:30pm and 5:30pm. The Centre for Values, Education for Life is looking to appoint a part-time, term time only Caretaker. Duties will include locking and unlocking premises, supervising the cleaner and other associated duties. Repair and maintenance skill would be an advantage.

For an application form please contact: Values Education for Life, College House, 51-54 Hockley Hill, Hockley, B18 5AQ. Tel: 0121 523 0222.

Home-Visiting Volunteer

**All expenses paid**  
ARE YOU A PARENT OR GRANDPARENT? Do you remember what it was like when your children were little? Sleepless nights, teething, the tantrums of the terrible two's & no one around to listen. Home-Start Bartley Green and Quinton is looking for dedicated and committed volunteers (all expenses paid) to visit young families for a couple of hours each week. Volunteers in return receive full training, on-going support and a rewarding experience. We are an equal opportunities organisation. Enhanced Criminal Record Disclosure required.

If you would like to know more, please telephone Wendy Bourne on 0121 675 4441 for an informal chat.

Qualified Pre-School Assistant

**£5.67 per hour**  
9.75 core hours per week. Working Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am - 12.15pm term time only. You need NVQ3 Early years or equivalent and experience in Pre-School setting.

Closing Date: 18 February 2008

Please send CV with covering letter to Mrs J Marsh, Mere Green Centre, 30A Mere Green Road, Sutton Coldfield B75 5BT.

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**Council House  
Birmingham B1 1BB**

**Number of signatures required on a petition  
for a referendum on whether the City should  
have an Elected Mayor**

The City Council is required, by the Local Government Act 2000, to publish the minimum number of signatures which would be needed to support a valid petition requiring the Council to hold a referendum on whether or not the City should have an Elected Mayor.

The minimum number of signatures (equivalent to 5% of the City's local government electorate) is **36,310**.

The above number will apply to any petition submitted to the City Council before 1 April 2009. However, a new number will be published in February 2009 and if the new number is less than 36,310, then the new number will apply from the date it is published.

Stephen Hughes  
Chief Executive

15 February 2008



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# Half-term holiday fun

**WHETHER you'd like to get out in the fresh air or get crafty indoors, Birmingham City Council has plenty of activities on offer during the half-term holidays, from 9–17 February.**

Most of us know 14 February as St Valentine's Day, but it is a special day for bird lovers too. Organised by the British Trust for Ornithology, National Nest Box Week is launched each year on Valentine's Day and it aims to encourage people to put up nest boxes as natural nest sites disappear.

## Make a bird box

To get everybody started, Birmingham park rangers are holding bird box-making workshops across the city. The workshops themselves are free, although some are making a small charge for materials and booking is essential (see contact details below).

As well as occupying the children over half term, you'll be helping to support wildlife. Parks taking part are: Aston Park, Edgbaston Reservoir, Lickey Hills Country Park, Plantsbrook Local Nature Reserve and Woodgate Valley Country Park.

## Arts and crafts

There are lots of free drop-in activities for families at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery too. From arts and crafts sessions to help you celebrate the Year of the Rat, to the chance to meet a 'real' medieval soldier, there are plenty of ways to keep children entertained over the break.

The holiday kicks off with Chinese New Year weekend on 9 and 10 February (see page 1).

Find out more about Chinese New Year and how it is celebrated with family art and craft activities from 1–4pm at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

During the week you can create a masterpiece at family art workshops in the Waterhall seminar room on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, or make a Valentine card in the Activity Zone on Tuesday or Thursday. All sessions run from 11am–4pm.

There is also the chance to meet a medieval barber surgeon on Tuesday 12 February and a medieval soldier on Thursday 14 February. Both of these fascinating workshops take place in the History Galleries from 2–4pm.



## Stories and music

Highlight of the week at the Centre for the Child, Birmingham Central Library is a Tudor music and dance workshop with Diabolus in Musica.

The family event takes place on Tuesday 12 Feb from 2–4pm and booking is essential (see below).

There are also lots of drop-in sessions. On Monday afternoon (11 Feb) there are stories, activities

and music for five- to seven-year-olds and on Wednesday (13 Feb) afternoon it is the over-sevens' turn. Both sessions are 2–3.15pm. On Friday (15 Feb) there are stories and music for under-fives from 11–11.45am and there's family storytime with music from 2–2.45pm.

There will also be a meeting of the Teenage Reading Group in the Centre for the Child on 14 February, 6–7.30pm.

## And something for the grown-ups too!

NOT to be outdone, there's something for all adults without a special Valentine this year.

The 'Love in Art' Singles Night on 15 February gives you the opportunity to mix with like-minded people while you enjoy the romance of the Museum and Art Gallery.

Follow the Valentine's trail, listen to live music and buy a drink from the bar but make sure you 'dress to impress'!

