

Press release

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Hackney Homes launches Active Residents Awards

Hackney's unsung heroes who contribute towards building a better community are to be recognised by Hackney Homes through an annual 'Active Resident Awards' ceremony.

These awards will celebrate and recognise the contribution that Hackney Homes' tenants and leaseholders make and they will highlight the efforts of both individuals and groups who have made a difference.

Hackney Homes Chief Executive Steve Tucker said: "Hackney has many unsung heroes, who go about their daily lives quietly making a difference. We want to recognise and celebrate these residents and the work they do to make Hackney a better place to live."

He urges: "We need your help with this. If you know someone, or a particular group whom you feel deserves to be recognised for their contribution to the community, then nominate them for these awards."

There are five award categories:

- The Creativity/Innovation Award is for groups or individuals that have done something unusual or special for their community.
- The Taking a Stand Award is for groups or individuals that have challenged unacceptable behaviour in their local area.
- The Good Citizen Award is for an individual whose efforts have benefited their community. It could be someone who helps out at the local community centre or is simply a good neighbour.
- The Bright Futures Award is for a young person (under 25) or a young people's group that has made a positive impact to their neighbourhood or estate.
- The Unsung Heroes Award is for individuals or organisations in our community that undertake the necessary work to keep Hackney a rich and vibrant place to live.

The 2006 winners will receive an engraved trophy and £50 worth of vouchers and residents can nominate by filling in the form on our website:

www.hackneyhomes.org.uk, or by picking up a form at their local neighbourhood offices or at reception at Christopher Addison House.

A panel of Hackney Homes staff and resident representatives will judge the entries. The closing date is Monday 16th October and winners will be notified in writing and will be invited to attend the prize giving ceremony to be held Saturday 4th November 2006

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