



Woodberry Down Celebrates Future Builders



*Rod Bennion, Construction Youth Trust Chairman, and Mark Julian 23, trainee
and Woodberry Down resident*

Welcome to the December edition of the Manor House Development Trust e-newsletter. This month we are pleased to update you on a number of projects and events that have taken place over the past month. The graduation that took place for Woodberry Works Built2Work project, 13 enthusiastic young people and their families attended a presentation held in Woodberry Down on Thursday 4th November to celebrate their achievements on the Built2Work Introduction to Construction Training course.



Trainee, Carly McGill, age 19

The free 4-week course was offered to Hackney residents aged 16-25 with half the participants being from Woodberry Down and the others referred from the Youth Offending Team, Jobcentre Plus, London Gypsy and Traveller Unit and Fairbridge.

Built2Work aims to give young people an understanding of the construction industry and its structure and ensures that each young person can build progression routes into the construction industry via employment, education and training

Trainees gained valuable hands-on experience utilising two 'void' properties in Woodberry Down as a blank canvas and providing practical skills in plumbing, tiling, carpentry, painting and decorating and health and safety from qualified and experienced trainers, as well as access to employers, mentoring, travel and subsistence, and flexibility for lone parents.

Mother of one, Carly McGill, heard about Built2Work through her key worker. Carly said of the programme: "I enjoyed the course and would like to do more training and get a job in carpentry."

The scheme, led by Manor House Development Trust, was delivered by Woodberry Works, the training and employment arm of Woodberry Down regeneration. In partnership with the award winning Construction Youth Trust with contributions from other Woodberry Works partners including: Berkeley Homes,



Built2Work trainers: Erol, Karen and Rod Bennion, Construction Youth Trust Chairman

Hackney Homes, Hackney Community College, Mulalley, Citrus Training, Genesis Housing Group and Hackney Council.

Rod Bennion, Chair of Trustees for the Construction Youth Trust, said: "This programme identifies talent in young people that has been previously neglected and has brought them into the training world. Stick with it, it's a great industry and you'll have a great life."

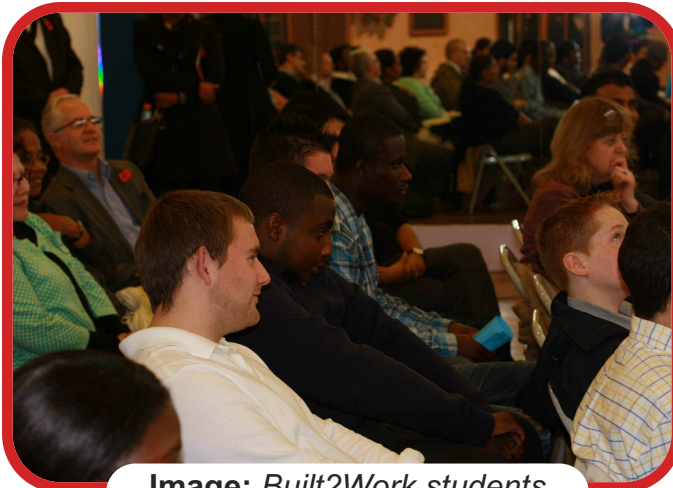


Image: Built2Work students

“The whole course motivated young people and left a spark in them, and I hope we can keep empowering them,” Councillor Michael Jones.

Built2Work was funded by Team Hackney Community Grants, administered by HCVS on behalf of Team Hackney. A further 4-week course is set to take place early in 2011. To apply for a place on future courses, please contact Woodberry Works on: 020 8356 1625 or email: woodberryworks@hackneyhomes.org.uk or visit the Robin Redmond Resource Centre, 440 Seven Sisters Road, N4 2RD.



Intergenerational dance project coming in January! (A HACT funded project)

A dance project is due to begin shortly on Woodberry Down to encourage community cohesion between young and older people. The aim is to engage the different generations through dance. The project is due to begin in mid-January and run for six weeks at the RRRC.

The project will be delivered by Freshly Squeezed, an innovative lifestyle company; its aim is to encourage and inspire the community to participate in regular physical activity.



Participants will learn easy to follow exercise movements and steps combining dance styles such as Street Dance, Salsa, Disco and others. Over the six weeks, the sequences and dances learnt will be worked into a final performance where participants can share what they have achieved. More information will be distributed nearer the start date.

Woodberry Down Football Team

Good News: The Woodberry Down under 10s have entered into the Hackney Youth League, their first match is in a couple of weeks. We are still collecting for the raffle for the football, any donations welcome.



Songolo Feet - African Textile Printing Project

Come along and take part in the exciting textile printing, dyeing and sewing workshops taking place at Robin Redmond Resource centre every Monday evening from 4.30 pm – 6.30 pm.



