



## MANOR HOUSE DEVELOPMENT TRUST

### The MHDT e-newsletter is finally here!



**Welcome to the September edition of the Manor House Development Trust newsletter**

**Welcome to the first ever edition of the Manor House Development Trust's electronic Newsletter. This newsletter will be distributed via our web pages monthly to give you additional updates on the activities within the Manor House Development Trust and info on all the exciting community projects that we will be working on**

# Meet the MHDT Community Development Team

Since moving into the RRRC building the MHDT team has grown! We would like to take this opportunity to introduce some faces you may already know and also introduce our new starters.

## MHDT



**Simon Donovan**  
MHDT Director

Simon Donovan has been working in Community Development across London since 1984 and brings a wealth of experience for Woodberry Down residents. The earlier part of his experience was as an outreach worker for a drug drop-in centre based on the Old Kent Rd and then later as a Youth Worker for the London Borough of Waltham Forest. Spending the next few years in Waltham Forest Simon developed employment and training projects on the Housing Action Trust estates which were undergoing similar regeneration to Woodberry Down ensuring local residents got the best chance as possible in gaining training and access to the jobs created. Simon has also led the development of an adventure play ground and community centre in Walthamstow. Before joining the Trust Simon spent the previous 5 years working in Tower Hamlets where he managed resident involvement, 11 community facilities including the construction of two new ones and a wide range of community initiatives for a local housing association.

“I am the administrator at Manor House Development Trust, and am one of the main contacts for issues and queries involving the Trust. Aswell as taking care of the daily running of the MHDT office, I assist Simon Donovan in community development tasks e.g. the organising of meetings, community events/ projects, funding bids and any other activities that the trust is involved in”



**Jessica Francis**  
Trust Administrator

## RRRC

“I coordinate the RRRC liaising and working with training providers who are contracted to use the training facilities. Agreeing programmes, timetables, handling queries/requests from prospective students organising publicity in the centre. Ensuring that courses are run in line with the RRRC Policies and Procedures. I ensure accurate Centre user and hirer records are kept, recording key agreement documents, invoices, payment records and contact details. I’m also responsible for RRRC staff”.



**Goknil Gocke**  
RRRC Co-ordinator



**Nazneen Omerji**  
RRRC receptionist/  
administrator

“I work in the RRRRC as an Administrator/Receptionist. My main role is to ensure communication with members, customers, officers and other stakeholders are dealt with efficiently and effectively responding to telephone and personal enquiries from centre users and other members of staff. I am the first point of call for the team and am responsible for liaising with a range of service providers, organisations and agencies on the team's behalf. I am also responsible for the teams development and organisation of administrative systems as directed. During the time of activities i.e. the Black History Month we use many sources to research and help the community to understand and take part in events”

## Welcome to our New Staff!

“I’m the new Community Development Officer for the Manor House Development Trust based at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre.  
My first project is to find 5-10 residents who would like to be a Well London Health Champions for their community”

If you are interested in training to become a Health Champion for your community, please get in touch on **020 8356 1626** or email **leslyanne.forman@hackneyhomes.org.uk**



**Leslyanne Forman**

“I’m the new Woodberry Works Training Manager. Woodberry Works aims to deliver basic construction and other training activities for the benefit of residents in the area. Planned courses range from one day First Aid and Manual Handling through to longer courses with qualifications such as the Introductory Certificate in Basic Construction Skills and women only construction skills courses. These courses are ideal for anyone wanting to have their first taste of training or gain skills, certificates and qualifications useful in work”.

Anyone who wants to find out more about Woodberry Works or the training on offer can contact

me on **020 8356 1796** or email **caroline.tomiczek@hackneyhomes.org.uk**



**Caroline Tomiczek**

# MHDT Summer trips a success!



The aim of the summer trips has been to network and engage with residents away from the typical Woodberry Down setting/ environment. It has also been a chance for us to publicise the great work that the Trust has been doing in the area and get more residents on our Board or involved with MHDT activities. We are very pleased that all the places on the trips got snapped up by residents, so much so that an extra coach had to be booked for Broadstairs and Clacton to avoid disappointment. The trips have received lots of positive feedback and we can not wait to do it all again next year! Some of the feedback we received from attendees:

“I’m looking forward to future events by MHDT”

“Children really enjoyed themselves and had lots of fun at the beach (Clacton)”

“ Staff were lovely- Thank you!”

