

CHARITY MARKETPLACE A SUCCESS!



Community Links Bromley (CLB) and Beckenham's Azelia Hall hosted a Charity Marketplace event this week.

Sixteen local charities took part on the day, with representatives from areas such as heritage, social care, health, and humanitarian relief.

The public were invited to meet organisations working to achieve positive change in the borough and beyond and to learn about the vital services they provide within the community. Volunteering advice and opportunities were also on offer from those taking part. The Azelia Hall provided a great space and welcome hospitality for organisations to network and to build relationships as well as an opportunity to showcase their work to the wider community.

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Nicole Shilling – Manager of the Saxon Day Centre in Orpington had this to say about the event:

"I think it's important that people in the community understand all of the good work that's going on, not just in Bromley borough but across the board, with all these different charities focussing on all these different things that they're trying to achieve. And most of them as charities don't have any money for it. They're applying for grants, they're fundraising to pay for the services that they're providing, and very often providing them to people free of charge. Because there's a huge need out in the community whatever age you are and something like this, kind of publicises all those services and raises the profile and makes people aware of all the good things that people are doing to help."



CLB also took the opportunity to promote the career benefits of volunteering to dozens of visitors. Whether it be for brushing up the CV, learning new skills, gaining references and confidence, all whilst doing something worthwhile for the community.

Many of the visitors to the Hall were not aware of it or had not visited it before but all were impressed by its facilities. If you are interested in finding out more about the Hall visit: <http://www.azeliahall.co.uk/>