

# IN FOCUS ROYAL DOCKS

January 2012

## RIGHT STEPS TO FIND WORK ARE JUST THE JOB

Residents looking for a helping hand in getting into work and training have been boosted by a new scheme being run by the Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre.

Project workers at the centre in Albert Road, North Woolwich, have adopted an '8 Step Programme' designed to help people wanting to enhance their job chances with employers.

Royal Docks ward councillor Pat Murphy, a trustee at the centre, presented certificates to local residents Sonia Buba and Ruth Urhiofe who have completed the programme.

As part of the scheme residents can get help with writing and improving CVs, help with job searches, applications and interview skills including practising interview techniques.

"We must do all we can to get residents coming to projects like this so that they can make the most of the regeneration benefits coming not just to the Royal Docks, but across Newham as a whole."



Cllr Murphy, left, and Ken Wilson from Tate & Lyle, present certificates to residents Sonia Buba, second left, and Ruth Urhiofe

The programme is linked with Newham Council's jobs brokerage service Workplace, especially around opportunities connected with the Olympics and the Westfield development at Stratford.

Local employers Tate & Lyle, London City Airport and the East London Business Alliance are supporting the project, and volunteers from Barclays Bank have also helped by running employment workshops.

The learning and activity centre runs drop-in support sessions on

Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am to 2pm and by appointment on Thursdays.

Councillor Murphy said: "We must do all we can to get residents coming to projects like this so that they can make the most of the regeneration benefits coming not just to the Royal Docks, but across Newham as a whole."

**For more information call project workers Jackie Delventhal or Robbie Muriel on 020 7476 1666, visit [www.rdlac.org.uk](http://www.rdlac.org.uk) or email [employment@rdlac.org.uk](mailto:employment@rdlac.org.uk)**

### CONTACT US

If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on 020 3373 2684 or email [infocus@newham.gov.uk](mailto:infocus@newham.gov.uk)

Newham London

## PITCH UP AND GET SPORTY

---



Sir Robin, Mark and Ruth cut the ribbon

Residents across the Royal Docks area are invited to get a kick out of new all-weather sporting facilities at The Royal Docks Community School.

Mayor Sir Robin Wales and West Ham United star Mark Noble, a former pupil at the school, opened a multi-use games area that signifies the completion of the second phase of a £2.2m Building Schools for the Future project.

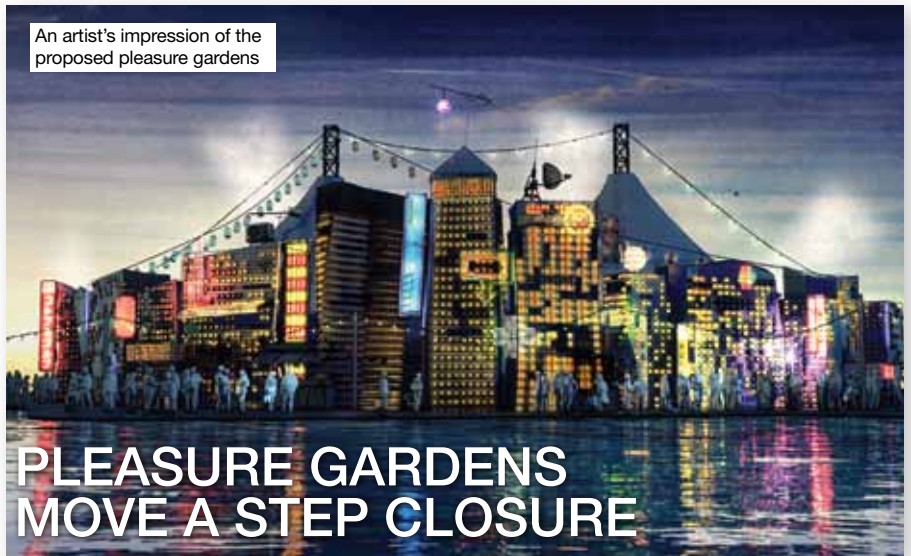
The money has paid for new facilities for students with profound and multiple learning difficulties, a new dining hall and drama studio and the all-weather sports pitch.

The new facilities will allow pupils to enjoy 11-a-side and 5-a-side football, hockey and rugby. They will also benefit the local community with lettings commencing from this month.

School head teacher Ruth Martin said: "We are proud of the facilities that will benefit both the school and local community."

**If you want to hire the multi-use games area contact: David Oliver on 020 7540 2712.**

An artist's impression of the proposed pleasure gardens



## PLEASURE GARDENS MOVE A STEP CLOSER

Plans to create London's newest Pleasure Gardens at the heart of the Royal Docks have moved closer.

Proposals for the arts and entertainment destination have been agreed by Newham Council's Strategic Development Committee, subject to the submission and consideration of a revised transport assessment.

The plans would see an ex-industrial site opposite Pontoon Dock Station off North Woolwich Road, revamped into a waterside, urban festival leisure garden celebrating the best of London culture.

It would feature a concert stage, a floating restaurant and cinema, landscaped walkways, cafes and bars, a pop-up hotel and sculpture park.

Newham's executive director for regeneration, Clive Dutton, said: "The plan is rich with possibilities. We remain convinced it will attract some of the most creative people in the country to do something special in the Royal Docks."

**Local residents are likely to be given wristbands to allow them exclusive access to the site during the 2012 Games. For more details visit [www.londonpleasuregardens.com](http://www.londonpleasuregardens.com)**

---

## TOP DEVELOPERS PLAYING REGENERATION GAME

The London Development Agency and Newham Council have announced a shortlist of some of the biggest UK property developers and major international investors seeking to develop a 35-acre site at the Royal Albert Dock.

