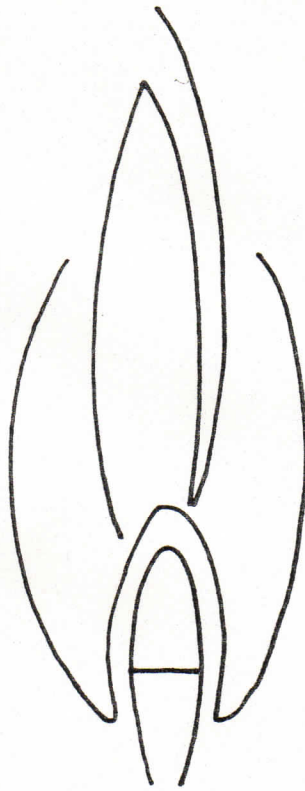


**WESTWAY  
NURSERY  
ASSOCIATION**



**WESTWAY NURSERY CENTRE**

**A PROPOSAL FOR A COMPREHENSIVE CENTRE  
IN NORTH KENSINGTON**

December 1973

WESTWAY NURSERY ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting to continue the business of the First General Meeting will be at the Westway Luncheon Club at 8 pm on Wednesday, 31 October. Minutes and a copy of the agreed constitution will be available at the meeting. A list of members is enclosed.

A G E N D A

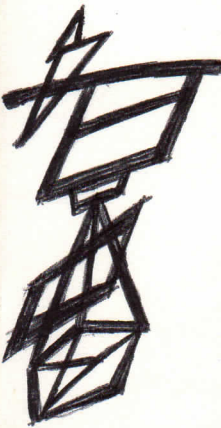
1. Matters arising
2. Appointment of Research & Development Worker
3. Election of Executive Council
4. Applications for finance
5. Nursery Centre matters
6. Any other business



WESTWAY NURSERY GROUP

A G E N D A

THE PROPOSED ASSOCIATION

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1. What has happened since April, and what has the Group been aiming at - David Head (see leaflet)
  2. The proposed Association, and its constitution - Naomi Honigsbaum
  3. Appointment of research/development worker - David Millar (Amenity Trust)

THE PROPOSED CENTRE

4. The purposes of the Centre - Judy Wilcox
5. Where could it be? - Irene Brennan (see report on site)
6. Consultation with ILEA - David Head
7. Financial considerations - David Millar

RELATED PROPOSALS

8. Women's Centre - is there a report?
9. Any other proposals?

RESOLUTIONS

1. That an association be set up to promote the benefit of children under-five in Kensington and Chelsea and the immediately adjacent neighbourhood, to associate with the inhabitants, the local and educational authorities, and voluntary organisations in a common effort to provide nursery centres and associated facilities for Under-Fives and their parents.
2. That a register of members be opened from now, and a meeting called to take place immediately :
  - a) to decide a time and place for a General Meeting, at which
    - a name and constitution can be agreed
    - an Executive Council can be elected
  - b) to consider the confirmation of the appointment of a research/development worker, and to settle terms of the advertisement and job-brief
  - c) to make arrangements for the appointment of an architect to prepare a brief for the ILEA committee  
*for a first centre.*

## WESTWAY NURSERY GROUP

### Siting

We start from the consideration that, all things being equal, a nursery should be established in the area of greatest need. As Colville/Tavistock is the most densely populated - an area of multi-occupied houses with a great number of low-income families - a very powerful case is established for the setting up of provision in the immediate vicinity. Portobello Green offers itself as the social centre of the district. Therefore we strongly urge the Association to press for a definite commitment to nursery provision there.

However, we realise that Maxilla Gardens is the easiest location with open space for immediate development for a nursery/nursery school project. This siting of the project has also been consistently supported by the Amenity Trust and should satisfy ILEA requirements. Therefore we recommend that the Association carry through plans for the development of the Maxilla Gardens site.

As the constitution states, the Association's function is not merely to set up one nursery but to further the interests of Under-5s in the area as a whole, so we propose :

- 1) that a sub-committee be formed which would press for nursery provision in Portobello Green and inform the Association of any plans for the area
- 2) that the proposed sub-committee should report regularly (at least every two months) to the Association
- 3) that this sub-committee should co-opt residents of Colville/Tavistock so that the eventual provision should match as nearly as possible the needs of the area.

We feel it is a matter of urgency that a paper be presented to the public meeting on Portobello Square, when it is held, emphasising that Under-5s provision must be included in any plans for Portobello Square.

WESTWAY NURSERY GROUP  
DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH WORKER

JOB SPECIFICATION

WESTWAY NURSERY GROUP

This Group has arisen from a series of meetings and discussions between various organisations and individuals involved with Under-5s. The basic aim of the Group is to ensure that the right provision is made for preschool children in Kensington and Chelsea. An initial quite well advanced project is the setting up of a comprehensive Nursery Centre on motorway land.

We see the work of the appointed worker as assisting the Group in a number of the following areas :

1. Identifying the local needs for Under-5s and suggesting ways of meeting them
2. Helping in the setting up of centres and advising on size, catchment area and method of operation
3. Monitoring the effect of the centres on the children and families who use them
4. Studying work being done elsewhere and making this contribute to the work of the Group
5. Providing working papers to make available to others setting up similar projects elsewhere.

The Leverhulme Trust has made available a 3-year grant for this project which covers a research salary up to £2,600 plus allowances for expenses; part-time secretarial help and rental of office space. There is also the possibility of applying for a research assistant if the amount of work involved warrants it.

Closing date for application is 24 October 1973.

Please reply giving all relevant details and references to :

Westway Nursery Group  
3 Acklam Road, London, W10

Interviews will be held during the first week of November - please indicate times which would not be convenient.

DRAFT ADVERTISEMENT FOR RESEARCH WORKER

DEVELOPMENT & RESEARCH WORKER

JOB SPECIFICATION

"The best jobs aren't always in the biggest ads"

Plato

Research and Development Worker

is required for -

A Preschool project based in North Kensington

A newly formed community group needs

information and assistance in the setting

up of nursery centres and monitoring their

effect on families who use them.

Three-year appointment with salary range

£2,000 - £2,600 according to experience

and need.

Further details from:

Nursery Project

3 Acklam Road

London W 10

or ring 01 969 7511

Not later than 12 October 1973

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