

Press release

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Three new resident groups on Hackney Homes estates

Developing community spirit and encouraging residents to get involved in decisions that affect their neighbourhood is a key priority for Hackney Homes. That is why we have been working closely with residents right across the borough to encourage them to start up resident groups on their estate and within their local communities.

In the past few months, three Tenants and Residents Associations (TRAs) have been set up on : High Hill Estate in Stamford Hill, Morris Blitz Estate in Stoke Newington and Regents Court Estate in Queensbridge. Hackney Homes Resident Participation Officers have worked with local people to support the process of establishing a TRA including ensuring that relevant paperwork is completed and advice on getting as many people from within the community involved as possible.

Faisal Pirbhai, Hackney Homes Resident Participation Manager said: “We have over eighty registered groups and these three are a welcome addition. Setting up a residents group may appear daunting but that is where our team of officers can offer advice, guidance and support”.

The support provided is vital. For example High Hill Estate TRA were able to run a half term youth project in partnership with Springfield Youth Club within just three weeks of setting up. With a keen interest in environmental issues, the new TRA have also included a sustainability objective in their constitution to drive this forward locally.

Chair of Hackney Homes Board, Rupert Tyson said: “Tenants and Residents Associations provide a great opportunity to meet with your neighbours on a regular basis, discuss common issues and concerns and most importantly, work together to make your neighbourhood a fun place to live. Hackney Homes are always supportive of new groups and we look forward to developing these in the near future”

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Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes has a Resident Participation Compact (RPC) which provides a number of different avenues for residents to involve themselves in the decisions made by Hackney Homes and Hackney Council.
- Further information about getting involved is available via the Hackney Homes website at www.hackneyhomes.org.uk or by contacting the

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