

S. U. News

The newsletter for Ealing Service Users

A new home for RISE !

After more than a year of operating from temporary locations RISE has found a permanent home.



On the 29th of January the Council's Planning Committee gave its approval for the new RISE Drug and Alcohol Centre.

Gone are the original plans for two hubs located in the east and west of the borough. Previous change of use applications to the Planning Department were scuppered by objections from local residents and the plans were eventually withdrawn. However, the new premises was approved without a single objection.

The new location in West Ealing could not be better situated, not only is it on the main bus routes through the borough but it is right at its geographical centre.

Additional provision is being planned for Service Users in Southall, Greenford, Northolt and Acton, but the West Ealing site will be the Centre of operations. The premises, which are located above Morrisons on the Broadway, West Ealing (although the entrance is actually nearer Canberra Road) provides over 500sq metres of space, which is much more than Featherstone Terrace and Lancaster House combined.



The space was previously occupied by a technology and management college, is very flexible. It can provide the necessary clinical rooms, group rooms, one to one rooms, offices etc. that have been lacking in the overcrowded buildings currently being used and provide scope for much more. Complementary therapy, IT and Life skills rooms are already on the plans.

On Thursday 16th of January service users and staff met at Leeland House to look at the initial proposals by RISE. Apart from obvious issues such as disabled access and bicycle storage, service users were interested in the possibility of welfare facilities such as a laundry and showers.

Once the design and facilities are agreed it is likely that the works will take 4-6 months. When it opens in the summer the new centre will be among the best and certainly the most modern facility in the country. Already regarded as one of the top performing boroughs' in London for drug and alcohol services, the new Centre can only enhance our position.

Social Club 131 Uxbridge Road W13

Don't forget to visit the social club on Friday, Saturday or Monday. Activities on Saturday include an art group, aimed at all creative types, whatever level. As well as relaxing with a cup of tea or coffee you can place your order for a tailor made sandwich, read the paper or just have a natter. You may even be lucky enough to win a prize if you take part in one of our quizzes. There is also lots of information for SU's available to make sure you know what is happening. Hope to see you there soon.

Service User Voice

The monthly Service User meeting for all Ealing RISE Service Users is held at the Social Cafe on the 2nd Tuesday of each month 2-30pm to 3-30pm (£5 voucher for attendees).

The next three dates for your diaries are:

- 11th February
- 11th March
- 8th April

Free Social Activities

Nothing planned at the moment, Call Sean Kelly on 07858400543 for an update.

When activities are announced to get more details, book a place and to get confirmation of dates and times call Sean.

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