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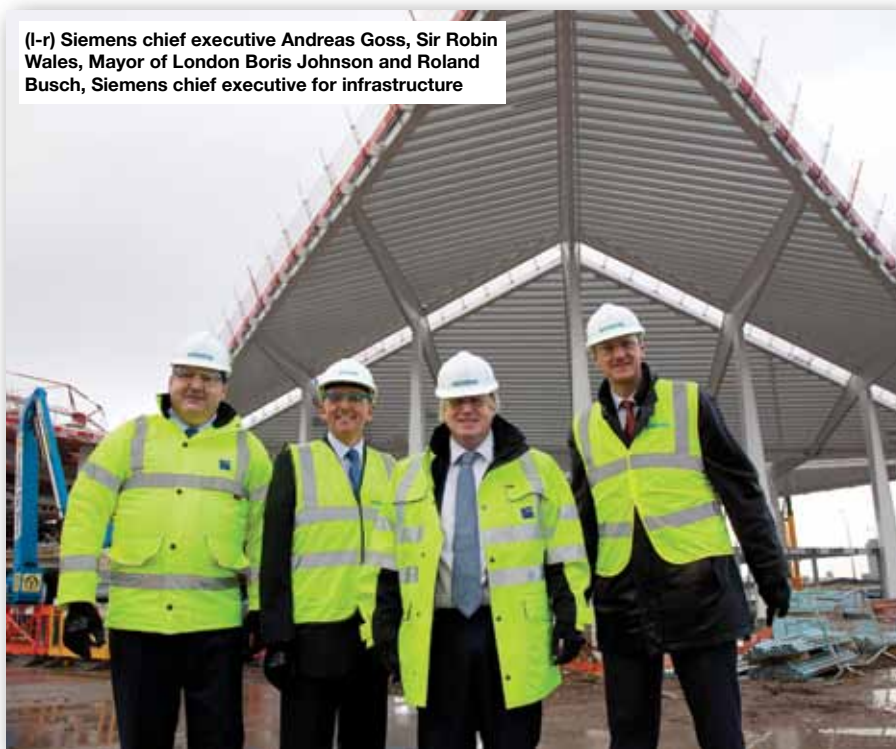
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THE JEWEL IN NEWHAM'S REGENERATION CROWN

A major milestone has been reached in building a hugely important development in the Royal Docks. Mayor Sir Robin Wales attended a 'topping out' ceremony at the new Siemens flagship urban sustainability centre alongside Siemens chief executive Andreas Goss and the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.

The new £30m iconic building, called the Crystal, will create jobs for residents and should encourage further investment in the Royal Docks. Due to open to the public next summer, it will showcase the very latest in technology and infrastructure planning, including ways to improve energy and transport. It will also house up to 100 specialists from around the world who will advise on best practice in cities worldwide.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales said: "I am delighted a huge blue chip organisation such as Siemens is bringing this ground-breaking project to the Royal Docks. This commitment will be a catalyst for more job creating investment. The Crystal will inspire young people into careers within the



(l-r) Siemens chief executive Andreas Goss, Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of London Boris Johnson and Roland Busch, Siemens chief executive for infrastructure

high technological industries of tomorrow. Other businesses with green credentials will never have a better opportunity to invest in the main host borough of the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games, making Newham one of the best places in the world to find skilled work in sustainable businesses of the future."

The Crystal will feature a free

interactive urban planning and design exhibition as its centrepiece, as well as state-of-the-art conference and education facilities alongside a restaurant, café and shop. Examples of technology that will be on show include rainwater harvesting, which will be treated on site and used for drinking, and comfort sensors that enable rooms to be adjusted for heat, light and ventilation.

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Silvertown Quays, bottom left



SILVERTOWN DEVELOPERS SHORTLISTED

Three developers have been selected to submit detailed plans for the vacant 50-acre Silvertown Quays site in the heart of the Royal Docks.

Newham Council has been working with the London Development Agency to market sites around the area in order to generate jobs for residents by attracting investment.

The three shortlisted developers are the Chelsfield Consortium, DV4 Limited and St George Central London Limited. Their selection follows an assessment

of their outline proposals for the site, judged against criteria that include innovation, ambition and deliverability. Work has now begun to develop their ideas.

Royal Docks community lead councillor Steve Brayshaw said: "I'm delighted these companies recognise the development potential in Newham and are keen to take advantage of the borough's fantastic transport links.

"Investment from businesses will increase as we head toward the Olympics, helping us to create

a lasting legacy of sustainable employment for our residents. The Royal Docks is ripe for investment and this announcement shows that we're serious about making the area a business powerhouse."

