

KNOWING ONE ANOTHER (KOA)

OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 23 April 2014, 6.30-8.30pm
Conference Room, Idea Store Whitechapel

Are you interested in learning more about London's diverse communities?

Do you want to explore new ways of bringing communities together?

Are you interested in generating new knowledge to challenge prejudice and stereotypes that cause misunderstanding, harassment and community tension?

Do you want to learn new skills, gain fresh experiences and help find creative solutions to London's diversity challenges?

If the answers are yes then please come to the open evening and find out more about the project and how you can get involved

The programme

- 6.30pm: Welcome and refreshment
- 6.45pm: Introduction, brief presentations on the project and questions and comments
- 7.00pm: Presentations on four sub-regions of countries of the world including short Q&A
- 7.40pm: 3 age based group discussion
- 8.10pm: Feedback from group discussion
- 8.20pm: Questions, comments and the next step

This is Brick Lane Circle's new and exciting pilot project that seeks to engage members of London's diverse communities to discover and learn more about the places of origin of each other, through the use of social media and global internet communication.

London is a very diverse multi-cultural city and the levels of diversity are deepening and widening every day. Diversity brings positive benefits as well as unease and community tension arising from the myriads of cultures and faiths living side by side. The project seeks to make a positive contribution towards improving community cohesion and promoting better understanding between London's diverse communities.

The main focus of the project will be on sub-regions of countries to reflect the nature of migration and the specific origin of London's diverse populations. For example, as most of London's Bangladeshis come from a sub-region of the country called Sylhet, situated in the north east, this place is most likely to be one of several places around the world that will become the focus of the project's attention.

The project will recruit a number of volunteers, who will be provided with training on social media (e.g. FB, Twitter, Google Earth), research methodology, engaging with individuals through social media from around the world to gather information and presenting them in easily understandable formats. They will also gather information and take photographs of the manifestations of the particular communities' life in London, as a point of contrast and similarities between life in the UK and back in the country of origin.

There will be an end of project public event and project's findings will be uploaded on Brick Lane Circle's website.

If you are interested in finding out more about the project or would like to attend the Open Evening please email bricklanecircle@yahoo.co.uk or call +447914119282.

