

Press release

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Hackney Homes puts out a call for unsung heroes

Helping the elderly. Running local youth clubs. These are just some of the activities that many unsung heroes living on Hackney Homes estates do to make their community a better place to live.

We need you to identify these people so that we can thank them for their efforts and the Hackney Homes Active Residents Awards gives us a chance to do this. Why not nominate them for an Active Residents Award? There are three categories to choose from – Resident of the Year, Group of the Year and Young Person of the Year.

Last year, the Wilton Estate Tenants and Residents Association were winners in the Resident Group category and were recognised for their tireless contribution to involving all residents in activities so that everyone gets the chance to know one another.

Sheila Suso-Runge, Secretary of the Wilton Estate Tenants and Residents Association said “ It was a real surprise to win the award last year. We have used the prize money to continue to make our estate a great place to live and we now have healthy eating workshops, the youth club and many more trips for residents”.

“We are linking up with local groups such as Hackney Voluntary Action, Envision, Rising Tide, STA Bikes and Hackney Youth Parliament. The award has given opened so many doors for us and given us a lot more confidence, most especially our young people.”

If your neighbour, your local Tenants and Residents Representative or youth club coordinator is making a difference in your area, why not nominate them for an Active Residents Award? You can nominate by logging on to the Hackney Homes website www.hackneyhomes.org.uk and clicking on the link for Active Residents Awards, completing a form in your local neighbourhood office or calling 020 8356 3527.

All short listed residents will be invited to a special awards ceremony hosted by Hackney Homes and they could be the winner of £1000 prize money to spend on local projects.

Resident Board Member Rupert Tyson is encouraging residents to nominate. “I have lived in Hackney for many years and in that time I have met many

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.

people who work tirelessly to improve their community. The awards are one way in which we can say thank you to them,” Rupert said.

The closing date for nominations is Friday 14th November 2008.

Ends

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Notes to 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.
- Hackney Homes is led by a board which includes five residents. The Board along with staff and residents are fundamental to ensuring that services are delivered to the highest standards.
- There are 98 registered Tenants and Residents Groups in Hackney working to ensure that tenants and leaseholders have a say in the way their estates are run.
- Over fifty nominations were received in all categories in the 2007 Active Residents Awards.