

**A Call for Expressions of Interest to run the Cafe at
Whittington Park Community Centre**



About Whittington Park Community Centre

Whittington Park Community Centre has been providing services to the local community for 42 years. We are housed in a group of Victorian buildings on the edge of Whittington Park, which is located in north Islington. Within a mile radius of the buildings, lives a diverse population of approximately 20,000 people. We run a number of services for Over 60's including a weekday lunch club and men's social club, an after school club and holiday play scheme, a nursery and under 5's drop in. We hire out space for classes, meetings, private functions and also to a private nursery. We have over 40,000 visits per year.

Our cafe is on the edge of the 2nd largest park in Islington and next door to a very popular primary school. It has 411 sq ft of indoor space with additional outdoor space for seating and there is a 140 sq ft kitchen.

Our café

The café has been run successfully over the last 6 years by a local mum who has taken on the vision we had in 2012 for it to be a successful community-orientated enterprise, a local meeting place where you can enjoy great food and coffee in a welcoming and pleasant environment.

Lunch time seating priority is given to our Over 60's lunch club who use the cafe between 12.00 pm - 1.30 pm weekdays. WPCA will contract with the cafe to provide 16, three course meals daily for 50 weeks of the year.

In addition there is a separate opportunity to contract with the nursery to provide 30 children's lunches daily through the year.

Current contract values amount to £33, 500 per annum.

WPCA also sees the café as offering it a 'door to the local community', where they can access our services and see the charity in action. It is important that our pricing is accessible for families bringing their children to the park.

What we expect from you

- Experience in running a cafe/restaurant and catering services.
- Good business and financial planning skills. The cafe must be run efficiently and effectively.
- A commitment to pay all staff the London Living Wage - currently £10.20 per hour.
- High standards are important. Having a reputation for great coffee and food combined with excellent service is paramount.
- To create a comfortable and welcoming meeting place for all members of the community.
- To endeavour to develop the business to its full potential.
- A commitment to working in partnership.
- Any plans to support training or apprenticeships as part of the venture would be looked on favourably.

What we can provide

- Existing equipment and catering supplies
- Two in-house catering contracts for an older peoples lunch club and nursery lunches.
- Other potential catering work through our hall hires for parties, special events and meetings.
- Flexible use of the cafe to include evenings and weekends.

What you need to do

If you and your organisation are interested in running the cafe please provide us with a short proposal setting out the following no later than **Monday 14th May**.

- A brief outline of your business case and how you meet the requirements
- Your experience, qualifications and credentials

Your proposal should be emailed to ann@whittingtonpca.org.uk . We will then enter into discussions with potential candidates who will be asked to submit a full business plan. The new contract will run from Monday 30th July, 2018.

For more information please contact: ann@whittingtonpca.org.uk

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