

## Press release

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### **Hackney Homes steps up youth activities on our estates**

Having something to do after school or college is a major cause for concern for young people on estates. That is why Hackney Homes is working with local youth organisations to expand the activities available for young people to participate on estates.

Youth clubs on estates on Trelawney Estate near Mare Street, Aspland and Marcon Estates near Downs Park, Fawcett Estate near Clapton Common and Fellows Court in Shoreditch have recently opened their doors to young people on the estates and from surrounding areas.

“These youth clubs will provide young people with opportunities to take part in bike workshops, arts and crafts lessons and sports such as football and basketball. Even if they don’t live on the estate, young people will be welcomed and encouraged to take part”, said Sonia Bradley, Hackney Homes Youth Coordinator.

These clubs are in addition to a number of established youth activities which are currently running daily on a number of other estates in Hackney. These include dance lessons, football and basketball sessions with Leyton Orient coaches, IT facilities and cookery lessons.

With a large proportion of Hackney residents under 16 years old, Hackney Homes is committed to ensuring that the needs of young residents are prioritised in the services that are delivered. Regular feedback is received from estate based youth committees and this is used to inform the way in which services are provided across the borough.

To find out about activities on Hackney estates for young people, log on to [www.hackneyhomes.org.uk](http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk) and go to News and Info for young people.

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### **Notes to Editors**

- Hackney Homes works with London Borough of Hackney Youth Service and local youth organisations CityZen and Hackney Play Association to organise youth activities on estates.
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