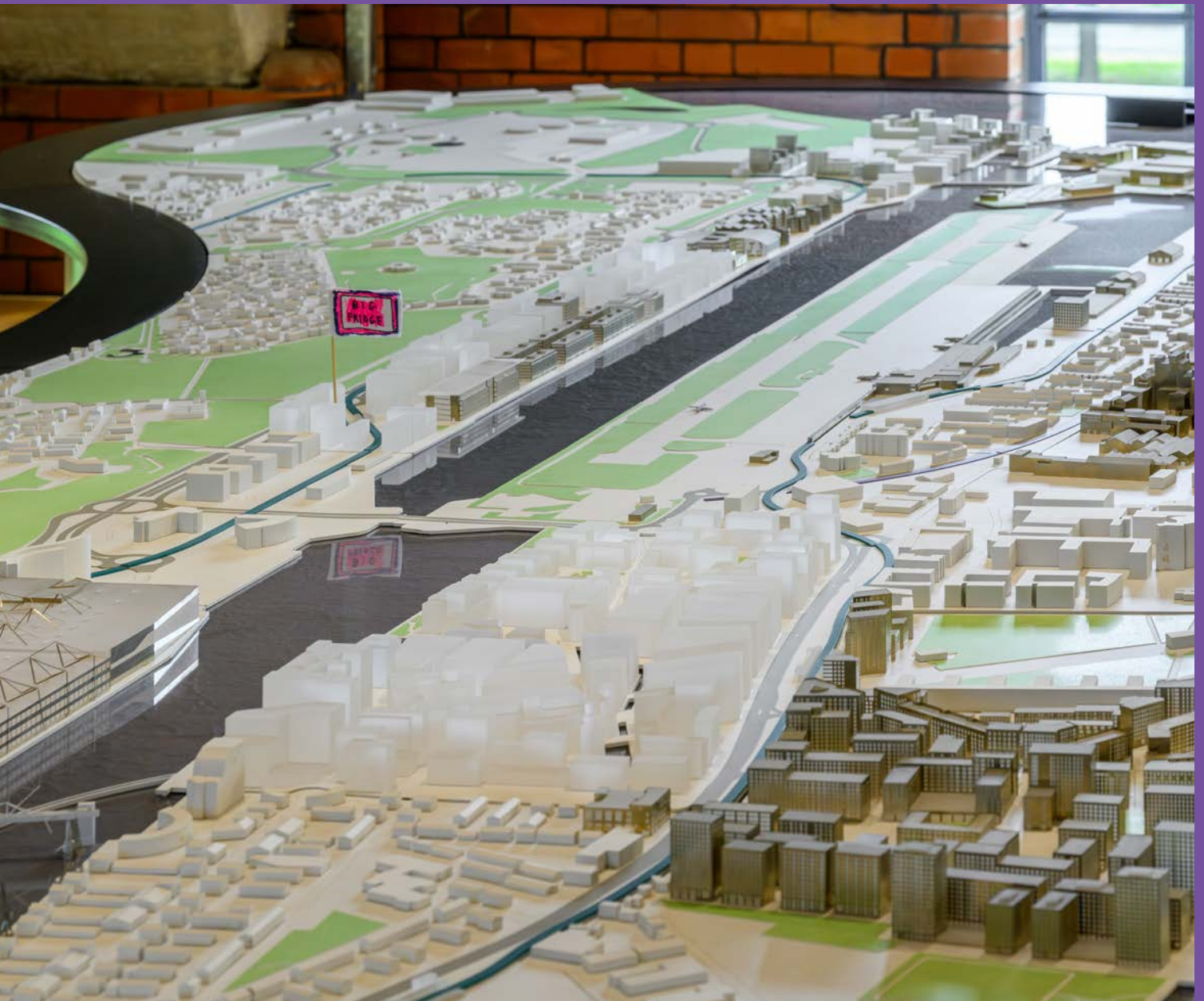


Beckton & Royal Docks Community Neighbourhood

Wards: Beckton, Royal Albert, Royal Victoria
May 2026



Beckton & Royal Docks Model. Photographer: Paul K Porter

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Introduction

Wards

Beckton & Royal Docks Community Neighbourhood is made up of the following wards:

Beckton
Royal Albert
Royal Victoria

About the area

Located in the south of the borough, Beckton & Royal Docks is characterised by its waterside setting. It is proud to be the greenest part of Newham, with both Thames Barrier Park and Royal Victoria Gardens awarded the Green Flag Award in 2022. Popular with families, Beckton is largely residential, with homes built in the 1980s and many good schools.

Royal Albert ward, covering North Woolwich and Silvertown, is a long-established mixed residential and industrial area, home to the iconic Tate & Lyle factory and London City Airport. Royal Victoria ward, covering West Silvertown, has a growing residential population, a mix of businesses including ExCeL London, and industrial land. London's City Hall is also located here.

Transport

Beckton & Royal Docks benefits from a wide range of transport links, including buses, the Docklands Light Railway (DLR), London City Airport and a ferry connection to Woolwich. The area is also served by the IFS Cloud Cable Car linking the Royal Docks to the Greenwich Peninsula.



Royal Victoria Gardens

Community facilities

Community facilities include the Beckton Globe (library, Youth Zone and Adult Education Centre), St Mark's Community Centre, Beckton Community Centre, North Woolwich Library, Woodman Community Centre, St John's Community Centre, Fight for Peace, Brick Lane Music Hall, Britannia Village Hall and Royal Wharf Community Dock.

Resident testimonials



Ivan Teece

“The area is definitely moving in the right direction. It's been good to see a real focus on green initiatives and local activities lately. I've noticed a genuine improvement in the atmosphere, and I'm starting to feel much more comfortable in the neighbourhood.



Brenda Christian

“The wildlife in Beckton helps me with my mental wellbeing, I love hearing the birds sing in the morning. I love all the walking trails and there is free access to the fruit growing on trees. There are lots of inclusive clubs that help you to build friendships.

