

Press release

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More Kickz football sessions for Hackney's young people

The Kickz football programme in Hackney is expanding to offer more young people sports and recreation opportunities.

Launched in Hackney in November last year, the free programme is rapidly expanding to offer sessions within schools and more locations for after school sessions.

The latest addition to the programme is a range of activities at Haggerston School, near the Fellows Court Estate. Both basketball and football sessions will be held every Tuesday evening for young people aged 10 to 19.

The Kickz programme is now available on Gascoyne Estate, Stoke Newington School and Fellows Court, with plans for expansion this year.

"We are looking to expand into more schools and into the Stamford Hill area as well. The programme has been extremely successful and well attended and we want to offer these opportunities to many young people in the borough," said Jackie Loftus, Hackney Homes project manager.

There will also be an Easter programme on offer, running until Friday 13th April, when the finals will be held at Stoke Newington School.

Kickz is a national programme aimed to reduce anti-social behaviour and victimisation and improve community cohesion and citizenship amongst young Londoners.

The project name and logo, 'Kickz', was designed and chosen by young people and the programme is supported by the Government, the Football Foundation, the Respect Task Force, the Association of Chief Police Officers and Association of Police Authorities and the Department of Health.

In Hackney, the scheme has also brought in additional funding contributions from a range of partners including Hackney Homes, Gerda, Lovell, Mullaley, Mouchel Parkman, Connaught, Mansell and Kier Group.

A schedule of activities currently on offer in Hackney is listed below. Young people interested in attending a sessions can contact Sab Bham at the Leyton Orient Community Sports Programme on 020 8556 5973 or email

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Current Kickz Programme in Hackney

<u>Estate</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Age group</u>
Gascoyne	Tuesday	5.00-6.30pm	Football	10-14
Gascoyne	Tuesday	6.30-8.00pm	Football	15+
Gascoyne	Thursday	5.00-6.30pm	Basketball	10-14
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Well Street Common	Saturday	9.30-11.00am	Football	7-12
Well Street Common	Saturday	11.00am-12.30pm	Football	13+
Stoke Newington School	Monday	4.30-7.00pm	Football (estates league)	10-14
Stoke Newington School	Monday to Friday (During school hours)	During school hours	Football and Basketball	One girl's session and one boy's session
Stoke Newington School	Wednesday	4.30-7.00pm	Football League	15+
Haggerston School	Monday to Friday (During school hours)	During school hours	Football and basketball	Two sessions per week
Fellows Court (Haggerston)	Tuesday	5.15-7.15pm	Basketball (3 a side for girls and boys)	10-14 and 15-19
Fellows Court (Haggerston)	Tuesday	5.15-7.15pm	Football (5 a side league for boys and girls)	10-14 and 15-19

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Easter Programme

Well Street Common

6-a-side football tournament (under 14s and under 18s)
Tuesday 10th April 1-4pm

Haggerston Park

6-a-side football tournament (under 14s and under 18s)
Wednesday 11th April 10.30am-5.30pm (inter estate tournament)

Springfield Park

6-a-side football tournament (under 13s and under 16s)
Multisports sessions (under 13s and under 16s)
Thursday 5th April 1-4pm
Thursday 12th April 1-4pm

Finals Tournament at Stoke Newington School

For winners of under 14s and under 18s
Friday 13th April 1-4pm

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