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## Have your say – we want to hear your views



We would like you to take part in our budget consultation for 2016/17, which includes our savings plans and questions on Council Tax for the year. The consultation can be accessed via the [Engage Barnet website](#) and will be open until 12 February.

You can also have your say on a number of other consultations, including the [Customer Access Strategy](#), how the council manages the future of [parks and open spaces](#), and [recycling and waste collection](#) in the borough.

## Holocaust Memorial Day 2016: Barnet remembers



Holocaust Memorial Day was commemorated with poignant services across the country this week, with Barnet marking the occasion with an [annual event](#) at Middlesex University's campus at The Burroughs, Hendon, earlier this month.

The theme of this year's memorial day was 'Don't Stand By'.

## Barnet employment project wins accolade from Government

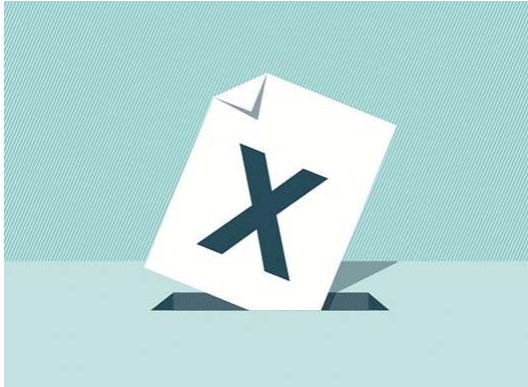


The Burnt Oak Opportunity Support Team (BOOST) has received praise this week from The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) for excellence in cross-organisational working.

Launched last summer, BOOST provides advice on job searching, housing, benefits, well-being, childcare and skills as well as signposting people to opportunities to become more involved with their wider community such as volunteering.

To get in touch, call 020 8359 5600, visit [BOOST Burnt Oak](#) on Facebook, or follow [@BOOSTBurntOak](#) on Twitter. Read about

## Make sure you are registered to vote



The elections for the next Mayor of London and the Greater London Assembly (GLA), the body that holds the Mayor to account, will take place on 5th May 2016. Barnet residents will have the opportunity to vote directly for the next Mayor as well as their regional GLA Constituency Assembly Member (Barnet is part of the Barnet and Camden GLA constituency).

Make sure you register to vote or update your details at [www.gov.uk/register tovote](http://www.gov.uk/register tovote) before the deadline of 18th April.

## Vitality North London Half Marathon



The race with the 'greatest finishing line in the world' returns for its second year on Sunday 20th March 2016. The Vitality North London Half Marathon expects to attract up to 8,000 runners, many of whom will be fundraising for local and national charities.

The event will cause some changes to usual traffic routes in the borough during the morning of Sunday 20th March before ending inside Wembley Stadium. Visit <http://www.northlondonhalf.com/> for a copy of the route map to help with your planning around road closures.

If you have any thoughts or feedback for this newsletter, such as articles you would like to see in future issues or frequency, please email: [barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:barnet.first@barnet.gov.uk)

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