

Gateshead Leisure Centre FREE Opening Weekend

Gateshead Leisure Centre will be reopening on Saturday 17 April at 9am after a multi million pound transformation as part of the £29m Building an Active Future programme.

As part of the opening celebrations all activities on site will be FREE all day Saturday and Sunday of the opening weekend. Activities to try out include Disco, Spartan and Six Pack Workouts, Salsa, Cha Cha Cha and Latin dancing, as well as swimming in the pools.

There will also be face painting, a bouncy castle and children's activities to keep the whole family entertained as well as Metro Radio providing the music on Saturday.

Don't miss your chance to try the new facilities for free, head down to Gateshead Leisure Centre for the FREE opening weekend!

From 12 April please call 0191 433 5733 for further information.

www.gateshead.gov.uk/glc

For further information please contact Customer Services 0191 433 3000

Civic Centre Essential Maintenance – Update

During the Bank Holiday, to minimise disruption to the operation of the Civic Centre, work will be taking place on the flooring in the Bewicks' corridor and in parts of the Atrium. From Tuesday 6 April, temporary flooring will be in place in these areas, please take extra care. As a result of the refurbishment, the door at the end of the staff corridor from Customer Services to Bewicks will be out of use for approximately six weeks. Please use the entrance opposite ICT Client Services to gain access to departments in this corridor.

Signs will be in place throughout this period to inform visitors to the Civic Centre of the maintenance work. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

For further information please contact Dave Abbott 0191 433 3585 daveabbott@gateshead.gov.uk

Local election

Registered voters will soon be receiving poll cards for the local elections on 6 May. If your poll card has not arrived by 11 April contact the electoral services team for advice.

Voting in the election is your chance to influence local government decisions and hold politicians to account. Politics affects every area of your life, from your night out to how safe you feel on the streets.

So, if you don't do politics, there's not much you do do.

You can register to vote until 20th April - contact electoral services asap on 2164 and they'll add you to the electoral register. They can also organise a postal vote for you if you'd prefer to vote that way.

www.gateshead.gov.uk/voting

For further information please contact Ashley Baker 0191 433 2164 ashleybaker@gateshead.gov.uk

Literacy & Numeracy Courses

Update your English & maths qualifications!

Free adult literacy & numeracy qualifications are available via taught courses and also in our Test Gateshead sessions at Headworks@CivicCentre and the new State of the Art facility at the Dryden Centre, starting April.

Test Gateshead is a drop-in where you can fast track your way to a qualification through a mixture of distance learning and tutor support at times to suit you.

Morning, afternoon and evening sessions are available Monday - Friday.

For details, see pages 30 & 31 of our Adult learning Directory 2010 (see link) or contact Michelle Lagar on 4338738.

<http://www.gateshead.gov.uk/DocumentLibrary/Education/Leaflets/09-10WinterProsp9Nov.pdf>

For further information please contact Michelle Lagar 0191 4338738 michellelagar@gateshead.gov.uk

Adoption

Adoption Information Event.

Interested in adopting? Come along to our next information evening at Gateshead Civic Centre on Wednesday 7th April at 6.30pm to find out more or call the Adoption Team on 0191 4338333.

www.gateshead.gov.uk/adoption

For further information please contact Rachel Thompson 0191 433 8333

rachelthompson@gateshead.gov.uk

Family Fun in Saltwell Park this April

The Saltwell Park Show 2010 is taking place on Saturday 10 & Sunday 11 April, 10am - 4pm daily with more than ever to keep the whole family entertained.

Stunning horticultural displays are aplenty for the green fingered amongst you, with animals from Bill Quay Community Farm also be paying a visit to the park. There'll be storytelling, face painting, art and sculpture workshops, music and much more for the kids.

Watch out for giant runner beans and a jockey on a seahorse as you take in the delights of this award winning Victorian park. Head to the main marquee to check out the local crafts and food.

Admission is FREE and FREE park and ride buses will run every 15 minutes from Gateshead Civic Centre to get you and your family to the park.

<https://online.gateshead.gov.uk/EventTicketsOnline/pages/boxoffice.aspx?icid=WhatsOn>

For further information please contact Events Team 0191 433 6900 events@gateshead.gov.uk