

## Media release

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### Free gardening course for Hackney residents

Hackney Homes residents living on estates with a registered Tenants' and Residents' Association can sign up for a **FREE** 10 week gardening course run by St Mary's Secret Garden in Shoreditch.

The classes will run once a week at both St Mary's Secret Garden and on a selection of estates in the borough. There are two courses running; during the **evening** on Wednesdays, 6-8:30pm, starting from 30 April and during the **day** on Fridays, 1-3:30pm, starting from 9 May.

You can gain practical experience preparing and planting a vegetable or herb bed, learn which tools to use in the garden, know how to identify weeds and get health and safety tips. You will also gain a qualification and have the chance to meet other gardeners living in Hackney.

To register and book your place, contact Claudia Sartori on 020 7739 2965 or email [claudia@stmarysgarden.org.uk](mailto:claudia@stmarysgarden.org.uk)

### Ends

Press queries to Susan Walsh on 0208 356 3528 or email [susan.walsh@hackneyhomes.org.uk](mailto:susan.walsh@hackneyhomes.org.uk)

### Notes to Editors

- St Mary's Secret Garden is situated at 50 Pearson Street, London, E2 8EL (near Fellows Court estate).
- Hackney Homes is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) launched in April 2006 to manage the Council's social housing stock. Hackney Homes is led by a board which includes residents, councillors and independent representatives and is responsible for managing 22,000 tenanted properties and 8,000 leasehold properties in the borough. For further information visit [www.hackneyhomes.org.uk](http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk)