

## Press release

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### **1500 residents walk through the doors at Hackney Homes Residents Open Day**

Jobs, Massages, Debt Advice, CV workshops – these were all on offer to over a thousand residents who came to the Hackney Homes Open day at the Ocean in Mare Street.

Parents came with their children, young people with their mates and elderly people with their neighbours. They came with questions and comments about services, to speak to staff face to face and to find out more about how they can get involved in how the services are delivered to them.

One of the most popular stands on the day was the Grow your Own Food stand where Hackney Homes estate gardeners were equipping residents with the tools and advice they need to start their very own community garden. Over 1500 planted herbs were given out on the day to budding gardeners living on Hackney Homes estates.

Charlotte Graves, Chief Executive of Hackney Homes said: “Thank you to so many residents who came to meet staff face to face and to find out more about our services. We are pleased that so many residents enjoyed the day and we will continue to use opportunities like this to listen and act on what residents tell us”.

For more information, please visit [www.hackneyhomes.org.uk](http://www.hackneyhomes.org.uk)

#### **Notes to Editors**

- **Photo Caption** : Deputy Mayor Cllr Alcock speaks to Joshua Samuels, aged 11 at the Residents Open day.
- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.