

E16 NEWS



Welcome to the latest edition of the E16 News.

We had another successful summer of activities. Elevate, the charity supported and part funded by Pinnacle, in conjunction with other groups in the area, once again ran a number of schemes for the young people in Canning Town and Custom House including video and music workshops. They were well attended and looked like lots of fun. Elevate have also employed two detached youth workers who will be engaging with our young people and getting them involved in various projects.

Our refurbishment works programme is progressing well and we now have less than 50 properties to do. Although our contractual obligation is to have all properties completed by the end of May 2008, we are aiming to complete the programme a few months ahead of schedule, in early 2008. It is particularly pleasing to note that with the co-operation of tenants, we have not found it necessary to decant any residents so far.

However, once the refurbishments are complete our work isn't over. We have an ongoing responsibility to maintain your homes for the remainder of the 30 years of the PFI contract. As well as day to day responsive repairs, we will also be continuing with planned cyclical works such as external and communal area redecoration, overhauling windows, roofs etc.

On behalf of Equipe and Pinnacle, I would like to thank you for your support whilst we have been carrying out the improvement works to your homes. I would also like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Steven Bonvini

General Manager, Regenter LCEP

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The Canning Town and Custom House
Regeneration Project offices will be closed from
midday Monday 24 December 2007 until 9 am
Wednesday 2 January 2008.





Illustration of the proposed redeveloped Rathbone Market from Barking Road

A New Rathbone Market at the heart of Canning Town

A public exhibition was held from 25 to 27 October to outline proposals for the redevelopment of Rathbone Market. These will create a fantastic new town centre with an exciting mix of shops, cafes, new homes, open spaces and of course a market area. Those visiting the exhibition were able to find out about the proposals and give their views. Proposals for the market include:

Market Square, shops and open spaces

A new market square will form the centrepiece of the scheme with space for about 80 market stalls.

When the square is not being used for the market it will provide an attractive space to meet with high quality landscaping. There will be a number of



shops and cafes around the edge of the square. The square will be well lit and overlooked by new homes to enhance safety and security at all times.

A number of shops and cafes will be located around the edge of the square, as well as along the Barking Road frontage. We hope that many of the existing shops will relocate to these units and there will be space for new retailers to open at Rathbone Market.

Proposals also include space for the possible relocation of the library.

New homes

Around 600 new homes will be included in the new Rathbone Market. New homes will be provided for those residents of Thomas North Terrace who wish to remain in the Rathbone Market area.

The remaining new homes will be a mixture of properties for social rent and sale, including affordable homes. These homes will be provided on the upper floors, above the new shops and cafes with some looking out over the market square. There will also be a separate residential building at the eastern end of the site, adjacent to Avery Close.

Access and the A13

Easy access to the market has been taken into account. There will be an improved link running alongside the Somerfield store, to provide convenient access to and from Canning Town Station. Significant improvements are also proposed to the underpass on Maud/Mona Streets. These include creating an attractive entrance feature with better 'sight lines' so people will have a better view both in and out, creating a feeling of safety.

Have your say and the next steps

The plan is to start working on site in 2009 and for the whole scheme to be completed, in phases, by 2014. Construction work will be organised to ensure that market stalls and shops can continue to trade at all times.

The exhibition was organised by English Cities Fund (ECF), appointed by the London Borough of Newham as the preferred developers for the regeneration of Rathbone Market.

If you were not able to visit the exhibition you can view the latest designs at the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration office, 20 Freemasons Road any Thursday or call Keith Smith on 020 8430 3781 to make an appointment. Alternatively visit the special website at www.rathbonemarket.com or call the consultation hotline on 0845 263 0138.



Looking forward to spring

Employees from London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC) planted 1500 bulbs at Keir Hardie School as part of a team challenge organised by East London Business Alliance (ELBA).



The 11 employees volunteered to spend a day at the school tidying up the gardens and planting new shrubs and bulbs.

There was great excitement in the school as pupils were selected from each year group to work with the volunteers and assist in the gardening and planting. As one parent said the day after the event: "My little boy never wants to talk about school, but yesterday he talked non-stop about the bulbs, digging, planting and watering."

John Middleton from LTGDC, who volunteered on the day, said: "We really enjoyed working with the school, particularly with the students, who were really enthusiastic. We're looking forward to the spring when we plan to visit the pupils and teachers again and take a look at the results of everyone's hard work."



Well London

More than 40 local residents attended a community café event at the hub on Star Lane, Canning Town to talk about health and well being. The event was organised by Well London, a Big Lottery funded five year project aimed at helping local people improve their health.



The Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration team is co hosting Well London on behalf of Newham Council and will be working with the Primary Care Trust and local community groups and voluntary organisations to help get local people involved. The aim is to run community-led projects promoting mental health and well being, improving healthy eating choices, promoting access to open spaces and increasing physical activity.

The partners developing the programme are London Health Commission, Central YMCA, Groundwork, London Sustainability Exchange, University of East London, Arts Council England and South London and Maudsley NHS Trust.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION visit www.londonhealth.gov.uk or call Richard Sharp on 020 8430 3261 or email richardjohn.sharp@newham.gov.uk

Pinnacle make environmental improvements

As part of the long term plans to improve the environmental appearance of the Canning Town PFI area, Pinnacle are planning to reduce the height of all hedges to a minimum of approximately 1.2 metres (4 feet).



Although only contractually responsible for hedges in communal areas, where residents cannot manage to cut the ones in their front gardens, Pinnacle will cut these too to keep the area neat and tidy. Once the hedges have been reduced, hopefully residents should be in a better position to manage future trimming.

Pinnacle will also trim the hedges, down to about 0.9 metres (3 feet) in play areas and parks that they are responsible for. This should help to keep young children safe. These environmental improvements should help to remove hiding places that can be used for anti social behaviour.

This work has started and should be completed during the winter months. Pinnacle plan to look for more ways to improve the area.

For more information on environmental improvements please contact Pinnacle on 020 7540 9880.

Championing healthy eating in the community



New health champions for Canning Town and Custom House

Healthy eating is an important and vital aspect of improving the health of the population, especially with regards to tackling obesity, reducing the prevalence of Coronary Vascular Disease (CVD) and diet-related illnesses such as diabetes. We all know that we need to eat healthily, exercise more, and give up smoking; but often it's difficult to make even small basic changes.

To help tackle this issue in the Canning Town and Custom House area seven local residents have just

completed a five week 'Community Healthy Eating Promotion' programme.

The programme, developed by Newham Food Access Partnership (NFAP), is designed to enable volunteers and those working in Newham to assist at health promotion events, participate in

short term work experience and set up small scale community food projects. The programme covered areas such as healthy eating, food growing, smoking cessation, physical activity as well as personal development and communication skills.

After the course one of the participants said: "I feel that this is a well organised course where I have gained a lot of confidence and learnt very useful information. I would like to spread the knowledge gained on the course to others and want to get more involved."



To find out more about the programme contact:
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Visit www.east-potential/link or www.nfap.org.uk

Laying new foundations

Construction developers and education and training partners all united in two events at Royal Docks Community School in Custom House recently aimed at raising awareness of the employment opportunities emerging from regeneration initiatives in Newham.

Over 80 residents attended the events which focused on job seekers looking for employment in the construction industry and local students. At the schools event, year 11 pupils from Royal Docks Community School had a chance to try their hand at laying bricks assisted by staff from John Laing Training. They also got to try a variety of construction related challenges set up as part of an interactive display by Mullaley & Co Ltd.

Partners involved in the event included Countryside Properties and London and Quadrant Housing Association, both working in the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration area, plus Bovis Lend Lease and Westfield who are involved in the developments in Stratford City and the Althletes Village.

Training and education partners who participated in the event included Newham College of Further Education, NewVic, Barking College, UEL, East Potential and Building Crafts College.



Rebuilding futures in Canning Town and Custom House

In the last issue of E16 News we reported on the signing of the Development Agreement which marked a major step forward in the redevelopment of the Fife Road area. Part of this phase of the regeneration project includes the rebuilding of Keir Hardie Primary School. Representatives of the school council invited Newham Mayor Sir Robin Wales to join them to celebrate the school's exciting future.

Sir Robin Wales said: "Rebuilding this school is such an important part of the regeneration project. Not only will the physical nature of the area be transformed, there will also be many new opportunities to improve the lives of local people. The young people at this school today will hopefully be living and working in the new Canning Town and Custom House of tomorrow."



Sir Robin Wales and other guests at the school

Newham's Young Mayor rewards sports stars

Newly-elected Young Mayor of Newham Zuhayb Ahmed made his first official engagement during the recent half term when he presented awards to children who took part in sports activities.



Mahir Omar (right) Maunder Omar (left)

Zuhayb was joined by Deputy Mayor Councillor Christine Bowden and Councillor Richard Crawford at Meridian Square in Stratford.

More than 900 children and young people took part in football games including '3 vs 3', 'keepy uppies' and 'freestyle' competitions, as well as a range of Olympic sports sessions.

