

East Ham Community Neighbourhood

Wards: East Ham, East Ham South, Wall End
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East Ham Town Hall

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Introduction

Wards

East Ham Community Neighbourhood is made up of the following wards:

East Ham
East Ham South
Wall End

About the area

East Ham is one of the 12 districts of the London Borough of Newham. The area is home to a diverse community, with many cultures and languages represented. It is also a focal point for housing development due to its busy high street, located in the heart of East Ham, with an abundance of shops and strong transport links to central London and Essex.

Transport

East Ham has good transport links, including bus services that connect the neighbourhood to the rest of the borough. East Ham Underground Station serves the District and Hammersmith & City lines and provides step free access from street to train. The Greenway runs through the south of the ward, offering safe cycling and walking routes to Stratford.

Community facilities

East Ham has a wide range of community facilities, including East Ham Library, East Ham Leisure Centre, East Ham Nature Reserve, Flanders Community Centre, The Well Community Centre, St Bart's Centre and Newham College.



Basil Ave Mural



Central Park

Resident testimonials



Jaswinder Jutle

“ I have lived in East Ham for 42 years and ran my own business here for over 25. Since retiring, I have volunteered across Newham, including at the London 2012 Olympics, a true once-in-a-lifetime experience. I still volunteer by teaching a knitting group, which gives me the chance to meet new people and experience different cultures, and I truly value East Ham's diversity, which continues to enrich the community.



Kathy Holdsworth

“ I love living in East Ham, as there is always something going on to keep me active and mentally stimulated—whether it's hiring all different kinds of bikes in Central Park on Fridays, or taking part in activities at the leisure centre and the library. We have great bus and train links, so we can visit major exhibitions and events. I love crafting and the arts, and there are lots of friendly groups for me to join.

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 East Ham responded. For more information, visit the [Newham Resident Survey](#) website or scan the QR code.



