

Press release
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Hackney Homes residents get excited about Neighbours Day

Hackney Homes residents will join 9 million people across Europe to celebrate Neighbours Day on 27 May 2011. Initiated in Paris in 2000, Neighbours Day aims to foster community cohesion and create better neighbourhoods where people enjoy living.

Residents can come together for games, fun and activities in their local neighbourhood. If you are planning a party, here are some tips on making it a successful one:

- Talk to your neighbours about it and get them to contribute ideas
- Find the right place to hold it in your neighbourhood and check if you need permission
- Tell everyone about it – flyers, leaflets and god old fashioned door knocking works
- Allocate enough time to get everything set up
- Is there something for everyone? Make sure that the kids don't get forgotten
- Create a welcoming atmosphere – consider decorations, music and party props

Chair of Hackney Homes Board, Rupert Tyson said “Neighbours Day is not to be missed in the calendar. Every year, we support local residents to get together, meet neighbours and celebrate what they love about living in their neighbourhood.”

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Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.