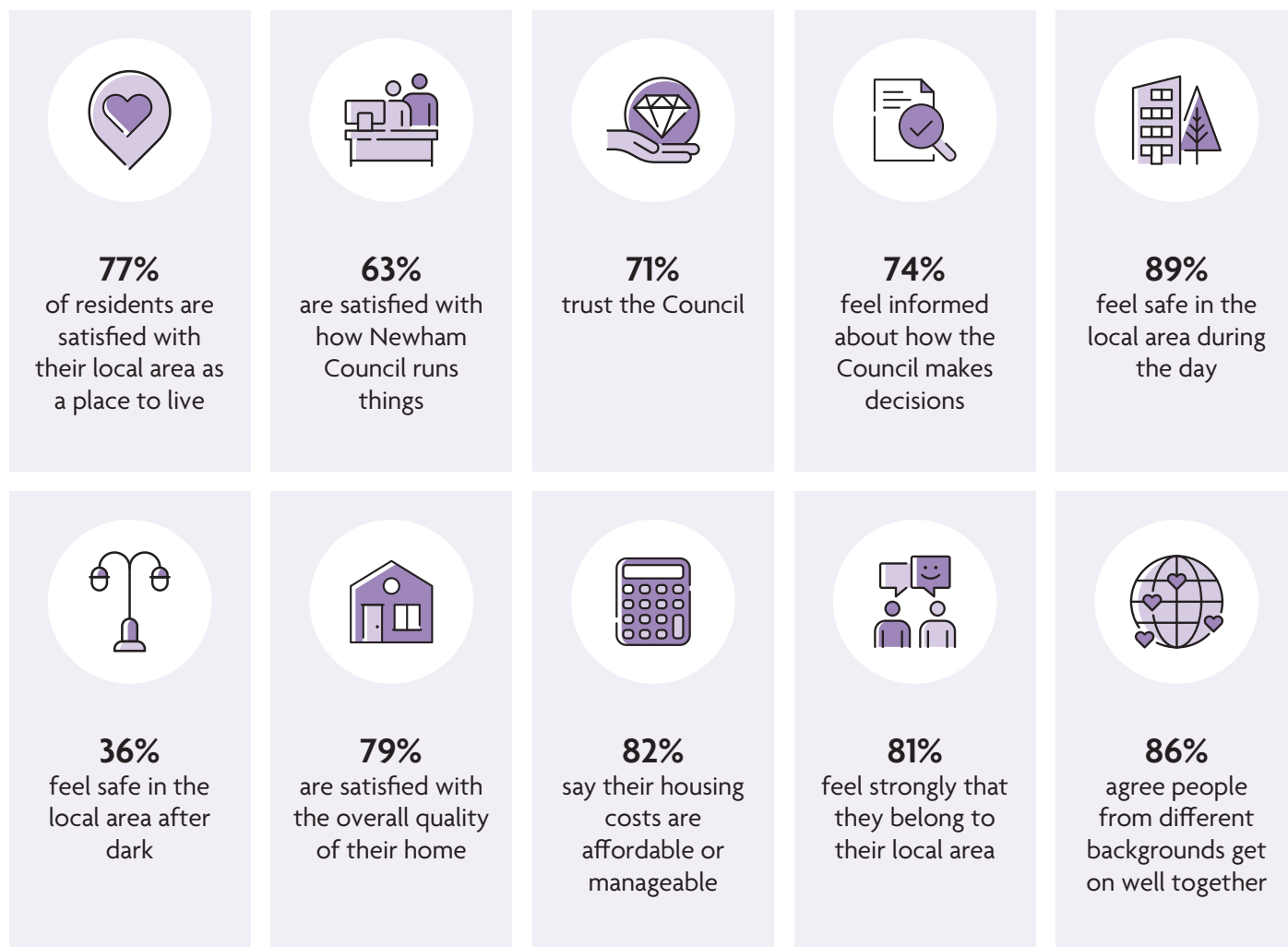
Resident survey

The resident survey provides a borough-wide snapshot of residents' views. It was last carried out between November and December 2025, with 1,523 face-to-face interviews conducted across all eight of Newham's Community Neighbourhood Areas.

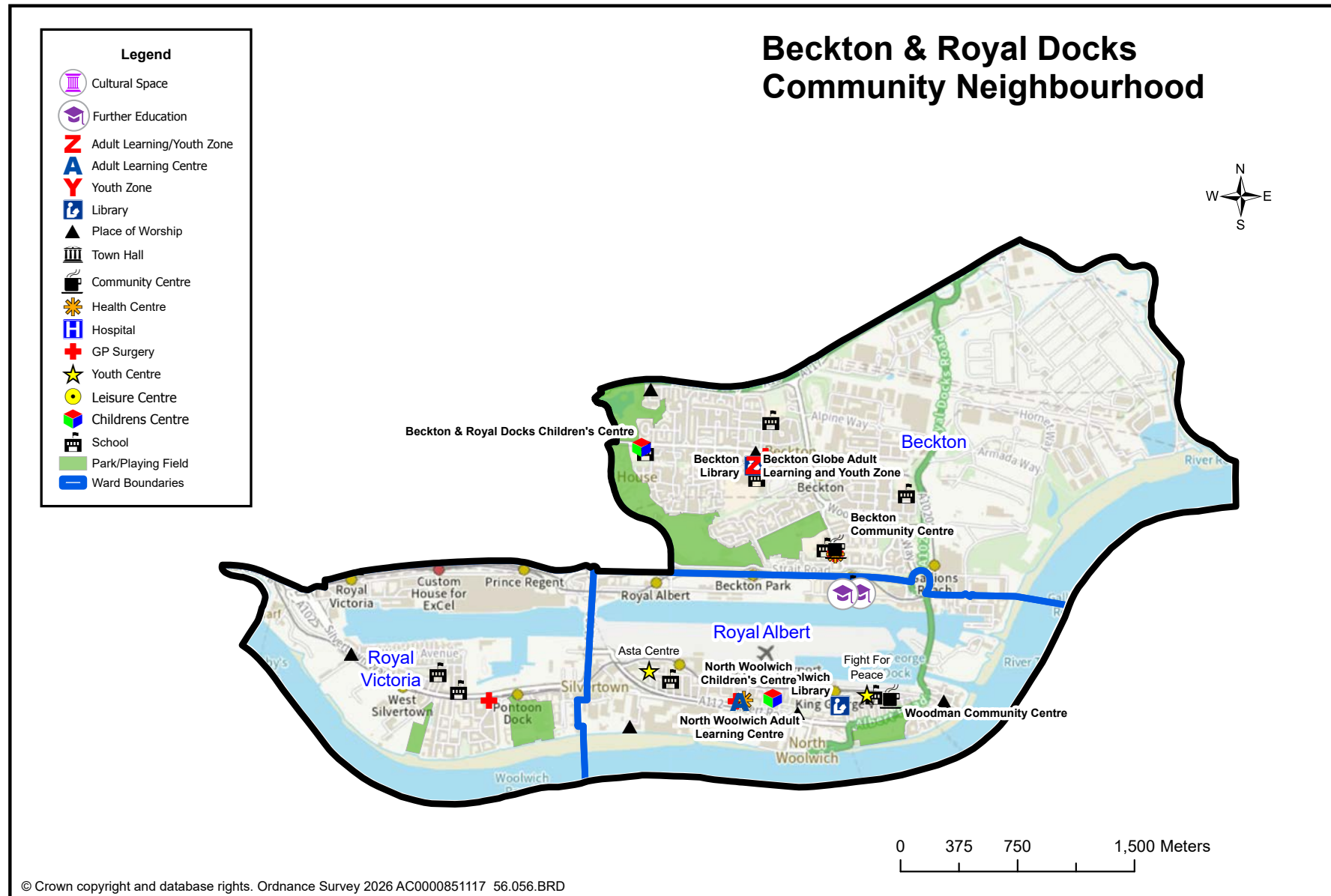
The findings below show how residents in Beckton & Royal Docks responded. For more information, visit the [Newham Resident Survey](#) website or scan the QR code.



