

# E16 News



Congratulations to our community sports coach  
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Workplace celebrates its 1st birthday  
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LATEST REGENERATION NEWS FOR CANNING TOWN AND CUSTOM HOUSE RESIDENTS



Above: Young people from the Youth Inclusion Project unveil their artwork in Canning Town





## INSIDE VIEW

We hope you had a lovely Easter. Rathbone's Easter market was a great success. Over 1000 people attended,

with residents and traders from far and wide. Well done to all those involved.

In this month's issue you will find out about an exhibition called Pride of Place that some of you have contributed to with photos and memories of Canning Town and Custom House past. Thank you for your invaluable support. Come and see it when it opens later this month. Our community art projects don't stop there. You may have seen some new hoardings around the Canning Town roundabout in the last few weeks. These were designed by young people from the local area who were part of a youth project we funded. Do take the time to read them and find out about Canning Town and Custom House's history if you are passing by.

Our plans for the development of the Rathbone site have received planning approval by the Greater London Authority (GLA), London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC) and Newham.

Workplace Canning Town's manager Derek Barrett talks to E16 about the success of Workplace since it opened last year. Happy Birthday Workplace.

We are also aware that car crime is a problem and are working with local police teams to find long term solutions to tackle the issue. If you are a victim of this crime we strongly advise that you report it so it can be recorded.

For those who love gardening we are delighted to announce a new grow bag allotment scheme and we are looking for residents who would be interested in growing their own fruit and vegetables with expert help. Find out how you can get involved.

We hope you enjoy reading this month's issue of E16.

**Helen Fisher**  
Director  
Canning Town & Custom House  
Regeneration Programme

## Pride of place

In the last few editions of E16 News, we have been inviting residents to contribute old images and photographs of Canning Town & Custom House to an exhibition which we have planned in the coming weeks. We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who did provide us with images.

The photos are now on display at The Place on Silvertown Way. Some of these images have recently been installed on the hoardings surrounding the development site facing the Canning Town Roundabout.



The images incorporate key moments in the 20th Century history of Canning Town & Custom House. They include pictures from King George VI's and Elizabeth II's coronations, the Second World War, the Docks, Rathbone Market and many more events and activities which have contributed to the identity of the local area.

The history exhibition at The Place opens from 20 May 2009. Please, if you are passing, drop by and see if the images bring back any memories.

**For further information you can contact Sam Clark via email at [sam.clark@newham.gov.uk](mailto:sam.clark@newham.gov.uk) or by phone on 020 3373 3538.**

## Congratulations! Community Sports Coach

Our Sports Coach Abul Hussain was a runner up in the Flora Pan London Community Sports Coach awards. Well done!



Abul Hussain with Create Development

## Rathbone gets approval

TOWN CENTRE SPECIAL



images courtesy of CZWG Architects

**"Canning Town has incredible potential as a thriving, vibrant centre in London. The transport links are unrivalled and the area will soon have the homes, the shops and the facilities to match."**

London Borough of Newham and English Cities Fund's plans for the redevelopment of the Rathbone Market site in the heart of Canning Town has been approved by the London Thames Gateway Development Corporation (LTGDC) Planning Committee and the Greater London Authority (GLA).

The plans will see Rathbone Market provide new residential and retail space with state of the art community facilities for the area along with a rejuvenated market bringing vibrancy, colour and life into the heart of the development.

Mayor of Newham, Sir Robin Wales said: "This is a major step forward in the regeneration of Canning Town. It's a positive move towards shaping the local vision for the area. One of the Council's priorities in supporting regeneration is to improve facilities for existing businesses and to create thriving town centres. This is an exciting and ambitious project giving the local community the full range of facilities right on their doorstep."



"Redevelopment of the Rathbone site will reinforce the existing market space. The scheme will offer high quality open spaces for the public, provide greater residential and commercial space and improve access to the A13 and other transport links. The plans will radically transform the area into a thriving place of choice for existing and new residents and businesses.

ECF's Projects Director, Howard Morris, welcomed the final approval: "Canning Town has incredible potential as a thriving, vibrant centre in London. The transport links are unrivalled and the area will soon have the homes, the shops and the facilities to match."

"Now, with the full backing of the GLA, the LTGDC, Newham Council and the local community, we can be ready to drive this hugely important project forward. Our plans will help revitalise the centre of Canning Town and give Rathbone Market the chance to grow and compete as a successful market attraction in London all year round."

## CONTACTS

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# Easter market sees Rathbone at its finest

TOWN CENTRE SPECIAL

**Over a thousand people visited the Easter market at Rathbone, Canning Town last month.** Traders had arrived from as early as 3am to get their pitches set up. Visitors came from Newham wide and beyond to browse through the traders stalls.

