

Press release
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Hackney Homes calls budding gardeners to grow their own

Hackney Homes are urging residents to take part in an initiative to grow their own food or start a community garden.

Residents can apply via Capital Growth for £1,000 of funding to start a new food growing project on estates in the borough. Projects must involve at least five people and be at least five square metres in size. **The deadline for applications is 5pm on 21 February 2011.**

If you are a Hackney Homes resident and you would like to take part, contact Cherie Joseph on 020 8356 1934 or Cherie.joseph@hackneyhomes.org.uk before applying, as Hackney Homes must agree for the space to be used.

You can then apply at <http://www.capitalgrowth.org/apply/>

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Press queries to Angela Howard on 020 8356 3877, or email angela.howard@hackneyhomes.org.uk

Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.
- Capital Growth are aiming to create 2012 new growing spaces across London by the end of 2012. Food growing brings together residents from different backgrounds and gives them the opportunity to grow food which is cheap and healthy. It improves the environment on the estate and attracts birds and wildlife. To find out more visit www.capitalgrowth.org