Ten key findings for residents in Beckton & Royal Docks



Neighbourhood map

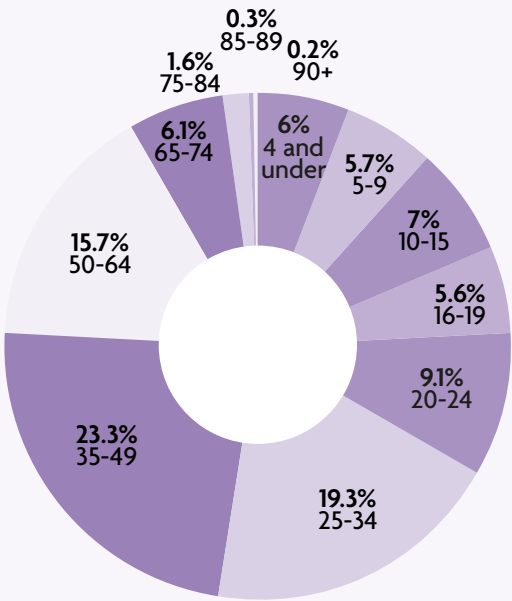


Population data

Population: **17,124** (4.6% of Newham’s population)

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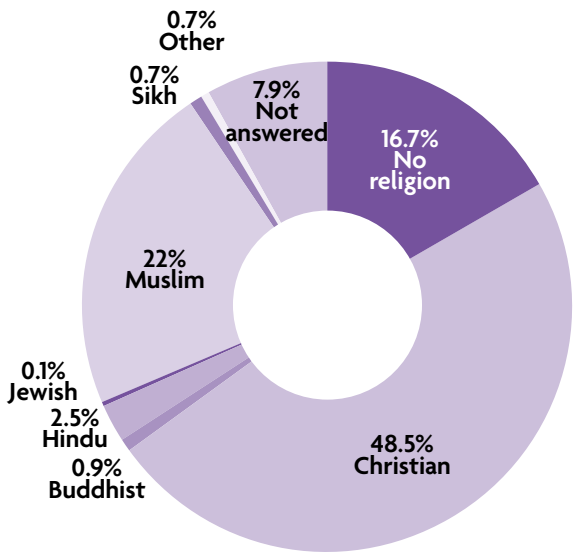
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Religion

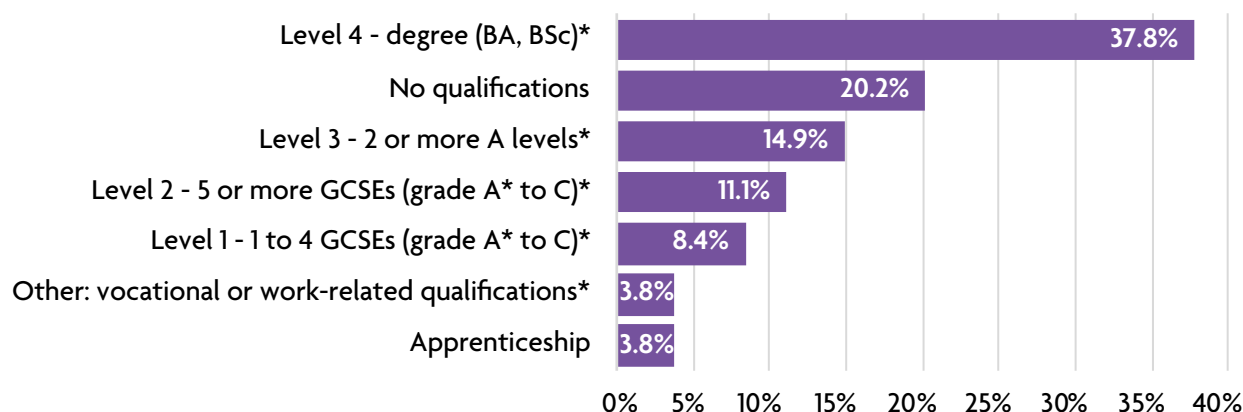


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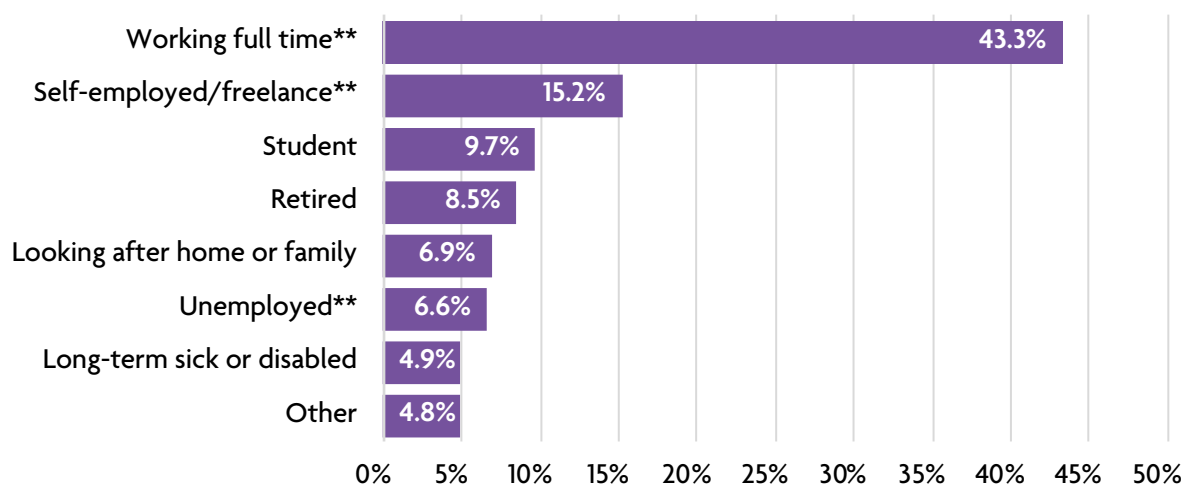
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Bangladeshi	10.1%
Chinese	2.8%
Indian	4.2%
Pakistani	5.3%
Other	2.9%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	18.5%
African	12.6%
Caribbean	4.2%
Other	1.7%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	5.1%
White and Asian	0.9%
White and Black African	1.2%
White and Black Caribbean	1.5%
Other	1.6%
White	46.5%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	21%
Irish	0.5%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0%
Roma	0.8%
Other	24.2%
Other	4.7%
Arab	1.2%
Other	3.5%

