

Press release
12 May 2011

Free construction training for Hackney residents

Hackney residents aged between 16-25 are being invited to take up a four week training course starting in June 2011.

Working in an empty property, residents gain valuable hands-on experience in carpentry, tiling, painting and decorating, plumbing and health and safety from qualified and experienced trainers.

This is the third Built 2 work course to take place, which is being delivered by Woodberry Works, led by Manor House Development Trust, in partnership with Construction Youth Trust. Participants have access to employers; further training opportunities, mentoring, travel and subsistence and flexibility for lone parents.

There are also contributions from other partners, including Hackney Homes, Lakehouse, REDS10, Berkeley Homes, Hackney Community College, Mulalley, Citrus Training, Genesis Housing Group and Hackney Council.

Past trainee, Adem said: "It opened the door to something I didn't know about. Without the Built 2 Work course I wouldn't be where I am now, having passed my Level 1, and ready to start my apprenticeship.'

Neehara Wijeyesekera, Head of Tenancy and Leasehold Services, Hackney Homes said: "We continue to encourage and empower our young residents, assisting them with gaining work and life skills by contributing to such schemes as the Built 2 Work project."

To apply for a place, contact Felix on 020 8356 1625 or 07432 291597 or email woodberryworks@hackneyhomes.org.uk. You can also visit the Redmond Resource Centre, 440 Seven Sisters Road, N4 2RD

Ends

Press queries to Natalie Powell on 020 8356 3527, or email Natalie.Powell@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.

- The first two courses were a success for the participants. They not only improved their skills and understanding of the construction industry, they also made the move into education, further training or employment, as gaining vital life skills and confidence along the way.