

Be part of it

Residents living in the University Quarter (UniQ) Stoke-on-Trent are being encouraged to have their say on future regeneration proposals by joining the UniQ Community Forum.

The aim of the forum is to ensure that local communities and residents are properly engaged in the processes of planning and delivering the regeneration programme.

The UniQ Community Forum's role includes ensuring all community interests are represented in the regeneration planning process and that local residents and stakeholders can inform, and are kept informed, about the regeneration programme.

The forum is open to all members of the community and is also attended by stakeholders including the local authority and police.

The next forum meets on Monday 7th June, at Staffordshire University Business Village, Leek Road, at 6.30pm. Your feedback is vital to the success of the project as it is your views that will help shape regeneration of UniQ.

So come along and be part of it. Brenda Bennett-Smith, a forum member, said: "It is great to see the area being transformed and all the investment being put into making Stoke a place where people will want to come to study, live and work."

If you are attending or want more information on the UniQ Community Forum contact Cath Jordan, Sanctuary Regeneration Manager, on 01782 203458, or email cath.jordan@sanctuary-housing.co.uk

Have your say...

RENEW North Staffordshire recently appointed Taylor Young consultants to develop design options for improving the open spaces and streets within the University Quarter.

These design options will form the blueprint for the delivery of physical improvements to the area and will complement the educational led regeneration work.



The proposed extra investment follows hot on the heels of the opening of the new £11m 'lifestyle' building on the Cauldron Campus of Stoke-on-Trent College. Construction work is also well on course to build a new £33m facility for the City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College.

Taylor Young will consult with residents, businesses and stakeholders to find out their views on the area. A drop-in event will be held outside Staffordshire University on College Road, on **Friday 11th June**, from 6.30 until 9.00pm.

This is your opportunity to be part of it and have a real say on what you think are the priorities for the area.

Taylor Young will also be meeting with the UniQ Community Forum on 7th June to show their initial proposals and agree the best way to consult with the community.

Don't miss your opportunity to have a real say.



University Boulevard

The University Boulevard is a project that aims to establish a direct, high quality and attractive route for people travelling between Stoke-on-Trent train station, the University Quarter and the City Centre.

The project will involve making improvements to the road, the pavements and other adjacent land on the route. This will help provide an attractive gateway to the City for visitors arriving by train, a pleasant walk for pedestrians and a fast, safe and reliable public transport route.

Priority on the route will be offered to buses, taxis, cyclists and pedestrians with new lighting, tree planting, pedestrian crossings and car parking also included in proposals for the area.

A project team is currently working on the design for this development and they would be grateful if you could spare the time to record your initial thoughts on the proposals in the included questionnaire with this bulletin.

Your feedback will help shape plans and allow the project team to address any concerns or thoughts you may have on the design process.

We look forward to receiving your feedback!

Art and Design Show 2010

The Art and Design Show 2010 will be open on Friday 11th June at Staffordshire University, running until Sunday 20th June.

On the opening night, designer Matthew Rice will cut the ribbon on a showcase of work from students graduating in:

- ◆ 3D design, ceramics, crafts and contemporary jewellery
- ◆ Animation
- ◆ Advertising and brand management
- ◆ Entrepreneurship
- ◆ Media (film) production
- ◆ Fine art
- ◆ Graphics, illustration and publication design
- ◆ Photography
- ◆ Product design and innovation
- ◆ Surface pattern and textile surfaces
- ◆ Visual effects and concept design.

The show is seen by over 4,000 visitors annually and we look forward to seeing you there.



Helen Pegg, College Principal

'Topping out ceremony' at Sixth Form College

The City of Stoke-on-Trent Sixth Form College's £33m relocation development reached a key milestone in December as the final piece of roof was fitted.

Relocation of the College has been pressing ahead with doors set to open to students in September.

To celebrate the milestone, Contractors, Miller Construction (UK) held a 'Topping Out'

ceremony which saw Helen Pegg, College Principal, putting the final piece of the roof in place before guests were taken on a tour of the site.

Helen said: "We are thrilled with the impressive progress that is being made and the ceremony provided us with the opportunity to recognise the great progress with this project and the ambitions for the development of the University Quarter."

Quality Streets feedback

Local residents and workers have been taking part in a community consultation project to discuss their views on the University Quarter.

The project, called Quality Streets, saw residents, students and workers trained in community research methods at Staffordshire University and form a research team. The team then asked local people about their views on the Shelton neighbourhood.

From the feedback, an action plan was developed to address issues of importance to local residents and these included:

- ◆ Community relationships – identifying common interests and creating opportunities for people to meet
- ◆ Communication – a newsletter, online community forum and feedback from Stoke-on-Trent City Council about changes and issues affecting the area
- ◆ Traffic – parking, supporting different methods of transport, better roads, street and bus signs
- ◆ Environment – educating people about alley gates, street wardens, litter disposal and walkabouts

- ◆ Hanley Park – security, community involvement, funding, maintenance, community worker and raising awareness of activities.

Changes are already being made following feedback:

- ◆ We are setting up a local community networking website for residents
- ◆ Extra lighting has been put in Hanley Park and two CCTV cameras will be installed
- ◆ Staffordshire Police has contributed £10,000 of extra resources to the project
- ◆ Funding is in place for activities to be held in the park
- ◆ Staffordshire Probation Service has offered payback hours to carry out work in the area.

We will review these actions every six months and the progress of the project will be discussed at every Implementation Team Partnership and Community Forum meeting to ensure the issues that matter to residents are being addressed.



Do you have any comments about the Quality Streets research?

Have you got any ideas you would like to share?

Would you be interested in being a street rep and going on walkabouts to check the quality of the streets?

Would you like to take part in future community research training?

If so please contact Penny Vincent at the Creative Communities Unit, Staffordshire University, on 01782 294540 or email p.e.vincent@staffs.ac.uk



Children's University



The Children's University in Stoke was established in March 2009 thanks to funding from the National Children's University and support from Staffordshire University.

Their aim is to ensure children, aged 7 - 14, can take part in out of hours learning.

Providers of out of school hours learning can undergo Children's University 'validation' which guarantees the activities they provide are of a high quality.

For more information on the National Children's University visit www.childrensuniversity.co.uk



Marks 4 Training Centre

Marks 4 Training Centre is a community interest group dedicated to creating employment opportunities for people from Stoke-on-Trent.

The group creates employment for local people and supports businesses to help raise skills, aspirations and job prospects for the Stoke community.

People train in a working environment, helping build confidence, skills and qualifications.

The company is currently offering an 'Across the Bridges Career (ABC)' 15-week FREE Training Programme' for residents looking to gain office working experience, IT and business skills and an NVQ at Level 1, 2 or 3 in IT or Business Administration.

For more information contact the centre at info@marks4training.org or telephone 01782 442845



Be pampered at prices you can afford

Fancy pampering yourself with a new hair style, manicure or facial? Well now you can at Stoke-on-Trent College!

The £11m lifestyle building is open to the public who can select from treatments including:

- The spa – offering a floatation tank, hydrotherapy bath, sauna, aromatherapy and salt inhalation rooms
- Beauty – manicures, pedicures, facials, waxing and body massages
- Hair – there are two luxury commercial salons using top of the range L'Oreal products
- The Atrium Restaurant – providing quality dishes. Open lunch time and some evenings
- The Terrace Coffee Bar – offering freshly brewed coffee and tea

For more information call
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