Ten key findings for residents in East Ham



73%

of residents are satisfied with their local area as a place to live



63%

are satisfied with how Newham Council runs things



76%

trust the Council



52%

feel informed about how the Council makes decisions



91%

feel safe in the local area during the day



63%

feel safe in the local area after dark



84%

are satisfied with the overall quality of their home



67%

say their housing costs are affordable or manageable



87%

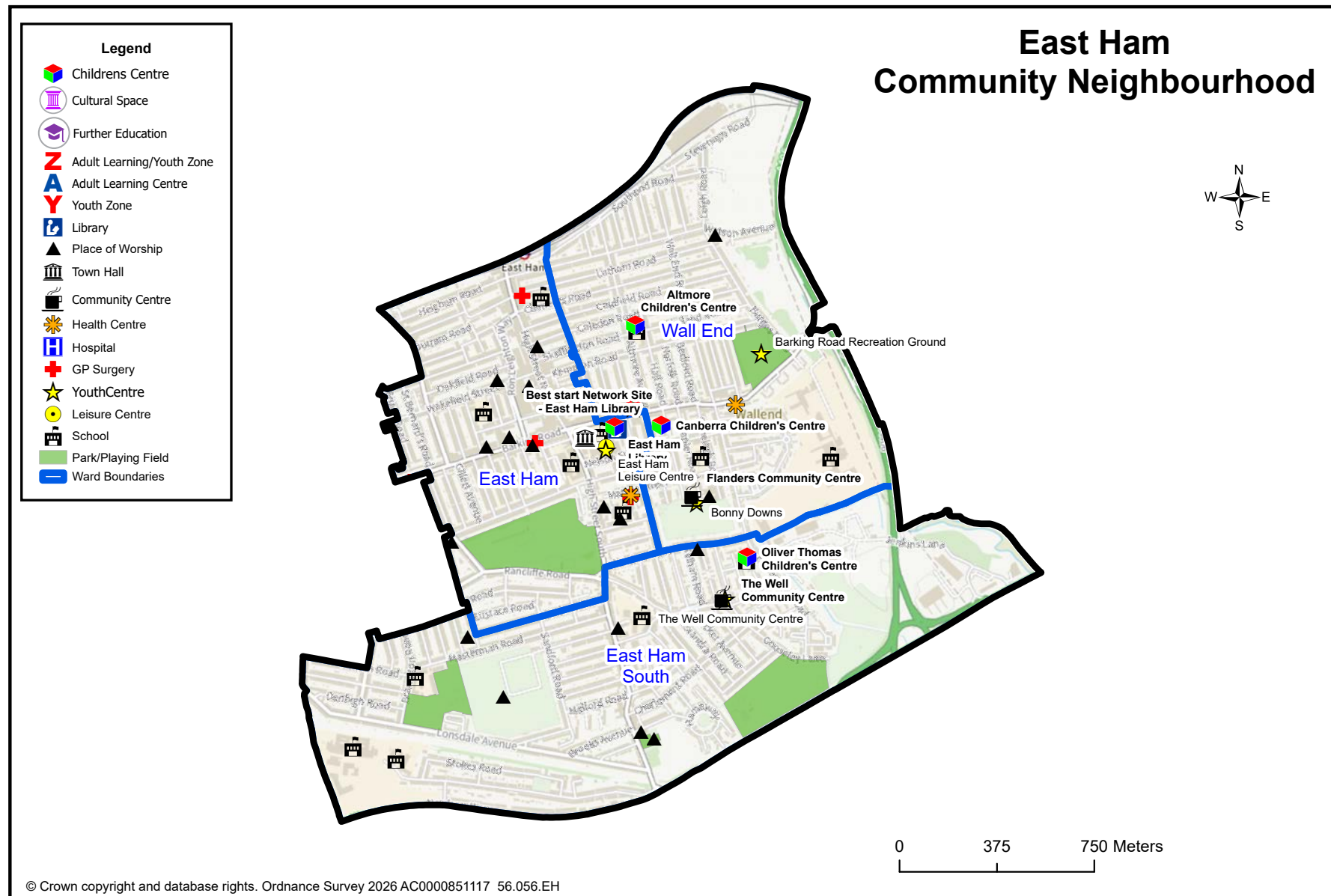
feel strongly that they belong to their local area



88%

agree people from different backgrounds get on well together

Neighbourhood map



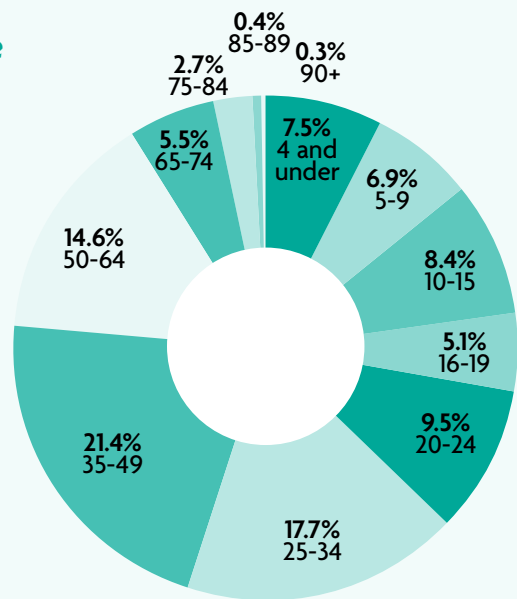
East Ham

Population data

Population: **16,071** (4.3% of Newham’s population)

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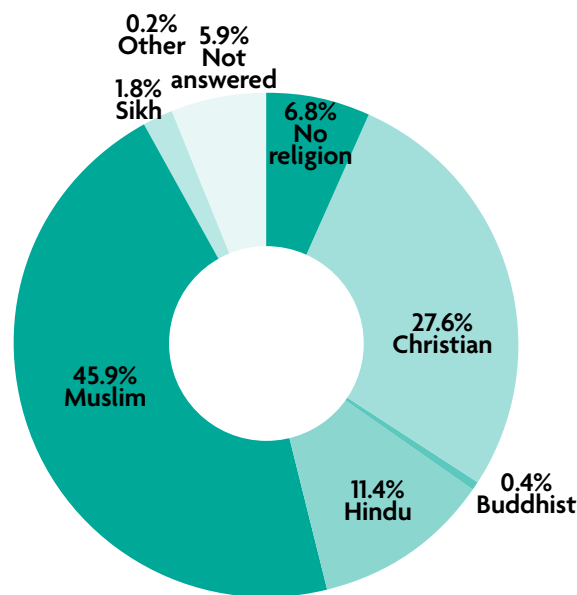
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Census data 2021

