

Press release

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Hackney Homes hosts VIP day for residents

Hackney Homes is dedicating 20th February 2008 to some very important people in Hackney – our 30,000 residents.

The Residents Open Day - a day of information, activities and fun will take place at the Ocean in Mare Street between 12noon and 7pm.

Showcasing what Hackney has to offer, residents will be invited to take a tour of Hackney and will be provided with a special 'passport' to guide them through the various information stalls and activities on offer.

Everything from getting involved in decisions about improvements on estates, staying healthy and safe at home and tips on being a good neighbour will be available on the day. A Hackney garden will also be recreated with real life plants and residents will be invited to take a potted plant from the garden home with them.

A special area will be dedicated to all Hackney's young people where they can express themselves through art and dance, learn about how to have their input into changes on their estates and sign up for after school / college activities.

Food and refreshments from the diverse cultures within Hackney will be available for residents to sample and hopefully recreate in their own time at home.

All residents who attend on the day can enter a quiz to win an i-Pod Nano or a Nintendo Wii.

Assistance with transport is available for elderly and disabled who would like to attend. To book this, please call 020 8356 2066 or email housingeditor@hackneyhomes.org.uk A creche with activities for younger children will also be provided on the day.

Ends

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Notes to Editors

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.

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- Hackney Homes is working with various community and youth organisations within the borough to bring together the Residents Open Day.
- Residents were consulted with during the planning stages of the event and their views have been used to construct the agenda for the Residents Open Day.
- Face to face translators will be available on the day to assist residents whose first language is not English.