Local E16 boys, Mahir Omar and Maunder Omar, won the 3 vs 3 Futsal competition along with their team mate Lewis Whilnell. They also won the keepy uppies and freestyle competition.

The football activities also raised awareness of Kick it Out, the Let's Kick Racism Out of Football campaign, which is supported and funded by the Professional Footballers Association (PFA), the FA Premier League, the Football Foundation and The Football Association.

Stay Safe in Canning Town

The regeneration team at the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project and the Canning Town South Safer Neighbourhood Team have been working with St Luke's Primary School to help improve safety.



The school recently held a 'Stay Safe Assembly' where the pupils found out about road safety, the danger of road accidents in built up areas, poor visibility and the importance of being seen.

Cllr Pat Holland presented the school with sets of fluorescent wrist bands and stickers, provided by the regeneration team, so that all the pupils walking to and from school in poor light can be easily seen. She also met the Safety School Council who are responsible for encouraging all our school community to THINK SAFE, ACT SAFE!



Cllr Pat Holland with students displaying their wrist bands



Paul and Katie (left) receiving the cheque

Global Citizenship in Action at St Luke's

For the past six years St Luke's School has been supporting abandoned children in Karundas in Kenya through the charity Kids Alive UK.

In October the pupils, staff, governors and parents at the school finally got to meet two of those children, Katie and Paul, along with their teacher Ephraim.

Katie (7) and Paul (10), dressed in the St Luke's school uniform, joined students and teachers for a day of activities.

"It's been great for our pupils to get alongside our sponsor children and start to appreciate how much they have here in Newham. We will be sorry to see them leave and I'm sure there won't be many dry eyes as we say goodbye," said one of the teachers.

The schools annual charity fundraising goes towards the work in Karundas where it pays for the education, health and welfare costs of six children. This year they raised £1,211.50 – equivalent to 156,000 Kenyan shillings. The cheque was presented to the charity director by St Luke's School Council Chair and Vice Chair.

"This project is probably one of the most important Citizenship things this school does," said one parent. While another said: "I can't believe the difference in my two kids since meeting Katie and Paul!"

Huge boost for Newham as Crossrail is given green light

The announcement by the Prime Minister to give Crossrail the go-ahead is great news for Newham.

Crossrail will serve five stations in the borough: Custom House, Stratford, Maryland, Forest Gate and Manor Park. The line will provide a huge boost to the regeneration that is taking place in Canning Town, Custom House, Silvertown Quays and Stratford City.

Mayor of Newham, Sir Robin Wales said: "This is really good news for Newham. Crossrail will mean not just quicker and less crowded journeys for residents to central London, it will also vastly improve accessibility to the borough's key development sites in Stratford and the Royal Docks, stimulating greater investment and creating thousands of additional jobs and homes."

Executive adviser on regeneration, Councillor Conor McAuley said: "This will especially benefit the Royal Docks area, which is somewhat remote from elsewhere in



(from left) Jamie Buchan, Chief Executive of ExCel, Sir Robin Wales, Richard Gooding, Managing Director at London City Airport and Cllr Conor McAuley

the borough. With Crossrail serving Custom House, typical journey times from there to central London will be reduced by up to 65 per cent, so the journey to Paddington would fall from almost an hour to just 18 minutes. Having a station located in Custom House would also complement the regeneration that is taking place there.

"Crossrail can build on the momentum of the 2012 Olympic and

Paralympic Games and help to complete the transformation of Newham into a thriving place, attractive to businesses and where people will choose to live and work."

Work on the £16 billion project is expected to begin in 2010 and the first trains are due to run in 2017. The Parliamentary Bill to secure the necessary powers to begin construction of the link is expected to get Royal Assent in Summer 2008.



the place to be

More and more signs of the regeneration project are appearing across the Canning Town and Custom House area. The latest is the demolition taking place in the area opposite Canning Town Station which includes Hughes Terrace, Newton Point and 4-64 Silvertown Way. Once the demolition is completed in December, the site will be prepared for the arrival of a community resource centre.

The Place, the name chosen for the building, will provide a valuable local facility while the site awaits

redevelopment. It will be the new base for the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project team, as well as the Canning Town South Safer Neighbourhood Team and officers from Newham's Anti Social Behaviour Team. This will mean that the various teams tackling crime and anti social behaviour in the regeneration area will be based in the same building which will allow them to have a more coordinated approach to solving local issues.

