

Hackney Homes summer fun days kick off with a roaring success

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The holidays are here and the Hackney Homes Summer fun days season are in full swing.

Promised to be a great day out for the whole family, the summer fun days will hit nine estates right across Hackney this year. The first one was on St Johns Estate on 22 July and saw over 250 local people come out to meet their neighbours, find out about works to be carried out to their home as part of the Decent Home programme and to have some fun.

Vanessa Mahi, a Hackney Homes resident who attended the fun day said: "Today has been lots of fun and I've learned lots about the future of Hackney from the Olympic stall."

Some of the highlights of the fundays this year are an opportunity for residents to find out how they can turn their food waste into compost to be used in the communal green areas on their estates. In addition, residents also took away a potted plant from the Estate Environment Services and met with staff from the Olympics Team to find out what the Olympics will mean for them.

Rupert Tyson, Chairman of the Hackney Homes Board, said: "Summer fun days are a great opportunity for local people to get together with neighbours socially and engender some real long lasting community spirit. Hackney Homes is committed to these and we are glad that Tenants and Residents Associations have worked so closely with us to bring these to their estates this year".

The dates for the 2009 Summer Fun days are:

Trelawney Estate: Saturday 1st August

Fellows Court: Friday 7th August

Colville Estate: Saturday 8th August

Somerford and Shacklewell Estate: Saturday 15th

Regents Estate: Saturday 22nd August

Milton Gardens: Sunday 23rd August

Ends

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Notes for editors

- Hackney Homes is an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) launched in April 2006 to manage the Council's social housing stock. Hackney Homes is responsible for managing 22,000 tenanted properties and 8,000 leasehold properties in the borough.