

Press release

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Hackney Homes Gypsy and Traveller Service nominated for national award

The support that Hackney Homes provides to Gypsy and Traveller communities in the borough has been recognised as one of the best in the coveted Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) Awards.

Shortlisted from hundreds of nominations from across the country, the support service was recognised for the way in which it encourages the community to engage with local residents and also raises the profile of the cultural differences of the Gypsy and Traveller Community to the rest of Hackney.

One of the notable ways in which they have done this is by celebrating Gypsy, Traveller Awareness Month with various activities in Hackney so that local residents can find out more about the community and challenge the preconceived stereotypes.

Neil Isaac, Director of Finance and Resources said: "The vital support that Hackney Homes provides to the Gypsy and Traveller community has resulted in the development of strong relationships as well as a real commitment to work together to improve skills, education and employment opportunities for members of the community".

For more information about the Hackney Homes Gypsy and Traveller Service, check:

- www.hackneyhomes.org.uk
- Log on to Facebook : Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Team – Hackney Homes
- Check the Twitter Page : <http://twitter.com/HackneyHomesGRT>

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Notes to Editors

- **Picture Caption: Celebrating Gypsy, Traveller Awareness Month in Hackney**
- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.