The shortlisted developers are: Canary Wharf Ltd; Dauphin Holdings Group Ltd (Stanhope Plc); Micro World Developments Ltd; MUSE Developments Ltd; St Modwen Properties Plc; Salmon Harvester Properties Ltd; Sinowest Construction Group (MACE Group)

and Wrenbridge Land Ltd.

They have until March 12 to develop outline proposals. A preferred developer is due to be selected by September.

Mayor of Newham Sir Robin Wales said: "These are exciting times for the Royal Docks and we are determined to create something very special."

The Royal Albert Dock site lies next to the University of East London and is close to London City Airport. It is expected to support a mix of uses including business, education, leisure and tourism.



Youngsters get in step at London Dance Studio

## DANCE CLASSES ARE STRICTLY FOR HAVING FUN

Dancers of all ages and abilities are stepping out thanks to classes at West Silvertown’s Britannia Village Hall in Evelyn Road.

Local resident Jowita Zanollo opened the London Dance Studio at the hall last September after she could find no dance classes nearby for her young daughter.

Jowita gave up her career in finance to bring dance to her local

community and the studio now teaches ballet, tap, jazz, modern and street dance and Bollywood.

The studio hosted a three-day workshop called Dance For It where youngsters put on a show for parents and friends. Supported by a grant from Newham Council, those who took part received certificates.

Royal Docks community lead councillor Steve Brayshaw, chair of

trustees of the West Silvertown Village Community Foundation who manage Britannia Village Hall, said: “Dance is a great way for communities to come and do things together.”

**For information about classes email [jowita@londondancestudio.co.uk](mailto:jowita@londondancestudio.co.uk) or visit [www.londondancestudio.co.uk](http://www.londondancestudio.co.uk) or telephone 0207 474 8967.**

## ENFORCERS UNCORK SALES OF ILLEGAL BOOZE

Shops in the Royal Docks community forum area were raided by Newham Council’s enforcement officers during a purge on the sale of illegal alcohol and cigarettes.

Off-licences, shops and supermarkets were among those checked. Alcohol believed to be fake, counterfeit, or illegal because no duty was paid, was confiscated from almost 80 premises across the borough – including eight in the Royal Docks and Canning Town areas.

Councillor Ian Corbett, Newham Council’s executive member for

environment, said: “Our job is to ensure shop keepers who sell illegal booze are brought to book.”

Counterfeit alcohol tends to be rebottled wine where cheaper wine is poured into a more expensive bottle. Tell tale signs of illegality include spelling mistakes on labels, bottles of the same product looking different, bottles not filled to same level and labels not straight.

**People suspecting these items should contact Consumer Direct on 01622 626520 or [www.consumerdirect.gov.uk](http://www.consumerdirect.gov.uk)**



A seized bottle of counterfeit Jacob’s Creek wine

# Spotlight on... Let's get the Party Started!

**Make 2012 a year to remember with your chance to nominate someone for an Inspiring People Reward or celebrate by holding a community event - and it's all FREE!**

If you want to celebrate the London 2012 Games or the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with your families, friends and neighbours we'll show you how easy it is to make it happen.

Newham Council is giving residents the opportunity to apply for grants of up to £250 to organise their own community event. This could be anything from a street party to a cake making competition, a talent show to a craft session. The sky's the limit so get your thinking caps on and contact [2012party@newham.gov.uk](mailto:2012party@newham.gov.uk) with your ideas.

And it doesn't stop there. Do you know someone who you believe deserves FREE tickets to the London 2012 Games?



This is your chance to make that special someone, feel really special. Have they done something really outstanding, have they made just a little difference to someone else's life, do they need a little boost to their own life, are they housebound and would benefit from this 'once in a lifetime' opportunity? Nominate them and turn a dream into reality. You can find out more by visiting [www.newham.gov.uk/inspiringpeople](http://www.newham.gov.uk/inspiringpeople) or turn to page 15 of the Newham Mag to read about our latest winner.

## WHAT'S ON ROYAL DOCKS

**Zumba your way to fitness – a fun way of getting fit to Latin and international music.**

Tuesdays 7pm to 8pm and Fridays 2pm to 3pm at Britannia Village Hall, 65 Evelyn Road, West Silvertown, E16. Classes are £3. For details email [ffidenc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ffidenc@yahoo.co.uk)

**Computer classes.**

Starting Monday 23 January, 11.30am to 1pm – Level 1 Computers. A ten week course that builds on the basics, enabling the learner to further develop their computer skills. Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre, Albert Road, North Woolwich, E16. Call 020 476 1666 to book. £2 per session.

**For even more things to do check out the What's On in Newham calendar, where you'll find listings for more than 6,000 events visit [www.newham.com](http://www.newham.com)**

**If your group has an activity to promote please contact us on: 020 3373 2684 or email: [infocus@newham.gov.uk](mailto:infocus@newham.gov.uk)**

## MEET YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLOR

**Councillors out and about:** If you would like a councillor to visit your community organisation, school, place of worship, meeting or event please call 020 3373 1705 or email [nadine.ford@newham.gov.uk](mailto:nadine.ford@newham.gov.uk)  
To email your local councillor write [firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk](mailto:firstname.lastname@newham.gov.uk) e.g. [steve.brayshaw@newham.gov.uk](mailto:steve.brayshaw@newham.gov.uk)



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

**Need to talk to Mayor Sir Robin Wales?** Being an elected mayor, Sir Robin is directly accountable to you. Look out for Question Time times and dates in the Newham Mag, visit [www.newham.gov.uk/mayor](http://www.newham.gov.uk/mayor) or call 020 8430 2000.