The project is delivered by Songolo Feet and teaches the simplest, most effective, African printing techniques enabling everyone taking part to create, affordable Christmas presents, recession fashion (by customising your own clothes), trendy household linens, cushion covers, purses and bags. The workshops are funded by Genesis and extend to 20th December 2010, when participants will have a final showcase with snacks available. The second part of the project will resume on the 10th January 2010, with the introduction to newspaper artefacts and furniture to run alongside the textile printing. The skills obtained are exciting, effective and sustainable, fun to do with your family.



Spots vs Stripes Games Club coming to Woodberry Down

For Woodberry Down we will be running a SvS Games Club starting in mid-December: tentatively scheduled to start on Wednesday 8th December, 6-8pm at the RRRC. Every second Wednesday of the month (December-April) there will be a board games evening for local residents to participate in (particularly aimed at teenagers and adults). This is a project run by Groundwork and Manor House Development Trust will help with the outreach. Manor House Development Trust is in discussions to focus on men in the community and will consult with the local men to see what kind of games evening they would like.

It will run every second Wednesday from Jan to April 2011 at the same time, same place. Please note that from January onwards we will have the main hall and room 2 to run the games club. Anyone of any age can attend, but we are trying to focus on teenagers and adults.

Well London is a project managed and co-ordinated by the Manor House Development Trust for residents on Woodberry Down

Dare 2 Dream - Theatre visits Lion King and Jack and the Beanstalk

Local women from Woodberry Down put forward the idea for a trip to the Lion King musical and organised the trip themselves for the over 50s from Woodberry Down. The group had a fantastic experience and have recommended this trip for a future family project outing on Woodberry Down. The same group with their money from the Well London 'Can Money Buy Happiness' project is taking 50 families from Woodberry Down to the Pantomime to see Jack and the Beanstalk at the Hackney Empire.



Personal Support Packages

We have four residents in the process of completing their PSP application and these will go to the panel in the next two weeks. The areas that they wish to use the PSPs for are:

- Piano and Music Lessons
- Advance Training in Mental Health courses
- DIY for Women on Woodberry Down
- Teaching English as a second or other Language

“I am a Woodberry Down resident and am happy to say that Lesleyanne introduced me to the PSP. I had to simply fill out the form and write a supporting letter. This was then approved by the panel and I was successful. I now have funding for my course and couldn't be happier. This will help me further my qualifications in becoming an electrician.”

For more information regarding the PSP contact Lesleyanne Forman on: 020 8356 1626 or email lesleyanne.forman@hackneyhomes.org.uk

Next Issue: The next newsletter will be distributed in the first week of February. Please contact us at mhdt@hackneyhomes.org.uk if there are any stories/ info that you wish to be included

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



The Trust would like to thank everyone that has supported us throughout 2010 and would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Dates for You Diary:

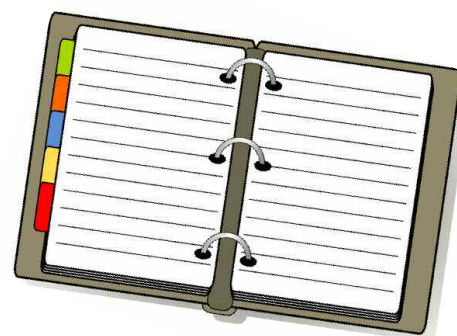
Every Monday:

WD Football Sessions at Newnton Close football pitch

Session 1: 6pm - 6.45pm for 8 - 12 yr olds

Session 2: 6.45pm - 7.30pm for 13 yrs +

For WD football sessions contact Christina Oshodi from Access to Sport on: 020 8809 0088. Following on from the training sessions the WD football team will be entering into various tournaments throughout the year.



Songolo Feet – Textiles printing for families at the RRRC - 4.30-6.30 pm until February

Every Tuesday:

Over 55s Luncheon Club

12.15pm – 2pm at RRRC main hall

Contact Luncheon Club coordinator, Lydia Batchelor, on 020 7503 0394

Luncheon Club Christmas party 21st December

Tai Chi at RRRC main hall now one session - 2 pm- 3.30 pm costs £2

Every Thursday:

Walking Group meeting point Finsbury Park (Manor House tube gates)

11am - 12 noon contact David on: 07876 533178

Healthy Spaces 12 noon - 4pm old Pewsham House site, contact John Paul Taberdo on: 07801 670 768

Woodberry Down Choir 7pm – 9pm up until Christmas, contact Lesleyanne Forman 020 8356 1626

December:

21st Luncheon Club Christmas party

followed by Christmas celebrations at the RRRC – from 4pm onwards

January:

Coming soon – Intergenerational dance project

11th Luncheon Club restarts