**Sir Robin Wales, Mayor of Newham:** "The ongoing success of the Good Friday market is a great example of how a community benefits from a flourishing market area with all the energy that local business has to offer. We look forward to seeing the Canning Town and Custom House area continuing to benefit from these projects."



**George Michaelas – Georges café:** "It was the busiest day of the year. It was nice to see the local community coming together - it gave it that market feel again. It was great to see so many new faces and I hope to see them coming back."

**Cllr Paul Schafer:** "The whole day was a great success. It's been going a long while and it's great that so many people came from Newham and surrounding boroughs. It brings life to the area and connects the community."



# Local community get involved in the future of Canning Town

TOWN CENTRE SPECIAL

March saw 150 local people attend a public exhibition at The Place to view ideas for the future of Canning Town.

Two developers are bidding to regenerate the town centre sites opposite Canning Town Station. They have each come up with their own ideas for new homes, shopping, public spaces, services and facilities.

The designs aim to make Canning Town a place where people will choose to live, work and stay. The town centre sites are very important because they will benefit the whole of the regeneration area.

The two potential developers, Bouygues and Ecentral, had staff on hand to explain their proposals and answer questions. A group of community members also got the chance to visit some of the developers' existing schemes in other

areas to see at first hand how they have delivered their schemes.

Councillor Conor McAuley, Executive Member for Regeneration, said: "Consultation is central to the regeneration of Canning Town and Custom House.

"We particularly valued hearing the experiences of individual local residents in the streets, shops and properties affected by the scheme. We want to see plenty of opportunities for residents to get involved throughout the development of the scheme."

Visitors to the exhibition, and those taking part in the visits were able to complete a questionnaire saying how much they liked the proposals. Feedback received will be taken up with the successful bidder. It is anticipated that a developer will be selected by the summer.



Top: Members of the Bouygues' team explain their proposals at the public exhibition in March.

Above: Community members and the Ecentral team on a visit to one of their schemes.



For more information contact Keith Smith on 020 3373 4662

# A growing venture

A heap of partners are working with Newham's Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Programme to launch a pilot grow bag allotment scheme in the Custom House area.

The project aims to provide temporary allotment grow bags for people to grow fruit and vegetables fit for a king. The first stage in the project will have full size grow bags which are bulk builders sacks filled with compost. This will set the allotment up for 40 local people to use. The project is for anyone who wants to get involved. If you are a complete novice or expert, we will have experts to show you what is needed to grow all kinds of fruit and vegetables.

Neighbourhood Coordinator, Sarah Braithwaite said: "We want to show residents that you can grow and prepare vegetables easily. We will have someone on hand to give you the right advice on how to grow everything. Getting knowledge and tips from the people who have been doing it for years. So why not give it a try?"

Interested? Contact us by email [sarah.braithwaite@newham.gov.uk](mailto:sarah.braithwaite@newham.gov.uk)

Canning Town is working with partners to help you grow your own:  
 London 2012  
 Thames Gateway Programme  
 Ground Work East London  
 Newham's Parks & Community Engagement services





# Happy first birthday Workplace

E16 talks to Derek Barrett  
Workplace Canning Town Manager

## The Workplace Canning Town journey

We began with just a few people joining the service each week but as word about the service spread we now regularly have 50 or more new candidates registering with us each week.

## What does Workplace offer local residents in E16?

A seamless service for residents who are unemployed, or wish to increase hours or change jobs. Build the skills of local residents through training and intensive support. We also work with unemployed residents needing higher levels of support.

## Why did Canning Town need a Workplace?

To ensure that local people gained employment through customised training, work experience and support programmes. These would be based on opportunities presented by major regeneration projects such as Stratford, Canning Town and the Royal Docks. Personally, as a Newham resident for more than forty years I'm incredibly happy to be a part of a team delivering the Mayor's promise of assisting 1000 Newham residents into work and 600 into training over the coming year.

## How has the team grown?

The service has seen the core team increase to seven staff. We also work with a number of partners which means that on some days we have a team of fourteen based at Canning Town.

## Has there been any feedback from residents?

The service has been very well received by local residents. In fact, residents from Canning Town and Custom House represent the top levels of users in Newham as a whole.

## How do you feel a year on?

I'm delighted to see so many local people are using the service. I'm also pleased that Newham has services in place that can help residents during these challenging economic times.

## How will you celebrate Workplace Canning Town's first birthday?

With some cake! (We have some excellent cooks on the team)

## Students get the lowdown on engineering

A group of students from Royal Docks, Eastlea and Rokeby got the chance to visit Thames Water's sewage treatment works in Rainham. The visit organised by East London Business Alliance (ELBA) gave students studying engineering or interested in engineering the opportunity to see how an engineering plant works.