Qualifications



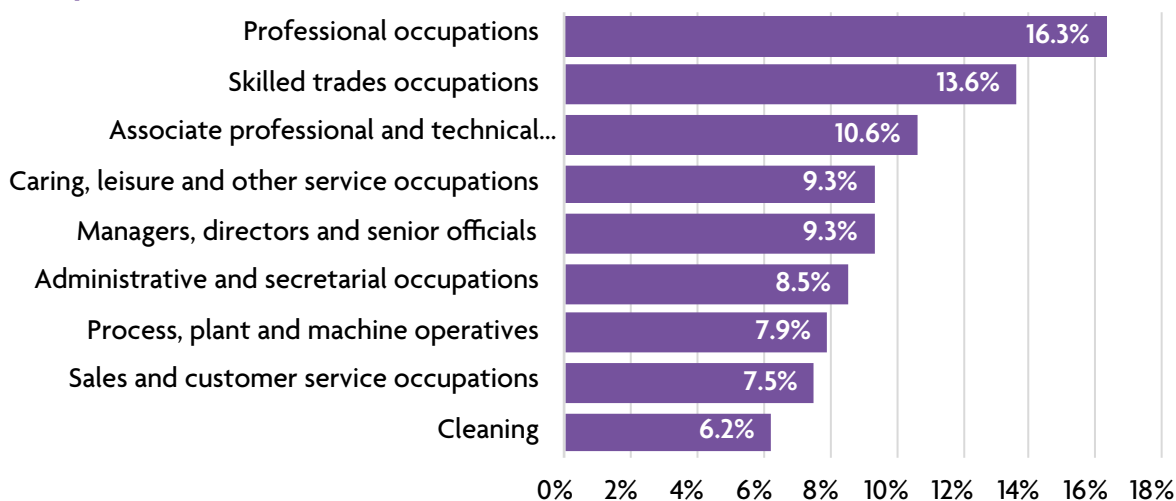
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Economic activity



**Including full time students

Occupation***



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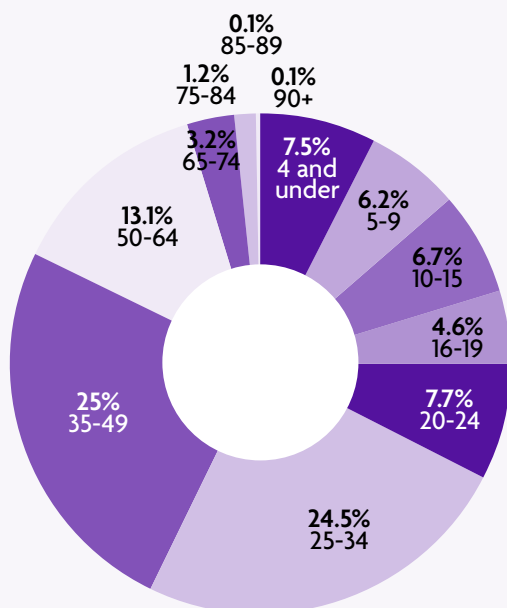
Royal Albert

Population data

Population: **10,364** (2.8% of Newham's population)

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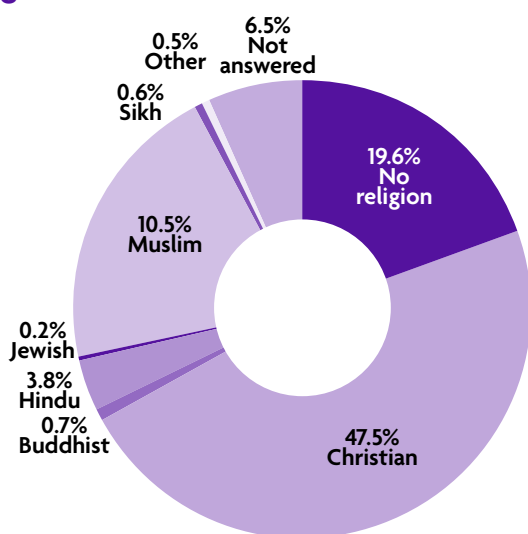
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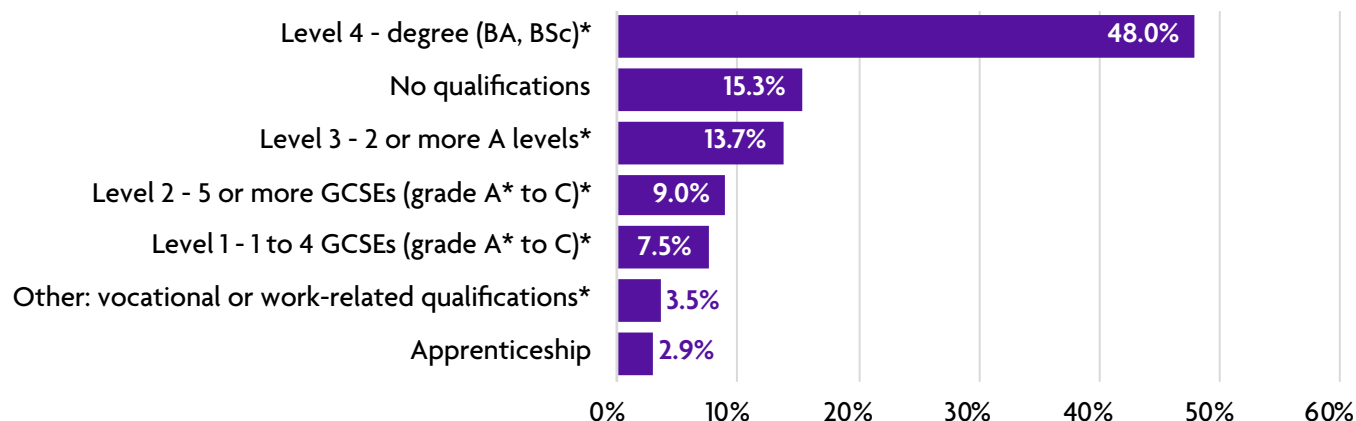


