

# Young and live in Hackney?

## Find out how you can have your say and get involved



Sonia Bradley

### **My name is Sonia Bradley and I am the Hackney Homes Youth Coordinator.**

My main role is to work with young residents to make sure that they understand what Hackney Homes does and also give them the chance to tell us what we should be prioritising.

I work with different local groups to organise Hackney wide youth activities, as well as more local estate based activities and youth committees. Some of the popular activities that I have been involved in are Nemesis Street

Dance and the Kickz football project as well as the Interlinkx bike project. These activities are great fun for young people to get involved in but they also allow young people to get fit. There is also an opportunity to gain accredited training to help with routes into employment.

On these pages, you will see and hear from other young people who are taking part in activities on estates across Hackney and what they are getting out of this.

**To find out more and for times and venues for the activities, check out [www.hackneyhomes.org.uk](http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk)**

## **Youth Clubs are fun places to go**

The youth club on Aspland and Marcon Estate reopened last year to the pleasure of many young people living on the estate. A joint partnership between Hackney Homes, the local TRA and Hackney Youth service, the youth club is open every Tuesday for young people to come by, meet friends and have fun.

You can take part in fun and exciting

activities including paint balling sessions and day visits to places like Thorpe Park over the summer.

**If you live close to Amhurst Road in Hackney, why not come to the Aspland and Marcon Youth Club?**

### **The Purple Bus is a youth club on wheels coming to an estate near you!**

Want to get I.T skills, free internet access, and play the latest games? How about developing your writing skills and getting involved in a huge range of different activities and workshops?

Visit the website to find out when and where you can find the IT bus.

## Catch the Purple IT Bus in your local area



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# Fix bikes? Learn new skills at the Fawcett Estate Bike Project

**Old bikes don't have to be thrown away. Why not repair them and give them a new lease on life.**

That is the attitude of the newly reopened Interlinkx Fawcett Estate Bike Project which offers young people living in the local area a chance to learn how to revamp old bikes so that they are



safe and ready to be used again.

The project was re-launched in the Fawcett Estate Community Hall where many residents came

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to learn more about the bike project as well as getting their bikes repaired.

The Bike Project will be staffed by trained bike mechanics as well as a trainee young resident. All health and safety requirements will be strictly

adhered to, to ensure that the bike project is a safe and enjoyable place for young people to be in.

All young people who attend the bike project will have the chance to gain AQA and Cytech Level 1 accredited training to give them recognised qualifications in this field.

Sean, a Hackney resident who works on the Fawcett Bike Project said: “Being involved in the bike project has made my Saturdays more fun and also put a little money in my pocket. It has also allowed me to interact with other people that I



didn't know before and it has meant that I can travel to other areas and not worry about problems with ASB and local gangs. I have also gained work experience to help me in the future. One major advantage for me is that I have now passed my Cytech induction theory module which means I can apply for a job to work in a bike shop.”

## Kickz Programme

The Kickz football programme in Hackney has expanded to offer more sports and recreation opportunities for young people during term time in the borough.

There will be training sessions for football and basketball as well as mini-tournaments taking place across the borough.

For more information, contact Sab Bham at the Leyton Orient Community Sports Programme on **020 8556 5973** or email **sab.bham@locsp.org** or phone Jackie Loftus at Hackney Homes on **020 8356 7863** or email **jackie.loftus@hackneyhomes.org.uk**



## Nemesis Street Dance Project

**Live in Hackney?  
Aged between 8 and 19?  
Do you want to learn  
how to dance or  
practice some of your  
moves with trained  
dance experts?**

Come along to Nemesis Dance project happening

on an estate near you. All sessions are **FREE**. Places are limited to 25 per session so please do arrive on time.

For times and venues, visit the website or phone Sonia on **020 8356 7845**.