The students got a lot out of the visit. Not only did the students from three schools come together but they learnt more about jobs and apprenticeships in the engineering industry. They also got to see what roles are available at Thames Water.

One student from Royal Docks said of the visit "I found the trip educational. I learnt a lot about how water changed from being dirty to clean. I enjoyed going and am glad I went as I now know I definitely want to study engineering."



## Community Forum

# Football competition



## Don't miss out

**5-a-side competition, 8 players maximum per team**

All players must wear shin pads (shin pads will be available with a £1 deposit for each pair).

Registration for each tournament will close 20 minutes after start time, any team that arrives after that will not be allowed to enter.

## Adult's competition

20 May, 6-8pm  
Keir Hardie Recreation Ground,  
Tarling Road, Canning Town E16

## Young people's competition (over half term)

26 May, 11-3pm  
Keir Hardie Recreation Ground,  
Tarling Road, Canning Town E16

## Final

Saturday June 13, 10am-6pm  
at Memorial Park  
All matches in the final will be played on the 3rd generation AstroTurf.

## AGE GROUPS

School years 4, 5 and 6 (mixed)

School years 7-9 boys

Schools years 10-11 boys

School years 7-11 girls

Adult Men (16+)

Adult Female (16+)

**Contact Lisa Brivati or Abul Hussain for more details 0208 430 2484 or email [lisa.brivati@newham.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.brivati@newham.gov.uk) or [abul.hussain@newham.gov.uk](mailto:abul.hussain@newham.gov.uk)**

## FERRIER POINT UPDATE

### Rydon's number has changed

Rydon is the subcontractor responsible for the Ferrier Point refurbishment. If you need to get in touch with their Resident Liaison Team call their new number **Freephone 0800 023 1757**.

### Ferrier Point has designs on kitchens

The design group which is made up of residents and officers have had their first meeting to select a range of colours for walls, worktops units and tiles. The meeting went well and further meetings will be held in the near future.



# Training project takes off

Take Off Into Work is a training programme with a difference. Designed specifically for unemployed Newham residents, we are looking for people who are interested in careers working at London City Airport. Take Off Into Work provides unique placement opportunities across a number of companies based at the airport, from Cobalt Ground Services, to WH Smith, HMS Host, Nuance or the Airport Operator. Candidates will gain skills, knowledge and experience specifically tailored to ensure that they complete the course in a fantastic position to secure their next job.

Delivered by ELBA, this partnership between London City Airport and Newham Workplace will run five times per year.

Candidates are recruited from Workplace in Stratford and Canning Town to undertake two weeks airport focussed employability training and two weeks work placement, all of which is designed to ensure more Newham residents secure jobs with the airport and onsite partners.

**Please contact the Project Manager, James Innes on 07961 725982 for further details and to arrange an interview.**



To qualify you must be an unemployed Newham resident with the right to work in the UK and a full five year checkable work and residence history.

## FOOTIE FANS WATCH THE GAME IN STYLE



Two members from the Regeneration Programme's Neighbourhood Groups joined six Youth Forum members to watch a West Ham United game against Sunderland last month as guests of the club.

Mr C Ahakpo and Roy Innes have been part of the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Programme's Neighbourhood Groups since they started and had not visited the football club for years.



The Neighbourhood groups have been running since 2006.

**If you want to get involved contact Sam Clark on 020 3373 3538**

## Ascension cheerleaders reach new heights

Ascension Eagles Senior Coed team competed at the ICC British Open at Nottingham Arena, this spring. 17 boys and 13 girls made up this outstanding team of Ascension Eagles (AEC) athletes, and marked the first time the number of males has exceeded the number of females on an Ascension competition team.

Ascension Eagles not only won their division, but they also won overall British Open Grand Champions. This victory was particularly sought after, as AEC are not able to afford to travel and compete at Worlds this year, and the teams that are replacing them were also competing at the British Open.

Kaydia Small, 17 added, "Training alongside the team has been so inspirational and has made us into an even bigger family in such a short amount of time. It really made a difference. We are still the reigning Grand National Champs!"



## Royal Docks students bank on mentoring



During the past academic year 20 volunteers from HSBC bank have been mentoring 20 students from Year 11 at Royal Docks Community School through a project set up by East London Business Alliance (ELBA).

The volunteers have been coming into the school every month to meet with the students and support them during their last year at school. Topics covered during the sessions have

included revision techniques, dealing with exams, filling in college application forms, creating revision timetables and planning for life after school.

