

## Press release

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### **Hackney Homes summer fun days were a big hit**

This was the message that residents of all ages said about the fun days which took place across fourteen estates throughout the summer.

Record numbers of residents turned out to enjoy the live entertainment, barbeque, garden games and drinks from a healthy juice bar which were among the attractions. Children played on the bouncy castle and took part in football and street dance lessons, while adults enjoyed bingo games and mingled with neighbours.

Working closely with Tenants and Residents Associations, Hackney Homes devised a series of activities that are tailored for the residents of the estate which pleased many residents who attended:

Ben Woodley from Hawksley Court Estate said: "The fun day was great. There are a lot of young people on our estate and the day helped to bring everyone together – adults, staff, police and young people, there is definitely more unity".

At the fun days, Hackney Homes staff were also on hand to encourage residents to sign up to get involved and have a say about decisions that affect their homes and environment. Over 800 residents signed up and over the coming months they will be invited to a series of events, workshops and meetings that suit their schedule so that they can contribute their views.

Rupert Tyson, Hackney Homes Board chair, said: "Once again, community fun days have been a great success. We are pleased that so many residents have signed up to have their say and we continue to encourage all residents to get involved. It is simple and easy and you can choose how you want to take part".

To sign up to get involved, contact the Hackney Homes Resident Participation Team on 020 8356 7845 or email [getinvolved@hackneyhomes.org.uk](mailto:getinvolved@hackneyhomes.org.uk)

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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.

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.

Hackney Homes is responsible for managing 22,000 tenanted properties and 8,000 leasehold properties in the borough.

- Hackney Homes has a Resident Participation Compact which demonstrates our recognition of the importance of resident involvement in decision making and our commitment to **working together** to ensure that Hackney Homes residents receive excellent housing services. The aim of the Compact is to give all residents a greater say in the way Hackney Homes services are provided and to offer the widest range of opportunities for involvement.