

## Press release

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### **A little respect goes a long way**

Young people are trouble makers. Older people are not in touch with what is going on. These stereotypes are common across the borough and over the summer, Hackney Homes has been working with residents of all ages to tackle these.

Over the summer months, Hackney Homes residents of all ages have attended a number of events on estates where they have stated their commitment to bringing about better understanding amongst residents.

At Banister House in Homerton, two young girls (pictured) who are part of the Nemesis street dance group in the area said they wanted to see more adults getting involved to understand the activities that young people are doing.

Adults were also keen to see better understanding between younger and older residents. Many stated that they were pleased with the parenting support programmes that are currently available and are keen to get involved in more activities on estates.

Key to discussions amongst younger and older residents was the notion of respect. Both younger and older people want to be respected and have committed to show a bit more respect. Some of the suggestions to help facilitate this were:

- Adopting a Grandma/Grandpa scheme
- Older people sharing their experiences and knowledge with like dance classes, sporting events, youth clubs and homework clubs.

These suggestions will be taken forward as part of Hackney Homes' commitment to the Government's Respect Agenda.

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### **Notes to Editors**

- Hackney Homes has signed up to the Government's Respect Taskforce which aims to tackle anti-social behaviour and adopt a broader and deeper approach to intervene early and tackle underlying causes of anti-social behaviour.

- Hackney Homes are one of a number of housing providers who support residents and provide a range of services to tackle anti-social behaviour. We have a dedicated estate safety team and we support parenting programmes to provide support for families with children who are at risk of homelessness or eviction due to anti-social behaviour.
- Innovative ways of tackling anti-social behaviour are always utilised, and Hackney Homes along with local providers continue to look at inclusive ways to bring communities together.