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Religion

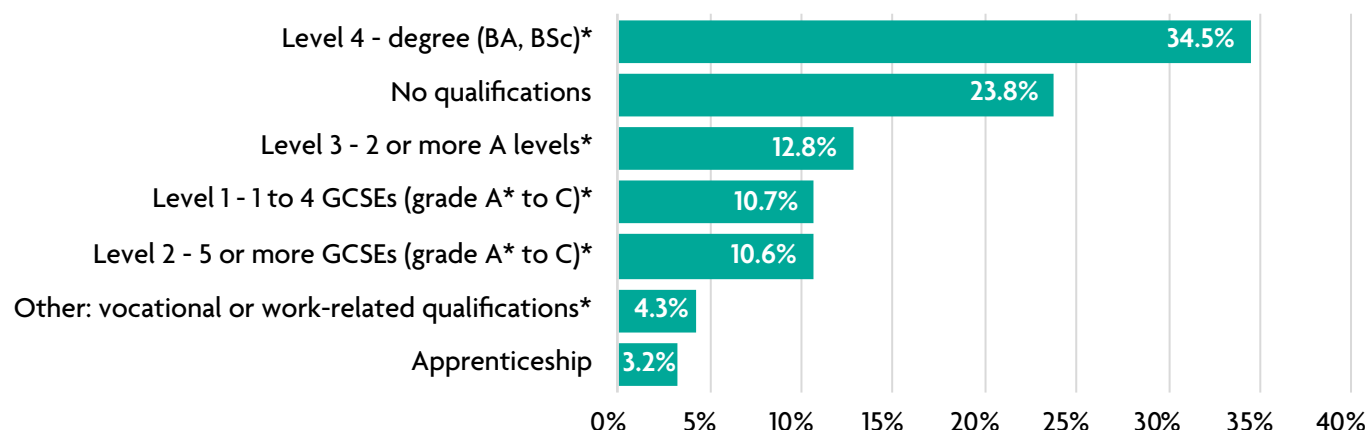


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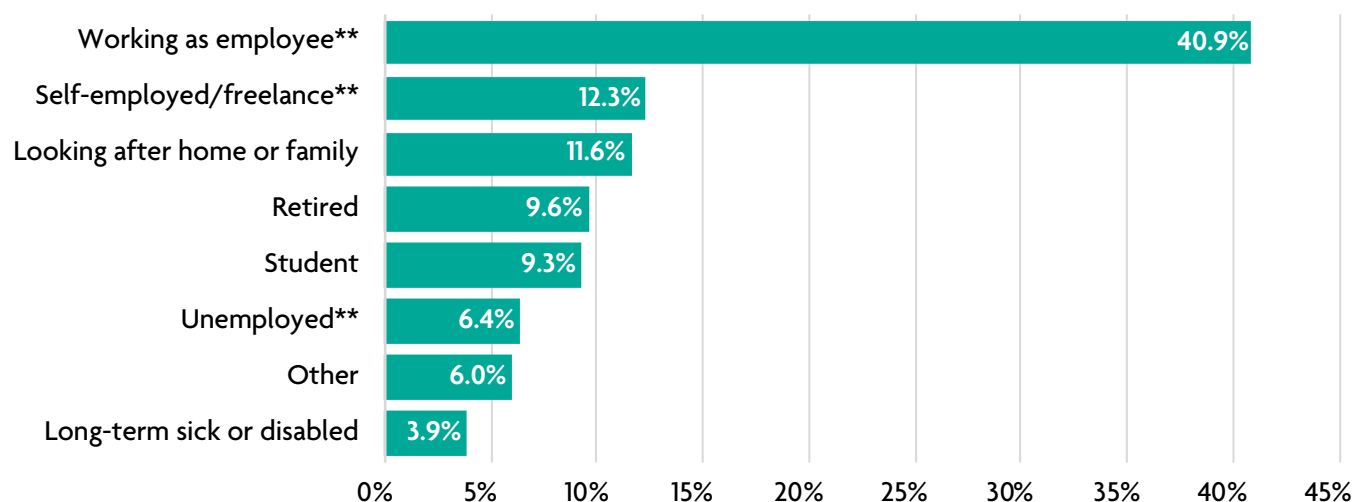
Ethnicity	Percent
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	62%
Bangladeshi	18.1%
Chinese	0.4%
Indian	17.4%
Pakistani	18.5%
Other	7.7%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	8.5%
African	5.2%
Caribbean	2.3%
Other	1%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	3%
White and Asian	0.8%
White and Black African	0.6%
White and Black Caribbean	0.6%
Other	1.1%
White	21.4%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	8.3%
Irish	0.3%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.2%
Roma	0.6%
Other	11.9%
Other	5%
Arab	0.8%
Other	4.3%