This is the second year running that volunteers from HSBC have supported students in their final year at Royal Docks. Linda Potticary, Deputy Head, Royal Docks school said, "The volunteers from HSBC have provided invaluable support at a crucial time in the run up to students taking their GCSE examinations and leaving school and it has been really beneficial for the students to have someone from outside school that they can talk to."

## Canning Town Cafes' win tops for healthy options

George's Café in Rathbone market and Café Divote at The Place in Canning Town both celebrated passing the Well London Healthier Options Food Award last month. To achieve the Healthier Options Food Award the Cafes volunteered to take part in a rigorous nutrition assessment and training programme delivered by HealthWorks in London and Newham Primary Care Trust with the support of Well London.

Well London is a five year, Big Lottery Funded programme that is working with local people to transform their health.

All cafes that took part received a visit from a nutritionist who observed their cooking practices and provided feedback on making changes to their ingredients to further improve the health content and preparation of meals provided.



# Making our neighbourhoods safer

How many of us haven't made the effort or had the chance to get to know our neighbours? Well, a Neighbourhood Watch is the ideal way of encouraging just that. Neighbourhood Watch is a great way of increasing the influence that residents have in terms of the work that Newham Council and the local Safer Neighbourhoods Police do in your area.

The Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Programme offers support to residents wanting to set up a Neighbourhood Watch in the area. Not only is this about looking out for each other but it also contributes to the sense of community in the area.

A group of Fox Close residents have done just that. These residents got together to form a neighbourhood watch last year. Their collective group efforts helped them identify 3 priorities for their local area. Working together with Newham Council, Pinnacle and the local Safer Neighbourhood Team their work has really paid off.

One of the concerns was around reduced visibility and how difficult it has been for local residents to police their own area because of obstacles like hedges and poor lighting. Local residents raised this as a priority and as a

result Pinnacle are now reducing the height of the hedges to improve residents lines of sight onto the street in front of their properties. A new street lighting system called 'white lighting' has also been installed in the Close. So, local action can make real changes to your street.

## WHITE LIGHTING

Energy efficient  
25 year life  
Low running costs



Above: Residents with new lighting  
Inset: Lighting at night

If you are interested in starting up a Neighbourhood Watch in your area you can contact one of the following teams:



Custom House Safer Neighbourhoods Police	020 8721 2039
Canning Town South Safer Neighbourhoods Police	020 8721 2840
Canning Town North Safer Neighbourhoods Police	020 8721 2038
Canning Town & Custom House Regeneration Neighbourhood Team	0203 373 3538
Pinnacle psg	020 7540 9883



Young people unveil their take on Newham's past, present and future

I am quite proud that it is out on display in such a prominent place".

The Canning Town Youth Inclusion Project is a neighbourhood based project that work with young people aged 13-17 living in the E16 area. The project works with young people to access social and leisure activities and is delivered by Community Links.

Local councillors Paul Schafer and Pat Holland went along to talk to young people from a local youth inclusion project as their artwork went on display on hoardings in Canning Town last week.

The art depicts the history of Canning Town and Custom House and young people's own personal experiences of where they live.

Councillor Pat Holland said: "The art is truly outstanding and very personal. It shows the changes and events in Canning Town and Custom House both old and new. We hope that members of the public take a moment of their time to look on and follow the local history and personal experiences of young people from the area".

The art project was funded by Newham's Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Programme.

Young artist Shazad Zaman, 16, said "This was a chance to get really creative and I really enjoyed the project.

For more details about the Canning Town Youth Inclusion Project contact Sally Rogers 0208 519 9073



## E16 meets man of the streets

Street Orderly Peter Longhurst has been entrusted with keeping Newham's streets clean and tidy for years. He has been on the Canning Town and Custom House beat since 2003 and has been voted as Sweeper of the Streets in the past. His long winding route covers Freemasons Road, Butchers Road and Bridgeland Road.

Peter likes to get his beat neat and tidy "I really get a sense of satisfaction from this job, knowing my spot is clean before I go home for my dinner".

The job sometimes has some unusual moments "I was once seen talking to a tree. Nobody realised that I was actually talking to a parrot up a tree in Freemasons Road".

"I know everybody. Sometimes they come and find me to tell me where the eyesores are. Fly tipping is a common problem here and it should be reported to the Council".

Peter goes beyond just cleaning, he believes in educating people about keeping the streets clean "I even keep sweets in my pocket for kids that I meet and ask the parents if its ok to give their child a sweet and encourage them to throw litter in the bin. I believe it is important to teach kids early how to keep our streets tidy".

If you want to report flytipping call the Council 020 8430 2000



