

Press release
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Hackney Street Party Champion hosts Big Lunch on Lockner estate

The Lockner Estate in Hackney joined thousands of people across the country to host their third Big Lunch for friends and neighbours.

Organised by recently appointed Street party Champion Shane Solanki and Chair of the Lockner Tenants and Residents Association Lisa Linpower, the day saw residents from the estate and neighbouring streets get together to have lunch with their neighbours in a simple act of community, friendship and fun.

So much was on offer including parkour (street running), street art, beatboxing and capoeira, as well as henna painting and ping pong. There was also live music; a pamper corner for tired mothers and fathers and a much loved escort service where handsome young men and pretty young ladies will escort older residents to the party.

Young children didn't miss out as there was dedicated kids area with a paddling pool, storytelling and face painting.

Neehara Wijeyesekera, Head of Tenancy and Leasehold Services, Hackney Homes said: "This was a fantastic event. The residents on Lockner estate come together every year to plan a great celebration on their estate and we are always proud to support them".

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Notes to Editors

- The Lockner Big Lunch is supported by Hackney Homes. Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.
- The Lockner Estate in Dalston has been involved in the Big Lunch initiative since it was first launched. Each year the party has grown to encompass a wider community. The Lockner Estate Big Lunch showcases everything that makes East London great, including timeless hospitality, a increasing interest in arts and culture, and of course the many facets of the richly diverse heritages who are now proud to call East London their home.

- Shane Solanki has been appointed Hackney's Street Party Champion by Mayor of London, Boris Johnson. For more information, contact Shane – lastmangoinparis@gmail.com
- Since starting in 2009, thousands of Big Lunches have taken place in all kinds of communities across the UK and the best part of a million people get involved each year.