

STARTING POINT

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➤ Starting Point groups in the spotlight

Two of the groups based at Starting Point recently took part in the Barking and Dagenham Town Show. Both groups, Fantazia and Barking and Dagenham Youth Dance provide dance and drama workshops for children and young people. They were able to perform dance routines in the Town Show and take part in the parade.

Afua Mpensah, the founder of Fantazia said, 'It was fun and a good experience for all the young children. They enjoyed it because they were able to perform

in front of an audience doing their own routine. Usually they would only get to perform in front of their parents'.



Georgina Alexiou, BDYD Project Manager said, 'The Dagenham Town Show is a great community event and it's important for us to be part of a performance that promotes community cohesion.

Both groups have been supported by Starting Point for over a year and Afua says that the help Fantazia has received has been crucial.

Starting Point Survey

The 2011 Starting Point Customer Satisfaction Survey is due to be published later this year. Last years survey was an excellent insight into what the groups based at Starting Point think of the services we provide. It also formed the basis of the 'You Said, We Did' section in each newsletter.

This section was an opportunity for us to tell you about the changes we have made to the services based on the feedback we received. Watch this space for the 2011 survey and for details of a networking event where the results will be published.

The CVS have moved

Barking and Dagenham Council for Voluntary Services (CVS) have moved.

The team are now based at the Ripple Centre in plush surroundings which will ensure the groups accessing services they provide get a much more robust programme of support.

The CVS can now be found at:

Barking and Dagenham CVS
Ripple Centre, Ripple Road
Barking IG11 7PB

Tel: 020 8532 7300

Spaces for new groups

We currently have some spaces at Starting Point for groups who are looking for desk space.

Groups accessing the centre have an agreement with us to use the facilities for 18 months, which means spaces often become available, however we do have a steady influx of groups enquiring about what we

offer and applying to us on a regular basis.

Therefore if you are interested in finding out more about Starting Point please contact us ASAP to ensure you don't miss out on an excellent opportunity to have your own desk space and intense support throughout the setting up of your organisation.

➤ Group Profile – Teach Forex



Name: Arinola Araba

Business Name: Teach Forex

Mission statement: To raise the level of financial literacy amongst young parents in Barking

Purpose of business/organisation:

- Increasing number of young parents who have savings
- Helping low-income groups to build savings, as a way to help combat poverty and develop future personal autonomy through fun & planned interactive workshops.

A little bit about yourself

I enjoy swimming, writing and designing teaching courses. I also enjoy music and singing! My interests include health, IT, management, politics and Finance. I am

excited at being a mum to 3 exciting kids who keep me inspired.

What you do now in your business

I create and teach financial educational materials for 2 groups

- Low income groups
- Groups with disposable income looking to invest their money for a good return

What you hope to achieve with your project

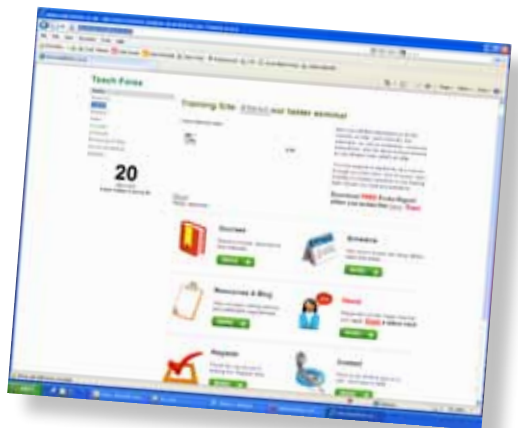
To increase the number of debt free low income groups who have a savings plan and or investment vehicle

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