

Press release

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VIP day success for Hackney Homes residents

Over 1000 residents came to the Ocean in Mare Street on Wednesday (20th February) to meet staff from Hackney Homes, speak out about what they want to see on their estates and find out how they can contribute to make a difference.

Whilst we couldn't promise glitz and glam, what we did have was a special day of fun, information and activities for Hackney Homes residents of all ages and backgrounds.

Residents were thrilled with the replica neighbourhood created where they could learn about staying healthy and safe at home, find out what it means to be a good neighbour and get first hand advice on growing vegetables and flowers at home.

"There was so much to do and learn at the Open Day for parents, children and pensioners. My favourite part was the free pots of garlic and onions which I am planning to grow at home on my window sill" said Simone, aged 29 Hackney Homes resident from Hoxton.

Younger residents were invited to take part in dance performances with Hackney Homes youth dancers – the Nemesis dance troupe and were able to express themselves on the giant graffiti feedback wall available at the Open day.

Chair of the Hackney Homes Board, Rupert Tyson added "This was a great event for the most important people in Hackney. Meeting residents face to face and hearing from them first hand what they want on their estates is helping to bring about change to the way Hackney Homes delivers services".

All residents who attended were entered into a draw to win a Nintendo Wii and an iPod Nano. The winners are:

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Notes to Editors

- Pictures from the event are available on request.

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.