

Press release

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Hackney Homes in the running for three Housing Heroes Awards

Tenant Empowerment Team of the Year, Board Member of the Year and Inspirational Leader of the Year. These are three categories that Hackney Homes has been short listed in from more than 300 entries to the 2010 Housing Heroes Awards.

The awards shine the spotlight on the people and teams that are doing great work in the housing sector.

Hackney Homes Resident Participation team, Alice Burke (Board Member of the Year) and Charlotte Graves (Inspirational Leader of the Year) are now one of six in each category left in the running for the winning prizes.

The awards are organised by *Inside Housing* magazine and the Chartered Institute of Housing (CIH), and attracted a phenomenal response with submissions from the length and breadth of the UK.

Howard Farrand, the President of the CIH said he was amazed by the fantastic people working in the housing sector. "Our sector spends a great deal of time talking about policy and strategy, business plans and budgets, our visions and our mission statements. Of course all of these things are really important. But in my experience it is the extraordinary people that do fantastic work for our customers that make the real difference. So I want to congratulate every finalist for getting this far in these awards. It was extremely tightly contested, and I look forward to helping to unveil the eventual winners in May."

Inside Housing's events director Ted Stevens said: "All the finalists have done brilliantly in getting this far. The competition was really fierce with more than 40 entries in some categories."

Rupert Tyson, Chairman of the Hackney Homes Board said: "We are extremely pleased to be short listed in three categories. This is one of the best results for any ALMO this year and we are extremely proud. This is a testament to the hard work and dedication that the Resident Participation Team, the Vice Chair of the Board, Alice Burke and Chief Executive. Charlotte Graves have to the residents of Hackney.

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Notes to Editors

- Hackney Homes is an arms-length management organisation managing around 30,000 council properties in the borough of Hackney.
- You can find out more by visiting Inside Housing's website: www.insidehousing.co.uk, and clicking on the events section.