

Press release
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Hackney Homes and green fingered youngsters dig deep for tree planting festival

Young people from Simon Marks Jewish Primary School in Stoke Newington teamed up with Hackney Homes gardeners to plant a host of new trees on the Nelson Mandela Estate, Cazenove Road as part of Tu B'shvat, the Jewish New Year for Trees on 20 January.

Hackney Homes worked with the school to provide the trees, which included a Poplar, Rowan and ornamental pear, and help the children to plant them correctly and learn how to care for them.

Local Councillors Linda Kelly and Rita Krishna joined in as well as teachers and local residents.

Christophe Tabi, Hackney Homes Interim Head of Estate Environment said: "This year, we plan to plant over 800 trees on our estates. Trees help to brighten the estate, enhance the environment by attracting more birds and wildlife and improve the quality of life for residents."

Councillor Jonathan McShane, the Council's Cabinet Member for Community Services said,

"This festival is a fantastic example of the work we can do in the community to improve our environment and make Hackney a greener place to live. It's wonderful to see the children from Simon Marks helping out to make a positive change on the estate."

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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.