

LGBT Services

Services provide specific **advice and support**, and are often run by LGBT people. Many prefer to access these services because of the empathy and understanding of the workers.

North London Line offers advice and runs several youth groups for gay men and lesbians. You can get information by phoning 0207 607 8346.

Pace runs 2 youth groups - **Girl-Diva** for women on a Monday evenings and **Outzone** for men on Fridays. Phone 0207 700 1323 for details.

New Beginning is a discussion group for people of all ages coming to terms with their sexuality. Phone 0207 265 9655

LGB Youth Drop In A weekly drop in event for under 25's. Phone 0207 607 8346 for more information

You can also get lots of information and advice from **The Gay and Lesbian Switchboard** on 0207 837 7324, which runs 24-hours a day and can help with all sorts of enquiries.

Emergency Numbers

In an **emergency** you might find the following numbers useful.

For **gas** leaks and other problems call Transco on 0800 111 999

For emergency **electricity** problems call Eastern Electricity on 0800 783 8833

Emergency repairs should be reported to Circle 33 Maintenance on 08457697695



Telephone 020 7359 6242

Facsimile 020 7359 9419

Minicom 020 7359 8188

Advice Line 020 7359 5767

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Local Services Guide



FINSBURY PARK

Securing safer spaces for LGBT people

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Introduction

This guide is a supplement to your Supported Housing Handbook and in it you will find information on local services including benefits offices, advice and drop-in centres, education and training, health services, police stations, post offices, libraries, places of worship, leisure, transport, services for lesbians, gay men and bisexual and transgender people, as well as emergency numbers.

More than 175,000 people live and work in Islington. The community feel in Islington is what makes this borough so unique.


There is a wealth of things to see and do in Islington. Whether it is catching a new play at one of the borough's pub theatres, taking in world-renowned dance at Sadler's Wells, or watching Arsenal at Highbury Stadium, there is something for everyone in Islington. The bars and restaurants of Upper Street and surrounding areas are famous throughout London, with varied menus and prices to suit everyone's taste. And with music clubs dotted around the borough, Islington is also a great place to catch live music.

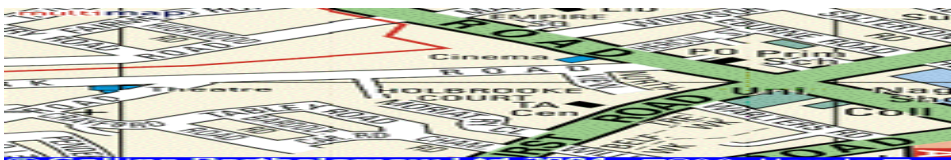
If you prefer to get out and exercise, Islington has 127 parks, open spaces and playgrounds, including Islington Green and Highbury Fields, tucked away behind frantic Highbury Corner. We also have leisure centres at Archway and Finsbury, swimming pools on Highbury Crescent and Ironmonger Row and a tennis club on Market Road. If shopping is your thing, Islington has no shortage of boutiques and individual shops. For the larger stores, we also have the bustling N1 Centre and antiques at Camden Passage.

This information was collated in November 2004, and will be updated annually in order to keep you up-to-date with changes in Islington. If there is anything else you would like included in this guide please let your Supported Housing Officer know and we will do our best to include it in the next edition.

Benefits

You can get **benefits advice** from the Job Centre Plus.


Highgate Job Centre Plus, 1a Elthorne Road, N19 4AS
 0845 377 0002




Leisure


From football to karate, and swimming to bowls, whatever sport you are interested in, you will probably be able to find a club that caters for you in Islington. Your SHO can assist you with information on sports and activities in Islington.

You will also find plenty of activities at the centres listed below.

Sobell Leisure Centre, Hornsey Road, N7 7NY
 0207 609 2166

Archway Leisure Centre, MacDonald Road, N19 5DD
 0207 281 4105

Cally Pool, 299 Caledonian Road, N1 0NH
 0207 278 1890


Highbury Pool, Highbury Crescent, N5 1RR
 0207 704 2312

There is a good choice **bars and clubs** that cater for LGBT people in Islington. Full listings can be found in *Boyz* and *The Pink Paper*.

Transport

Public transport is an excellent way to get to Islington, and travel around whilst you are there. The borough has extensive transport links, both to the city, west end, and other areas of London. With many bus lanes tube and train stations, it is also one of the most convenient and environmentally friendly ways to travel.

If you have a specific journey you wish to make, call **London Transport** on 020 7222 1234 who will help you plan your travel methods and route.

