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c/o Redbridge Town Hall, Room 15, Ground Floor, 128 - 142 High Road, Ilford IG1 1DD

Redbridge Faith Forum warmly invites you to our
Annual General Meeting and Election of Trustees

followed by a

Public Forum on the topic: -

Why we should be concerned about the state of the rivers in Redbridge.



DATE: Wednesday 22nd July 2026

TIME : 5.50pm Registration

6.00pm - 6.30pm AGM & Election of Trustees

6.30pm - 8pm Public Forum

VENUE : Belgrave Community Centre,

285–291 Wanstead Park Rd, Ilford IG1 3TR.

The main river that runs through Redbridge is the River Roding; it is fed by many streams and has many tributaries within Redbridge itself. The River Roding is 50km long which makes it the 3rd largest river in London. It starts near Stansted Airport in Essex, passes through Redbridge and finishes by flowing into the River Thames at Barking Creek in East London. According to the Environment Agency only 14% of rivers and lakes in England are in good health. And the Roding is certainly not one of them. Last year testing at multiple sites along the Roding revealed that, due to illegal sewage dumping and unpermitted outfalls, it has twenty times the safe levels of bacteria. So what does this mean for us, the general public? A polluted river is full of bacteria which is harmful to humans, wild life and fauna. It can cause and spread disease and have disastrous consequences to our environment. And we all know that any changes in the environment affects each and every one of us on a long term basis.

- So what is Redbridge Council doing to improve this situation?
- What is the Environmental Agency and the Water Board doing?
- How have Voluntary Organisations been championing, improving the River Roding pollution?

How can we respond to this crisis? What actions can we take to help make a positive change? Can we join together as a community to give assistance and provide much needed support?

Please do join us at our AGM and then for our Public Forum afterwards and tell us about your experiences, hear from experts, and discuss together what we can do as people of faith and also as people who generally care about our local environment here in Redbridge.

Refreshments will be available.

Please email Saira at faith.forum@redbridge.gov.uk to book your free place or her on 0208 708 2445.

Advance registration is appreciated to help with arrangements but is not essential