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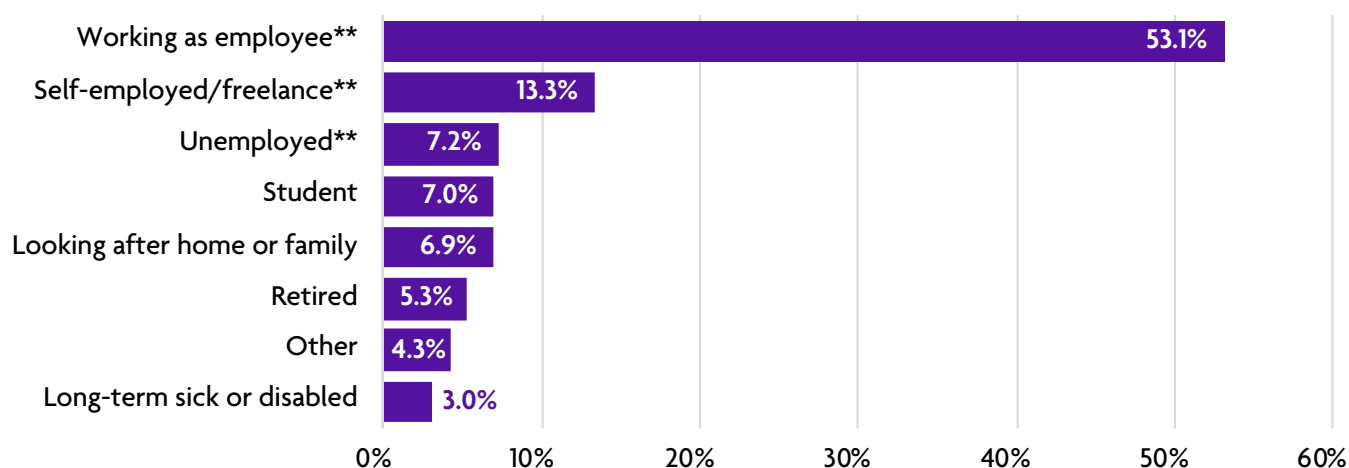
Ethnicity	Percent
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	21.5%
Bangladeshi	8.4%
Chinese	1.8%
Indian	5.7%
Pakistani	3.3%
Other	2.3%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	28%
African	21.2%
Caribbean	3.7%
Other	3.1%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	6.8%
White and Asian	0.9%
White and Black African	1.8%
White and Black Caribbean	2.1%
Other	2%
White	38.9%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	19%
Irish	0.6%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.1%
Roma	0.8%
Other	18.5%
Other	4.9%
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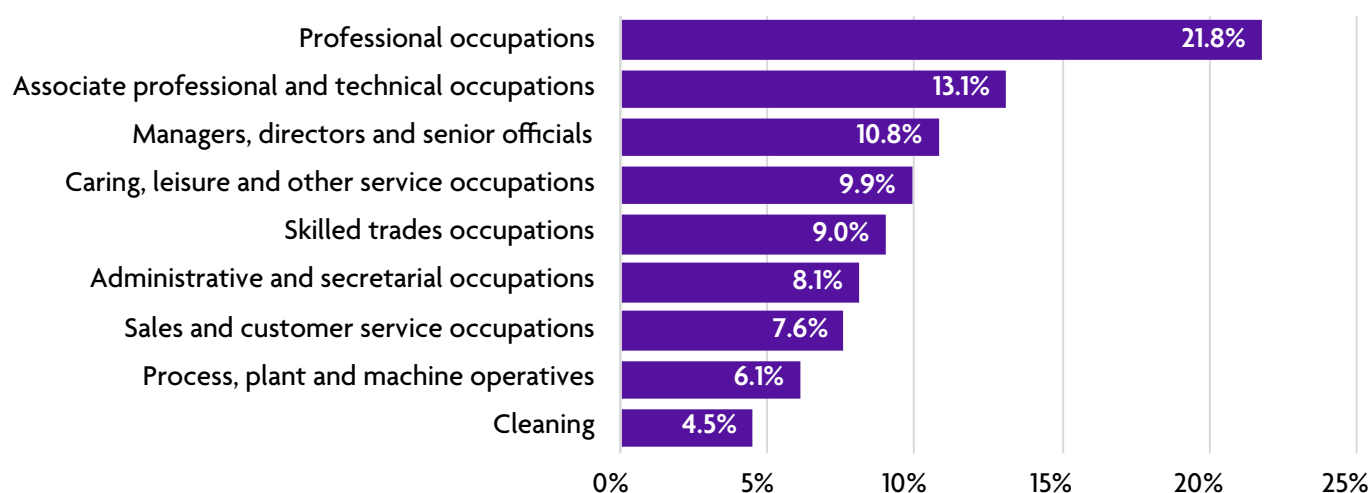
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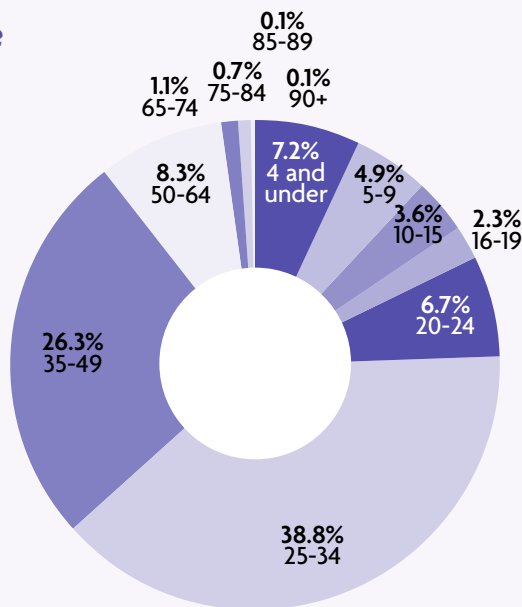
Royal Victoria

Population data

Population: **17,373** (4.6% of Newham’s population)

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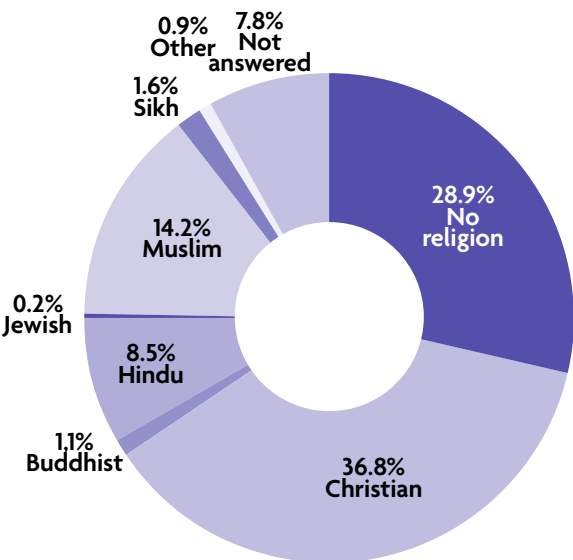
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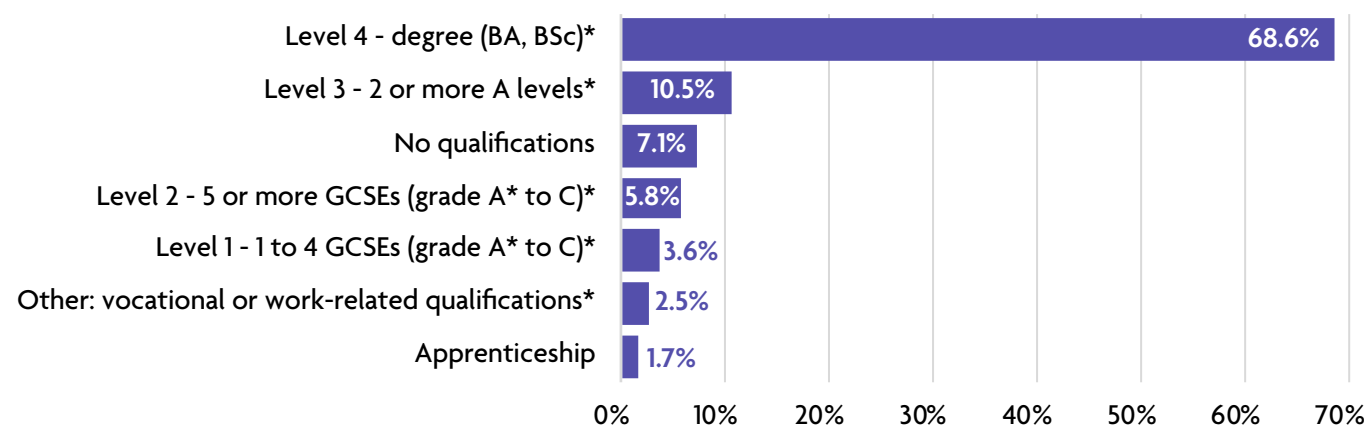