Qualifications



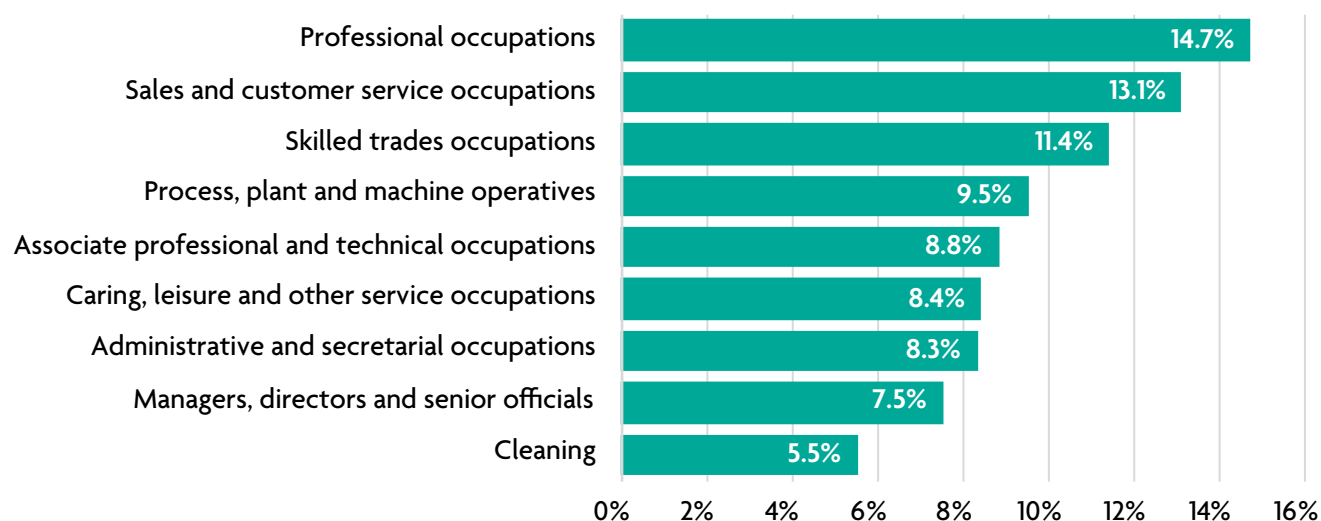
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Economic activity



