

Press release

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Summer activities for young people kick boredom out of the picture

There's no reason for young people living on Hackney Homes estates to be bored over the school holidays. This is because Hackney Homes has teamed up with a number of local organisations to provide a range of fun and exciting activities on or near our estates.

Everything from sports, arts and crafts, dance, play and youth clubs are available throughout the borough for young people to join in, make friends and learn something new.

Young people interested in sports such as football and basketball can take part in daily sessions to learn new skills or improve on what they have already with Arsenal and Leyton Orient coaches. Running in Hackney for over three years, the Kickz programme has been successful in keeping young people occupied, building better relationships with local police via tournaments and showing young people how sports can help to improve their health and wellbeing.

Over the summer, Kickz football sessions will be run on over the following locations throughout Hackney. Dates and times are available via the Hackney Homes website.

- Clissold Park, Clissold Road, N16
- The Pedro Club, Rushmore Road, E5
- Mabley Green, Lee Conservancy Road, E9 5BP
- Haggerston Park, Audrey Street, off Goldsmith's Row, E2 8QH
- Springfield Park, Spring Hill, E5
- London Fields, Richmond Road, E8
- Colville Estate, Norris House, Whitmore Road, N1
- Arden Estate, Malcolm House, Regan Way, N1

Young people can also catch the dancing bug by taking part in street dance sessions with the Nemesis troupe on or near our estates throughout the summer. Boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 19 can learn how to dance or practise some of their moves with trained dance experts on Tuesdays on Fellows Court Estate in Shoreditch and at Queensbridge Sports Centre and New Kingshold Sports Centre on Fridays.

In addition to learning to dance, the Nemesis dancers also take part in fun days on estates encouraging other young people to take up dancing and they also visit shows and exhibitions to teach them about the history of dance and other styles and techniques.

In addition to these specific activities, there are also a number of youth clubs on Hackney Homes estates throughout the borough for young people to go to and join in the fun. Full details of youth clubs and projects happening on Hackney Homes estates are available on the Hackney Homes website at www.hackneyhomes.org.uk

Our mission is to deliver excellent, responsive housing services with decent homes and estates. To help residents lead healthy lives in safe and sustainable communities.

Rupert Tyson, Chair of Hackney Homes Board said: “Young people tell us that they want something to do during the school holidays. That is why we are taking a range of activities to our estates so that young people can learn new skills and make friends in their local communities.

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- 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