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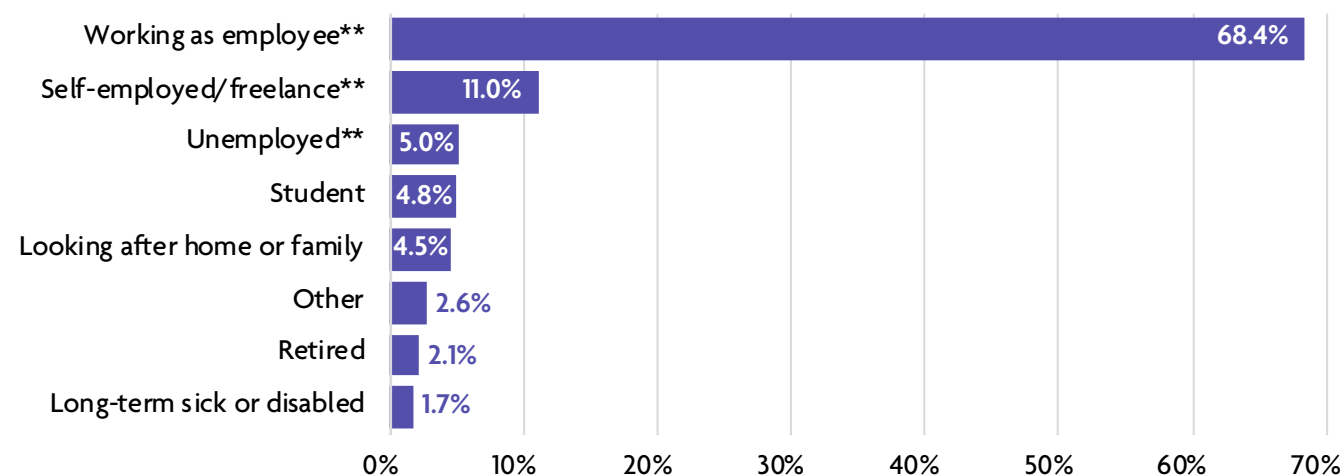
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Bangladeshi	3.7%
Chinese	5.6%
Indian	12.4%
Pakistani	3%
Other	3.5%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	16.1%
African	12.2%
Caribbean	2.4%
Other	1.5%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	6.9%
White and Asian	1.8%
White and Black African	1.4%
White and Black Caribbean	1.4%
Other	2.3%
White	44.4%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	20%
Irish	1.1%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0%
Roma	0.6%
Other	22.6%
Other	4.4%
Arab	1.5%
Other	2.9%

Qualifications



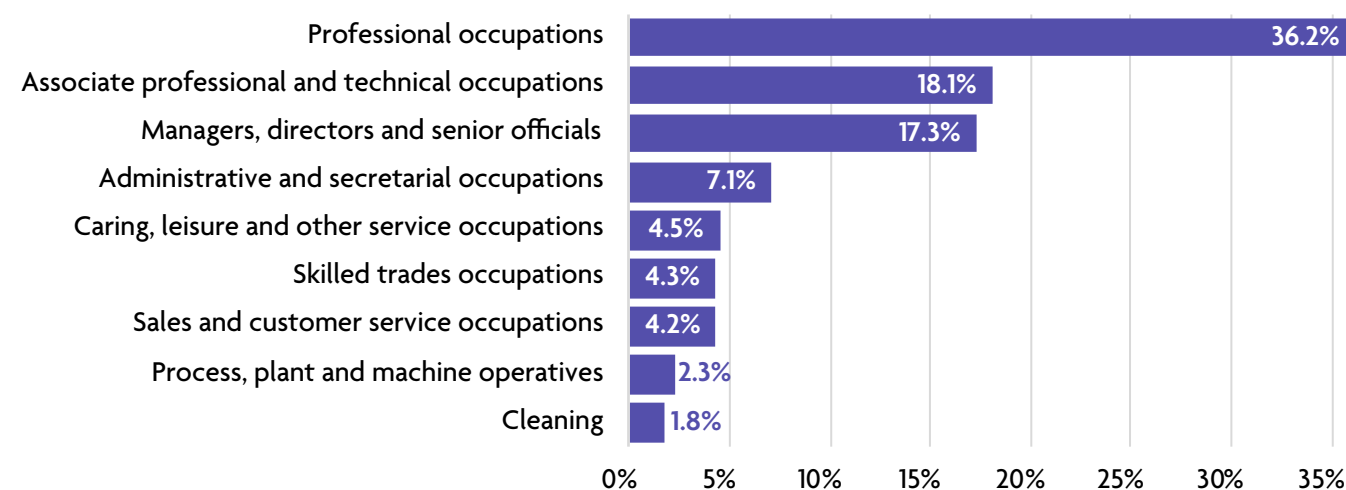
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People Powered Places



Love E15 – Anti-fly tipping project

Overview

People Powered Places (PPP) is Newham Council's flagship participatory budgeting programme and one of the largest of its kind in the UK. Since launching in 2018, PPP has funded over 300 community-led projects, embedding co-production into local decision making and giving residents a direct role in shaping neighbourhood investment.

The 2025-27 cycle is delivered through a borough-wide model of resident participation. 120 resident Working Group members were recruited across Newham's eight Community Neighbourhoods to support the assessment and decision-making process, alongside 15 Youth Advisory Board members appointed in May 2025 to ensure young people influence programme design and approach.

In June 2025, 2,916 residents took part in setting neighbourhood priorities online and through activity in libraries and community centres. Our Ideas events were held across all community neighbourhoods between June and July, attended by 844 residents, where communities developed project ideas and explored solutions together. In September, 474 funding applications were received and assessed through resident-led scoring and feasibility checks carried out by Council services.