And, if you should get that 'lurving' feeling and meet someone special at the event, you could win a civil ceremony at Soho House! Just prove 'Love in Art' is where you first met and you could end up saving a fortune by tying the knot at the former

home of Matthew Boulton.

## Stuck for a present?

If you've already got someone special but need a hand finding a present, why not go to the Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery shop's discount day on 9 February? It has a great range of gifts and cards and is offering discounts of ten per cent off all items, excluding sale goods, books and jewellery, and 20 per cent off all greetings cards the Saturday before St Valentine's Day.

## Love in Art competition

» See below for exhibition and Singles Night details  
☎ 0121 303 1966 for terms and conditions

## Useful contacts

### Parks

☎ 0121 472 7775

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/parks

### Workshops and exhibitions at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

☎ 0121 303 2834

☑ www.bmag.org.uk

### Sessions at the Centre for the Child

☎ 0121 303 2421

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/libraries

## What's on from Birmingham City Council

### Museums

#### Art of Birmingham

This exhibition celebrates the 'Birmingham School' that broke with tradition by training artists in a variety of crafts.

☑ Until 24 February

☑ Waterhall Gallery, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

☎ Free

☎ 0121 464 8887

☑ www.bmag.org.uk

#### Aspects of China

The museum's first permanent and rotating display of Chinese art. The exhibition features over 50 pieces of historic Chinese ceramics from the Han, Sui, Tang, Song, Yuan, Ming and Qing dynasties and looks at the history of Chinese ceramics and Chinese culture.

☑ Opens 8 February

☑ Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

☎ Free

☎ 0121 303 2834

☑ www.bmag.org.uk

#### Early British Watercolours 1640–1800

This exhibition focuses on the golden period of watercolours and features works by some well-known artists, including Gainsborough and Turner.

☑ 16 February–27 April

☑ Gallery 16, Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

☎ Free

☎ 0121 303 2834

☑ www.bmag.org.uk

#### Valentine's Trail

Follow the Valentine's trail around the museum and trace the romantic art of the Pre-Raphaelites. Works include the Pygmalion series by Burne-Jones, The Long Engagement by Hughes and Beata Beatrix by Rossetti. Pick up a leaflet from the information desk.

☑ Until 2 March

☑ Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery

☎ Free

☎ 0121 303 2834

☑ www.bmag.org.uk

#### 'Love in Art' Singles Night

A chance to mingle with lots of like-minded people while you enjoy the elegant surroundings of Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery. Follow the Valentine's trail (see above) listen to live music and buy a drink from the bar. Make sure you 'dress to impress'!

☑ 6.30–9.30pm, 15 February

☑ Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery – Chamberlain Square entrance

☎ £5

☎ Booking essential on 0121 303 1966

☑ www.bmag.org.uk

#### Out and about

##### Give a Bird a Home

Make a bird box to hang in your garden.

☑ From 11am, 14 February

☑ Woodgate Valley Country Park

☎ Small charge for materials 0121 421 7575

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/woodgatecountrypark

#### Bird Box Making

Make a bird box for your garden.

☑ 2–3pm, 16 February

☑ Edgbaston Reservoir

☎ Small charge for materials

☎ Booking essential on 0121 454 1908

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/reservoir

#### Den Building

Make a den using woodland materials. This is a family activity.

☑ 11am–1pm, 16 February

☑ Highbury Park

☎ Free

☎ Booking essential on 07766 922 843

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/parks

#### Winter Bird Walk

Some birds migrate from Scandinavia to Britain while others stay here for the winter. Join us on a walk to see our visitors.

☑ 11am–1pm, 17 February

☑ Woodgate Valley Country Park

☎ 0121 421 7575

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/woodgatecountrypark

#### Build a Bird Box

Come and build a bird box.

☑ 11am–1pm, 17 February

☑ Lickey Hills Country Park

☎ Small charge for materials

☎ Booking essential on 0121 447 7106

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/lickeyhills

#### Home Tweet Home

Come along and build a bird box to take home.

☑ 11am–1pm, 17 February

☑ Plantsbrook Local Nature Reserve

☎ Small charge for materials

☎ 0121 351 7007

www.birmingham.gov.uk/plantsbrook

### Events

#### Chinese New Year Celebrations

Celebrate the start of Chinese New Year with free entertainment at the Arcadian. Firecrackers, a

Dragon Dance, acrobatic performances, children's dances and karaoke performances promise to make it an exciting afternoon.

☑ 12–5pm, 10 February

☑ Arcadian Centre

☎ Free

☎ 0121 622 5348

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk

#### Wedding Open Day

A chance to see both the Great Hall and the 18th century barn dressed for a wedding and to view the wonderful grounds of Blakesley Hall.

☑ 11.30am–4pm, 10 February

☑ Blakesley Hall

☎ Free

☎ 0121 464 2193

☑ www.bmag.org.uk

### Council events online

☑ www.birmingham.gov.uk/whatson