

Media release

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Make-over blitz hits estates

Hackney Homes' painting team recently joined forces with a savvy young group of volunteers from a leading international law firm to help make-over Webb Estate's Community Hall.

Armed with paint brushes and wearing overalls, the teams worked tirelessly to paint the community hall which is regularly used by local residents. The initiative came about through partnership working between Hackney Homes and the East London Business Alliance (ELBA).

Hackney Homes provided the expertise and painting know-how on the day whilst the lawyers from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer provided the man power and enthusiasm to get the job done in record time.

Community halls and surrounding gardens at Hawksley Court and Yorkshire Grove have also been revamped under this project with other ELBA member companies including Barclays.

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Notes to Editors

- **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
- **ELBA** stands for East London Business Alliance. ELBA creates possibilities in East London by connecting business to local people, alongside public and community partners, to enable social, economic and infrastructure change. For further information visit www.legacy2020.org