The Big Vote, held in November 2025, saw 11,139 residents cast their votes online, in community venues and through outreach sessions. PPP continues to evolve through innovation, including AI supported translation at hybrid events to improve accessibility and inclusive participation. Over 130 community-led projects will be delivered across Newham over the next year.

In Beckton & Royal Docks, 22 community-led projects will be delivered over the next year, contributing to over 130 projects being delivered across Newham.

To find out more about the programme and the successful projects visit:
newham.gov.uk/peoplepoweredplaces



Neighbourhood priorities

Beckton & Royal Docks neighbourhood priorities for the 2025-27 cycle are:

Priority	Description
1. Health & Wellbeing	Improving health & social care by tackling health inequalities and cost of living crisis.
2. Community Safety	Raising awareness about crime, women's safety and building trust in the community.
3. Community Development & Participation	Increasing people's involvement and sense of belonging to their local community.

Community grants

Overview

The Community Grants programme brings together a range of small internal and externally funded grant schemes to support hyper local, grassroots and resident led activity. Through grants of £1,000 - £5,000, the programme helps community groups get projects off the ground that respond directly to neighbourhood priorities and local needs.

Neighbourhood Small Grants

The Neighbourhood Small Grants programme supports VCFSE organisations delivering local projects that address identified community needs. It focuses on small and emerging groups who may not have accessed larger funding streams, helping to build capacity and promote equitable access to funding.

In 2025-26, 45 projects received grants of up to £1,000, totalling £44,000 borough-wide.



Lyle's Local Fund

The Lyle's Local Fund, established by Tate & Lyle Sugars and administered in partnership with Newham Council, supports projects that help create safe, prosperous and healthy local communities. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to not for profit organisations whose work benefits Newham residents.

In 2025-26, £50,000 was available, supporting 10 projects across the borough.

Genting Good Causes

The Genting Good Causes Fund, delivered in partnership with Newham Council, provides funding for projects that strengthen local communities and improve wellbeing. Grants of up to £5,000 are available to voluntary, community and faith organisations, schools and charities based in Newham.

In 2025-26, £81,000 was awarded to 20 projects across Newham.



Bee Friendly, Bee Happy

Organisation: Art in the Docks CIC
Grant Amount: £1,000

Art in the Docks CIC received £1,000 to deliver Bee Friendly, Bee Happy, a family focused environmental and creative learning project. Using local libraries as community hubs, the project engaged around 100 participants in learning about pollinators and their importance. Families explored bee lifecycles through visual learning, discussion and hands on creative workshops. Participants decorated plant pots and planted spring flowering bulbs to support bees emerging from hibernation. Designed to suit different learning styles, the project combined creativity with environmental awareness while improving access to cultural activities for local families.

Partner organisations

Overview

We work closely with Voluntary, Community, Faith and Social Enterprise (VCFSE) organisations to connect with residents and respond to local needs. Partners deliver vital support including food provision, advice services, befriending activities and community events, helping to address poverty, isolation, health inequalities and financial hardship.

VCSE partnerships

VCSE organisations play a key role in mobilising volunteers, attracting external funding into the borough, amplifying resident voice and supporting prevention and early help. Many partners have also been successful in applying for People Powered Places and Community Grants funding and are pivotal in delivering these projects. The sector is fundamental to fostering active citizenship, community resilience and strong neighbourhoods across Newham.

Some examples of VCSE partnerships

- **ANKH Place**
The Peace & Healing Garden sessions for the community focus on learning how to grow produce and learn mindfulness through gardening.
- **BEAT (Beckton Environmental Action Team)**
BEAT are committed, determined residents who bring positive change in Beckton by tackling environmental issues affecting the community and its wildlife.
- **Art in the Docks**
Art in the Docks is a community focused arts organisation and social enterprise delivering inclusive programmes through different mediums of art.
- **Fight For Peace**
A global organisation combining martial arts, education, employability and support services for young people.

- **Tate Institute**

Currently being transformed with a deep retrofit into a vibrant community and enterprise hub called REinsTate for the community.

Faith partnerships

Newham is one of the UK's most religiously diverse boroughs, with faith institutions playing a vital role in community life. Faith groups provide trusted spaces for worship, support and connection, and are often among the first to respond to local needs. They deliver food provision, advice, wellbeing activities, youth work and volunteering opportunities, while promoting social cohesion and mutual understanding.

The Council works in partnership with faith organisations across neighbourhoods, recognising their contribution to community resilience, civic participation and early help. These relationships support inclusive engagement, strengthen local networks and help ensure services reflect the needs of Newham's diverse communities.

Some examples of faith partnerships

- **Beckton Muslim Community**
The organisation offers local support and services for the community and delivered a multi-sports healthy lifestyle programme through the Neighbourhoods Small Grant programme in 2024 for young people.
- **St John's Community Centre**
Supports residents through weekly food bank offer, gardening sessions and social activities for older residents such as line dancing, bingo and coffee mornings.
- **St Mark's Church and Community Centre**
The church and community centre offer a wide and varied number of services, events, and activities to all aspects of the community and healthy food offer in their new café.



St Mark's Church and Community Centre



BEAT (Beckton Environmental Action Team)



Art in the Docks

Volunteering

Overview

Newham's Volunteers Programme is an established Council led service that supports residents and organisations to benefit from high-quality volunteering. Open to residents aged 16+, the programme welcomes people from all backgrounds, including working professionals, young people, older residents, people with disabilities, and refugees and asylum seekers.

Each year, over 500 active volunteers contribute over 19,000 hours across more than 300 opportunities, supporting activity within Community Neighbourhoods, libraries, community centres and wider council led programmes. Opportunities are also delivered through VCFSE organisations across Newham.

The programme works closely with VCFSE partners to help them develop meaningful volunteering roles and supports recruitment through a brokerage offer that matches residents to opportunities that suit their interests, skills and availability. Flexible short and long term options enable people to get involved in ways that work for them. The service is recognised for best practice and accredited with the Investing in Volunteers quality standard.

Volunteering across Newham

Pathways into employment

Volunteering supports residents to build confidence, develop skills and gain UK work experience. Through tailored support, including registration and DBS checks, volunteering can act as a pathway into training and paid employment.

Recognising and valuing volunteers

Volunteers are recognised for their time and commitment through the Tempo Time Credits rewards scheme. Credits can be exchanged for activities such as transport, fitness, cultural experiences and local attractions, helping to motivate and sustain long term involvement.



For more information about the programme please visit:
newham.gov.uk/volunteering

Beckton Creekside Nature Reserve

Beckton Creekside Nature Reserve offers residents the opportunity to volunteer on practical environmental projects that improve local green spaces and enhance biodiversity. Volunteers support a wide range of hands-on activities, including reserve maintenance, path clearance, litter picking, pond management, habitat creation, and planting wildflower meadows to improve access and wildflower corridors.

