

Press release
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Summer of fun for Hackney youngsters

Wondering what to do with your young ones during the summer break? Hackney Homes has a range of activities on our estates taking place this summer and throughout the year.

The popular Nemesis Dance project welcomes young people to get into the groove on Thursday evenings at Regents Court, Queensbridge and Friday evenings at New Kingshold Community Centre.

Bike enthusiasts can also aim to be the next bright spark by joining in with Cycle Club Hackney on the Nightingale and Fawcett Estates every week.

If football or basketball is their thing, they can attend the Kickz sessions on Gascoyne and New Kingshold estate and Arsenal in the Community coaching at City Academy where they can meet young people from neighbouring estates and show off their skills.

If they want to make a difference to where they live, why not encourage them to take part in The Youth Engagement Programme happening on six estates in Hackney. They can discuss their views and opinions about what they want to see changes and get support to make this happen.

Hackney Homes Divisional Head of Tenancy and Leasehold, Neehara Wijeyesekera said: "Our youth activities have been running for a number of years and we are pleased that so many young people take part. Opportunities such as these enable our young residents to have a safe place to have fun, meet their neighbours and gain new skills."

For more information contact Hackney Homes Youth Coordinator, Sonia Bradley on 0208 356 7845 or visit <http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk/hhs-young-residents.htm>

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Notes to Editors

- **Kickz:**
Gascoyne Estate – Tue/Fridays 4.30 – 7.30pm (Football and Basketball)
New Kingshold Estate – Monday & Thursday 5.00 – 7.00 pm (Football, Basketball, Table tennis & Badminton)
- **Hackney Homes & Arsenal in the Community:**
City Academy –Sundays 9.30am-12.30pm (Entry from 9.15 am-9.30am only)

- **Nemesis Dance Group**

Thursday: Regents Court, 5-7pm Community Hall, Brougham Road E8 4SQ
Fridays: Queensbridge Sports 6-8pm Centre, Holly St E8 3XW, 6-8pm New Kingshold Community Centre, 49 Ainsworth Street

- **YEP programme**

Rising Tide, a leading music training and community development charity based in Ocean Venue in Hackney is working in partnership with Hackney Homes to deliver a Youth Engagement Programme which encourages young people to help make a difference where they live by joining one of the six youth committees established on the following Hackney Homes estates:

The YEP programme takes place on the following estates:

- **Holly Street** (incorporating Rhodes estate)
- **Woodberry Down**
- **Fawcett**
- **Fellow's court**
- **Landfield** (incorporating the Beckers site)
- **Chat-Vic** (composed of Frampton Park and Trelawney with Morningside and New Kingshold part of Southern Housing Group)

Additional information can be found at <http://rising-tide.co.uk/yep/>

- **Cycle club Hackney**

Hackney Homes sponsors cycle clubs on two estates in Hackney. The Interlinkx cic's Fawcett Estate Youth Cycle Maintenance Project and the Nightingale Cycle Project. For information on the cycle club visit <http://www.cyclingclubhackney.co.uk>