London Development Agency Chief Executive Lurene Joseph said: "We are looking to the shortlisted developers to come up with detailed proposals that match our ambition to transform Silvertown Quays into a thriving world class urban centre. We look forward to selecting a final preferred developer in March 2012."

FREE EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP

Specialist help with interview skills will be available at the Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre in November. A support session, run in partnership between East London Business Alliance and Barclays Bank, will take place at the venue, in Albert Road, from 10am-1pm on Monday 21 November.

Other support sessions, covering CV advice and support with applications and training, are available by appointment only, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10am-3pm. They are aimed at people living in the area who are out of work but are looking for help in getting back into

employment. The 'Learn to Earn' project has already had success in finding employment for local people and securing interviews for others.

For more details and to book a place, call Jackie or Robbie on 020 7476 1666 or email employment@rdlac.org.uk

LIKE DOCKS TO WATER

Water sports were once again high on the agenda for young people on the Royal Docks when more than 1,100 children from across the borough took part in rowing, kayaking, bell boating and canoeing. Additional kayak and sailing sessions are also taking place for young people who wish to try out for the borough's Youth Games Squad. Sessions are free of charge and take place at varied times to enable more people to take part.

With the closure of the old watersports centre, Newham has relocated its base to the Royal Albert Dock and works in partnership with the London Regatta Centre and The Marine Society and Sea Cadets to deliver activities supported by the Royal Docks Trust.



This move has enabled the council to build new partnerships with organisations such as London Youth Rowing, who provide courses throughout the year in land and water based rowing. Talented Newham rowers who attended their summer scheme will now get the opportunity to attend a five-day training camp in Devon as part of their development

programme during the autumn school break.

With the London 2012 Games approaching Newham is determined to provide continued access to the docks for water sports in 2012 with events such as the Great London Swim, London Youth Games Regatta and a programme of sailing and kayaking courses in place for 2012.

POLICE OFFICERS SAVE WOMAN

Two police officers have been praised for saving a woman from the Royal Victoria Dock less than a month after a colleague carried out a similar rescue.

Police were alerted to reports of someone in the water late last month.

Upon arrival, Safer Neighbourhoods officers Pc Russell Bailey and Pc

Richard Tromans, acted without hesitation when they saw a woman struggling in the icy water and jumped in.

They swam to the 50-year-old woman and managed to keep her afloat until the London Fire Brigade launched their boat from London City Airport and pulled them to safety.

All three were taken to Newham General Hospital where the woman was admitted for treatment. The officers were later discharged returning to work the next day.

Cllr Steve Brayshaw said: "These officers are very brave and exhibited the very best of Newham's community spirit."

Spotlight on... Remembrance Sunday



Councillors from the Royal Docks community forum will join residents and members of the Royal British Legion in commemorating Remembrance Sunday on 13 November.

Chair of the council, Councillor Amarjit Singh, will lay a wreath on behalf of the people of Newham, at St Mark's Memorial in the grounds of Brick Lane Music Hall, Factory Road, North Woolwich, at 10.55am. It will be preceded by a Royal British Legion parade at 10.30am from nearby Constance Street.

Royal Docks community lead councillor, Steve Brayshaw, said: "We pay homage to all those that have died in the line of duty. We must never forget what they have done for us."

In nearby Canning Town, deputy

chair of the council, Councillor Michael Nicholas, will lay a wreath at St Luke's Memorial in Tarling Road, Canning Town. A service of remembrance, lead by the Rev David Wade, will begin at 10.30am.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales will attend the cenotaph in Central Park, High Street South, East Ham, for a service at 10.55am. People are asked to gather at Newham Town Hall at 10.15am for a 10.35am procession with members of the Royal British Legion along High Street South.

There is also a service at All Saints West Ham Parish Church, Church Street, West Ham, at 10.45am, conducted by the Rev Stennett Kirby. A wreath will be laid by Deputy Mayor Councillor Andrew Baikie.

WHAT'S ON ROYAL DOCKS

Homework Club

Bring your homework along to North Woolwich Library for support and advice. Thursdays during term time 3.30pm-5.30pm for seven to 14 year olds.

Storytelling

Experience the magic of a good story at North Woolwich Library. Every Thursday 2-3pm. Open to children under five with their parents/carers

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Steve Brayshaw



Patrick Murphy



Anthony McAlmont

Royal Docks Ward surgeries

First and third Thursday of the month (alternating), 7pm
Britannia Village Hall
65 Evelyn Road, E16

Second and fourth Thursday of the month (alternating), 7pm
The Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre, Albert Road, E16

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