In addition Workplace, Newham's flagship employment and training service which opened earlier this year in Stratford, will have a second base located at The Place. This will provide people living in Canning Town and Custom House with opportunities to find employment within the local regeneration project, as well as the 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games site and other regeneration schemes across Newham.

Once it opens next spring, The Place will make it easier for people living in Canning Town and Custom House to find out more about the regeneration project and how they can get more involved.

For further information on The Place please contact Gemma Allen on 020 8430 2408 or email: gemma.allen@newham.gov.uk

Shedding light on the problem

Improvements to street lighting in the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration area have led to a drop in offences being committed after dark.

Earlier in the year residents were asked to identify areas they felt were badly lit or suffered from anti social behaviour. Local feedback, along with details of reported crime and anti social behaviour in the previous six months, were used to identify areas that would benefit from improved lighting. So far more than 100 lighting columns across the regeneration area have had their power increased, making the lights brighter.

"Living in Lowe Avenue we're right next to the demolition site and we were concerned about the lighting at night. Not only have street lamps that were previously not working been repaired, the power has been increased so that the lights are now brighter. Walking through the alleyways and streets at night is now not such a scary prospect," said one resident.

Research has been carried out on four of the improved areas with all showing less offending after dark. Due to the success of the scheme further improvements are planned for the coming months.

If there are areas you feel would benefit from improved lighting please contact Sam Clark on 020 8430 5450 or email sam.clark@newham.gov.uk. Alternatively come along to your local Neighbourhood Group meeting, details can be found on the back page of this newsletter.



Keeping it under wraps

In the lead up to Christmas many homes will have a colourful array of gifts lovingly wrapped and left under the Christmas tree waiting to be ripped open on 25 December. But all too often these presents are stolen long before they're given to their intended recipient. Last year 18 homes in Canning Town were burgled in the run up to Christmas.

This generally happens because the presents sitting under the tree can be viewed from outside the house and is therefore very tempting



for any passing burglars. In order to combat this and not to have a repeat of last year's crime figures, residents should leave presents locked away, out of sight until Christmas morning. Although this takes away some of the excitement for children, this is preferable to the heartache of having one's house broken into and the loss of the family's presents.

FREE football and basketball sessions



Open to boys and girls 8-18 yrs old
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Tant Avenue E16

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5 - 7pm
Canning Town Recreation
Ground,
Freemasons Road E16

There will be no sessions between 24 December and 4 January.

Coaching sessions by Leyton Orient Community Sports

For further information contact Abul Hussain on 020 8430 2484

what's on

An Open Door to the Construction Industry

Come along to our information, advice and guidance sessions running weekly at Keir Hardie Methodist Church, 14 Plymouth Road, Canning Town, E16

Wednesdays at 10.30am – 12.30pm

To book contact Elite on 0207 055 3570

This project is funded by the London Borough of Newham. It is a partnership between West Ham and Plaistow New Deal for Communities programme and Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Project.

Sessions finish on Wednesday 5 December and start again on Wednesday 9 January 2008

Neighbourhood Group Meetings

Keir Hardie Meeting

Tuesday 22 January 2008, 6.30pm
Hallsville Primary School
Radland Road

Fife Road Meeting

Tuesday 29 January 2008, 6.30pm
Keir Hardie Church, Fife Road

Canning Town Centre Meeting

Tuesday 5 February 2008, 6.30pm
St Luke's Primary School,
Ruscoe Road

Freemasons Road Meeting

Tuesday 12 February 2008, 6.30pm
Canning Town & Custom House
Regeneration Offices,
20 Freemasons Road.

Exciting Volunteering Opportunity

Can you offer a few hours each month for a year working directly with local young people who are on the fringes of becoming involved in crime or anti-social behaviour within your community?

Newham Mentoring Plus is looking to recruit volunteer mentors for January 2008. Training is delivered over five weekends, and then a matching process takes place in the form of a team building day, when you get to meet the young person you will be a mentor to.

Mentoring Plus programmes have consistently achieved a 75% success rate in placing young people either in training, employment or education, and a 60% success rate in preventing re-offending.

Be a part of Mentoring Plus... Be a part of your Community!

To sign up for further information, telephone:
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We can help support your business venture with the following:

- Free Business Training
- Free Business Counselling services
- Access to Finance
- Start up premises



We are at the Hub, 123 Star Lane on alternate Wednesdays 2-4pm or Canning Town Job Centre, Freemasons Road on every 2nd and 4th Thursday 2-4pm.

For bookings/additional information please contact Claudia/Simeon on: 0207 377 8821 07851 738885 Email: claudiac@goeast.org simeonb@goeast.org

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