

Press release

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Hackney Homes encourages residents to mark Neighbours' Day

Hackney Homes is encouraging residents to get to know each other by organising their own neighbourhood event or fun day to mark European Good Neighbours' Day on May 26th.

European Good Neighbours' Day is an annual event which is celebrated in 29 countries and aims to bring communities together by encouraging people to talk and socialise.

Tenant's and Resident's Associations (TRAs) can apply to Hackney Homes Tenant's Levy Steering Group for help with funding a Neighbours' Day event. Events can include anything from having a community day trip or a fun day with food stalls, competitions, games and live music.

For application forms or to find out more, residents can contact their local TRA or phone the Resident Participation team on 020 8356 7845.

Ideas on how to celebrate the day can be found at www.european-neighbours-day.com

Ends

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Notes to Editors

- The Tenants Levy is funded by tenants. Each Hackney Homes tenant contributes 10p a week to the fund from their rent. This fund is set aside and is then allocated through grant applications by the Steering Group, consisting of elected tenants' representatives.
- The Tenants Levy Steering Group consists of two representatives and deputies from each neighbourhood making a total of 20 members, including the Chair and Vice Chair who have the right to vote.
- Hackney Homes marked European Good Neighbours' Day with two events in 2008, one at Woodberry Down and the other at Nightingale Estate.
- Hackney Homes was launched in April 2006 and is responsible for managing council homes in Hackney. This includes managing council housing. Collecting housing rental, repairing and maintaining council homes.

Our mission for the future to deliver excellent, accessible services and quality homes that people want to live in.