Local resident Nyasha said: **“I really enjoyed my volunteering experience at the Nature Reserve. The organisers were very friendly and welcoming, the tasks were clearly explained, and I learned loads about local wildlife. I even helped plant a new garden flower bed.”**

The project provides inclusive, welcoming opportunities for residents to contribute to their neighbourhood while developing skills, confidence and connections to nature.

Other initiatives



Beckton Masterplan

Beckton Masterplan

The Beckton Parks Masterplan is a long-term strategic initiative by Newham Council to revamp 36 hectares of green space across Beckton and Custom House. It focuses on enhancing biodiversity, improving community facilities, and connecting parks—including Beckton District Park, King George V Park, and the former Newham City Farm site—to improve public access to nature and recreational facilities.

Beckton Community Conversations

Gathering a diverse group of community voices—residents, young people, community leaders, and businesses—alongside key partners such as the Metropolitan Police and the Council. Together, they aim to co-design long-term, local solutions to tackle the critical issues of youth violence and improve community safety.

Royal Docks Community Forum

A thriving bi-monthly community forum collaborating with community organisations, local and corporate businesses and residents to work together to bring stronger partnership working and events.



Health in the neighbourhood

NHS Neighbourhoods programme

The NHS Neighbourhoods programme will bring together GPs, community health, mental health, social care, public health, and the VCFSE sector to work jointly for local people.

Newham will be split into four localities, each with two neighbourhoods, to bring services closer to residents' daily lives. This model supports the ambition of the 10 Year Health Plan for England.

Well Newham

Well Newham is a borough-wide health and wellbeing programme that brings together information, services and support to help residents live healthier lives. It focuses on both medical and non medical factors that affect health, from mental wellbeing to housing and money. Delivered in partnership between the Council, NHS and the voluntary sector, it forms part of Newham's wider approach to reducing health inequalities.

Through a single, resident friendly website, Well Newham helps residents find local services and health advice that match their needs. The website has over 200 pages one can access depending on their requirement. It also features a dedicated events page whereby residents can find events and activities that they can participate in. The website is accessible through this link: wellnewham.org.uk



Well Newham Directory of Services (powered by Joy)

The Well Newham Directory of Services, powered by Joy, is an online directory of all local health and wellbeing services available across Newham in one place. There are over 600 local services listed on the platform, from stop smoking to physical activities and support for children, young people and families. The directory allows residents to search for support near them and self refer to most of the services. Some referrals can be made only by professionals such as GPs and social prescribers. Over a thousand referrals are made every month through this platform. It plays an important role in making local services easier to find and access, while also helping partners understand demand and service gaps across neighbourhoods. Access the directory here: wellnewham.org.uk/advice/well-newham-directory-services-powered-joy



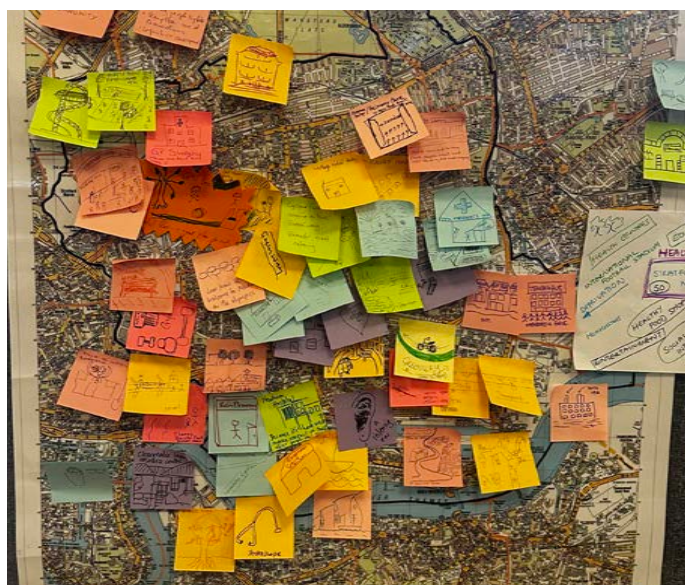
Newham Food Alliance (NFA)

Newham Food Alliance is an open collaboration of over 40 VCFSE partners ranging from large and long established to smaller grassroots organisations. These span Newham's geography, food cultures and social need. NFA partners run food banks, food clubs and the community hot meals programme. If someone is experiencing financial challenges that are preventing them from getting the food they need, please visit this website to make a referral to the Newham Food Alliance: newham-self.achieveservice.com/service/NFA_Referral



Good Food Retail programme

Delivered in partnership with Rice Marketing, this programme supports independent convenience stores to increase the availability and promotion of healthier core food and drink options (lower in fat, salt, and sugar). The Public Health team works with local retailers and participating stores to promote and sustain the visibility of healthier options, with plans to introduce a Good Food Charter.



NHS Neighbourhood Plan networking event



Best Start Family Hubs

Best Start Family Hubs

Best Start Family Hubs are part of Best Start in Life, a UK government backed approach supporting children from conception through early childhood. The programme is funded until 2029 and focuses on helping children to be healthy, supported and ready for school, with a target nationally to increase the number of 5-year-olds achieving a 'good level of development' (GLD) by 2028.

In Newham, four Family Hubs operate from Shipman Youth Zone, East Ham Library, Manor Park Children's Centre, and United West Family Hub (working across Rebecca Cheetham and Kay Rowe Children's Centres). Alongside ten additional community access points, they form a borough-wide Family Hub Network delivering services in-person and online.

Expanding since 2023, Newham's Family Hubs provide universal, early support for families with children up to age 18 (25 for those with additional needs). Support is delivered through strong partnerships with children's services, health, and the voluntary and faith sectors, offering joined up early intervention and improved access to community services.

Wellbeing support in Beckton and Royal Docks

This project, run by West Silvertown, supports parent and toddler activities, community meals and celebrations, fitness and wellbeing activities, and English classes. Anyone can access these activities for free. Walk-in entry at The Britannia Village Hall, 65 Evelyn Road, E16 1TU. Activity timetable can be found on this website: wsfroyaldocks.org/whats-on



Mayor and Councillors

Mayor of Newham



**Mayor
Forhad
Hussain**
Labour Group

Beckton



**Councillor
Syed Hussain
Ahmed**
Independent



**Councillor
Tonii Wilson**
Labour Group
Deputy Cabinet
Member for
Housing, with a
focus on Temporary
Accommodation
and Mayoral Advisor
for Jobs and Small
Business



**Councillor
Blossom
Young**
Labour Group

Royal Albert



**Councillor
Reverend
Canon
Ann Easter**
Labour Group
Deputy Cabinet
Member for
Adults, Health and
Environment and
Mayoral Advisor for
Faith



**Councillor
Poojitha
Konkati**
Green Group

Royal Victoria



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For more information, click [here](#).

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