“Thank you for a wonderful day out !”

The last summer trip took place on the 16th September, the Trust took 22 residents to the [Museum of Kent Life](#) and you can read all about it in the next issue

Preparations are currently being made to take residents to the London Dungeons in October and the annual MHDT pantomime trip will take place in December...



## RRRC Open day

Goknil organised an open day at the RRRC for providers on the 10th September to register residents and local people on courses run at the centre. Some of the providers on the day included Well London, Work Skills Learning, Woodberry Works, and the Metropolitan police. In total 50+ local people signed up for courses, and will begin classes in mid September.

The centre will have a **User Group Meeting** on the **22nd September between 6.00pm and 7.00pm** to discuss issues like recent operational changes and issues affecting the local community e.g noise level from the building, parking etc.

## Coming Soon...Black History Month @ RRRC

Final preparations are currently being made at the Robin Redmond Resource centre for Black History Month, which will involve a week of activities for all age groups



## MHDT Annual Pantomime Trip:

This year's annual pantomime trip will be to see Aladdin at the Hackney Empire, the MHDT will be in attendance in December, further info including dates and publicity will be distributed in due course until then you can find out more information from:

<http://www.hackneyempire.co.uk/1216/shows/aladdin.html>

## New Woodberry Works Courses Announced!

Since her arrival in August Caroline has been tirelessly working on organising a number of short courses for local people within the area. Groups or individuals interested can now contact Caroline at the MHDT office to register their interest.

**Courses are due to start at the end of 2009, these will include:**

### Women's DIY Taste of construction

1 day course in conjunction with Hackney Community College- learn when to DIY and when not to DIY, this course will provide training on using basic tools and materials and guidance on working in the built environment

### Health and Safety training, CSCS test and site visit

2-3 day course for anyone going on site regularly, whether a visitor or employee- this is a must for Health and Safety

### Food Hygiene Certificate (for young person only 16+)

4 evenings- CIEH level 2 Award in food safety qualification for anyone wanting to work in the food industry

### First Aid for appointed persons for Turkish speaking Women

1 day course- Learn the minimum level of first aid required in a workplace



Tel: **0208 356 1796** or email: [caroline.tomiczek@hackneyhomes.org.uk](mailto:caroline.tomiczek@hackneyhomes.org.uk)

# Watch this space!

Coming soon in the next few months a fabulous new **over 55's Luncheon Club** will begin. This will be run by MHDT and held at the Robin Redmond Resource Centre providing residents with the opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones. Menu will include 2 courses of hot nutritious food. More information will be released shortly if you have any queries you can contact **Lydia, the Luncheon club co-ordinator** on Tel No **0793 0303437**



## Dates for your diary:

### September:

18th - Community Development Workers Forum meeting

22nd- RRRC User Group meeting 6 till 7 pm

### October:

Half term week:

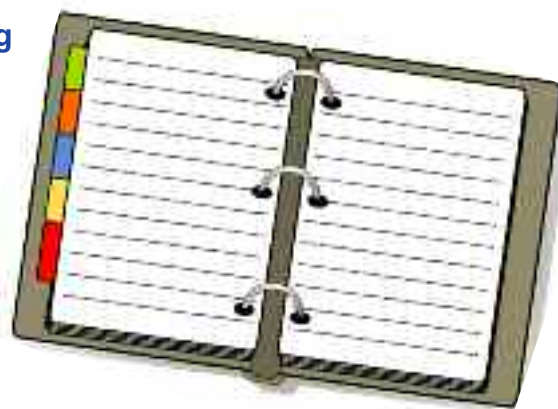
Black History at the RRRC- A week of activities (publicity will be distributed in due course)

Parkside half term youth provision

TBC: MHDT October Halloween trip to the London Dungeons

### December:

TBC: MHDT Pantomime trip to Hackney Empire



## Next Issue:

Community Development Forum meeting, MHDT trip to the Museum of Kent Life, Black History Month and much more...

The next newsletter will be distributed in the first week of October. Please contact us at [mhdt@hackneyhomes.org.uk](mailto:mhdt@hackneyhomes.org.uk) if there are any stories/ info that you wish to be included or if you have any feedback about the newsletter.

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