

Press release
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Hackney Homes welcomes Austrian carpenters during National Apprenticeship Week

As part of National Apprenticeship Week (7 – 11 February 2011), Hackney Homes has welcomed two Austrian carpenters into our workforce.

The two apprentices will join our 150 strong team of operatives who are in homes every day carrying out around 120,000 repairs and maintenance works every year.

They will also meet other apprentices currently working in Hackney Homes, one of which is Kofi, a multi-skilled electrician who has just completed his apprenticeship with Hackney Homes.

Kofi said: "I am very glad I did it and would recommend it to others. I wanted a positive career and I always wanted to do this. Some of the highlights are working with professionals and every day is different with different obstacles to climb. The scheme gives you a positive outlook on your future."

Jim Paterson, Head of Building Maintenance said: "We are absolutely committed to getting local Hackney people into our workforce and the Apprenticeship scheme is a good way to do this. We know that the Austrian apprentices will learn a lot from our team and will take this back with them".

For more information about the Hackney Homes Apprenticeship Scheme, check the Hackney Homes website www.hackneyhomes.org.uk

For more information about National Apprenticeship Week, check the website <http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk/Awards/Apprenticeship-Week-2011.aspx>

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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.