If you fancy being more extravagant, Liberty Cars provides a gay-friendly **taxi service**.
 020 7739 9080



Places of Worship



Islington has a diverse range of religious communities. Below are listed few of the places of worship in the borough. Your Supported Housing Officer can help you find out about others if this list doesn't have what you're looking for.

St Georges Church, Crayford Road, N7 0ND

☎ 0207 609 0121

Church of England

Singh Sabha London East Guarwara, 100 North Street, Barking, IG11 8JD

☎ 020 8594 3940

Sikh

Islamic Cultural Centre and London Central Mosque, 146 Park Road, NW

☎ 0207 724 3363

Muslim

Camden Road Baptist Church, 391 Holloway Road, N7 0JE

☎ 0207 607 7355

Baptist

Sacred Heart of Jesus, 62 Eden Grove, N7 8EN

☎ 0207 607 3594

Catholic

Islington Hindu Association, 9b Hungerford Road, N7 9LA

☎ 020 7700 5217

Hindu

North London Progressive Jewish Community, PO Box 42702, N19 5WR

Jewish

North London Buddhist Centre, 72 Holloway Road,

☎ 0207 700 1177

Buddhist



Advice & Drop-In Centres

Your Supported Housing Officer can help you access advice on a wide range of issues. Below is your **local advice centre** that you might also find useful.

Islington Citizens Advice Bureau

86 Durham Road, N7 7DU

☎ 0870 751 0925

Provides confidential free impartial advice on a wide range of topics.



Education & Training

Doing a **training course** and getting an **education** can have lots of benefits. It can help you get a job, improve your self-esteem and give you a reason to get up in the morning. Your SHO can also help you access appropriate training.

Learning and Skills Council, Dumayne House, 1 Fox Lane, N13 4AB

☎ 0845 019 4158

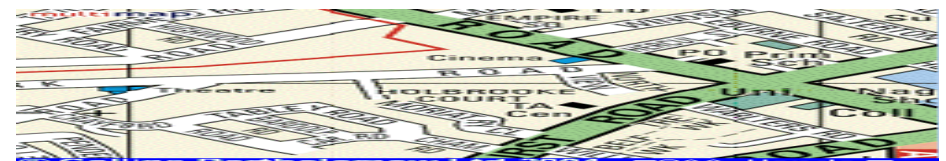
Plans and funds education and training including further education based learning.

City and Islington College has five centres in four locations and offers a wide range of courses. Phone 020 7700 9200 for further information.

Connexions, White Lion Centre White Lion Street N1 9PW


☎ 0080 800 13219


Helps those under 19 years of age with guidance on career and work opportunities.





Health Services

It is important that you register with a **doctor** before you get ill.


Dr L M J Kinsella, Dr N H Shah, 580 Holloway Road, N7 6LB
 020 7445 8100

Dr D Rosenthal, Dr E Greenbury, Fairweather House, Parkhurst Road, N7 0NS
 020 7697 1339


Archway Primary Care Team, 652 Holloway Road, N19 3NU
 020 7272 0111


Sobell Medical Centre, 80 Hornsey Road, N7 7NN
 020 7609 3050


If none of these GPs are taking new patients then call The Find A Doctor Telephone Service on 020 7655 6688 or email find-a-doc@elcha.nhs.uk

Your nearest **hospital** is **The Whittington Hospital**, Highgate Hill, N19 5NF and is part of the Camden & Islington N H S Trust.
 0207 272 3070

You should also register with a **dentist**. Try:

Holloway Dental Centre, 405-407 Holloway Road N7 6HP
 020 7700 7005

Abacus Family Dental Care, 1st Floor 306 Holloway Road, N7 6NJ
 020 7607 5278

Smilecare Dental Surgery, 25 Junction Road, N19 5QT
 020 7263 6814




Police

You never know when you might need a police officer.

Metropolitan Police Service
98 Tottenham Lane, London, N8 7EJ
 0208 340 1212


Always dial 999 in an emergency and an operator will deal with your call


If you are a survivor of a hate crime or domestic violence you can contact **The Community Safety Unit**. The unit is staffed by both male and female officers who are specially trained to deal with these crimes.
 **0208 345 0965**




Post Office

Post offices in your area include:

204 Hornsey Road, N7 7LL,  0845 722 3344


407-409 Hornsey Road, N19 4TT,  0207 561 5581

118 Holloway Road, N7 8JE  0207 607 3332



Library

Not only do libraries provide a wide range of **books** on loan, they also have free internet access and other **computer facilities**, videos, CDs, and Playstation games to borrow, and **newspapers and magazines** to read in the library. Try:

John Barnes Library, 275 Camden Rd, N7 0JN
 020 7527 7900

