

Press release

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Want a career in construction? Why not try out a taster course on Woodberry Down?

With many opportunities arising from the regeneration of Woodberry Down and the 2012 Olympics and Paralympics Games, Hackney locals will be in a great position to take advantage of this in the coming years. That is why Woodberry Works has launched the 'Future Builders' scheme to give residents a five-day taster course into a career in the construction industry.

'Future Builders' will provide basic hands-on practical trials in tiling and plastering; painting and decorating and plumbing. Residents will be able to try out construction activities before committing to a longer period of study.

All courses are FREE and open to Hackney residents; employment seekers/benefits claimants; and men and women people aged over 16 with no upper age limit.

The **January** course is open to all and begins on Monday 26th January 2009. Enrolment is at the Woodberry Works Training Centre on **Friday 16th January** between 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

The **February** course is for **women only** and starts on Monday 26th February 2009. Enrolment is at the Woodberry Works Training Centre on **Wednesday 11th February** between 10.30am – 12.30pm and 1.30pm – 4.00pm.

For more details phone 0800 694 2109.

Ends

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Notes to Editors

- The Woodberry Works Training Centre is based at Parkfield House, Newton Close N4. Newton Close is off Woodberry Grove. A number of buses take you to closeby : 253, 254, 259 or 279.
- Woodberry Works is a partnership between Hackney Homes, Woodberry Down Regeneration Team, Berkeley Homes, Circle Anglia, Manor House Development Trust, London Development Authority (LDA), Hackney Community College, Access to Employment and Metropolitan Housing

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.

Trust. The centre has been funded by SRB6 Programme, Hackney Council, Olympics Funding and the LDA.

- Further information about Woodberry Works is available via the Hackney Homes website at www.hackneyhomes.org.uk and click on the link for Woodberry Down.