**Including full time students

Occupation***



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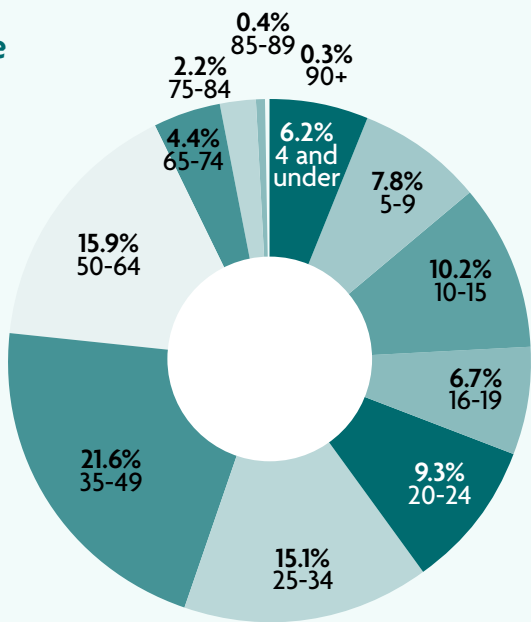
East Ham South

Population data

Population: **18,800** (5% of Newham’s population)

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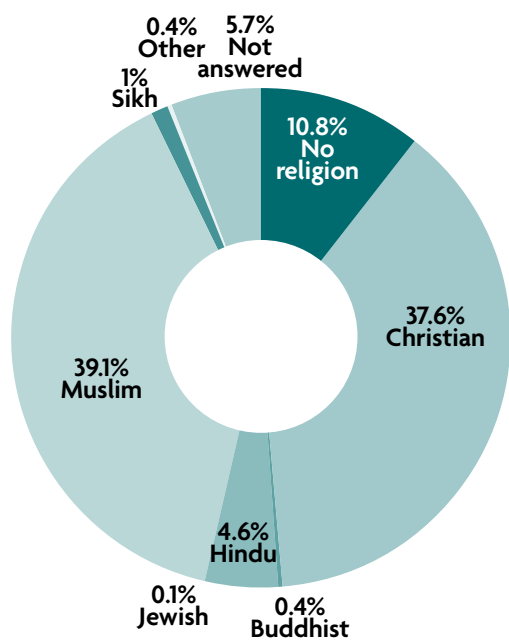
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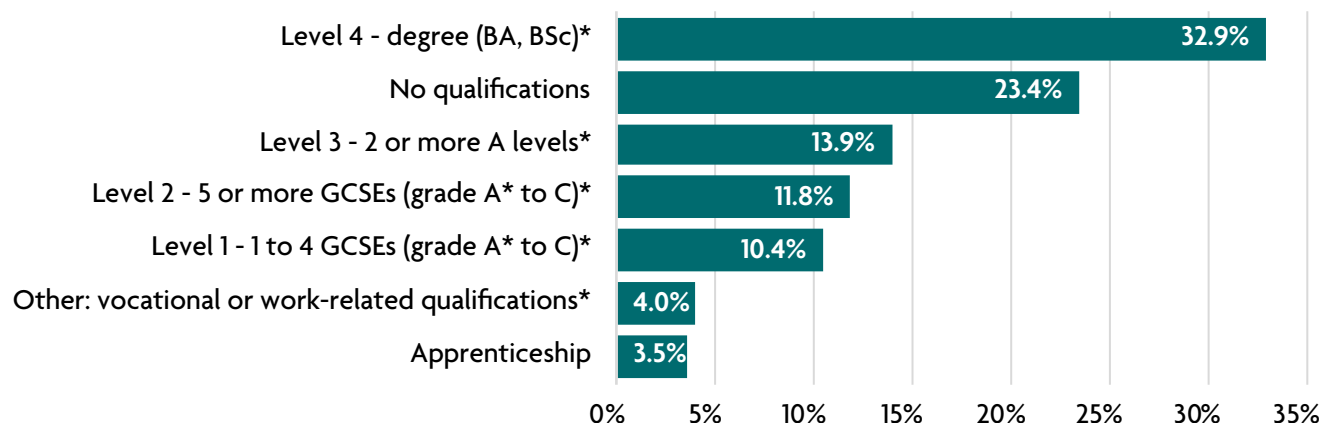


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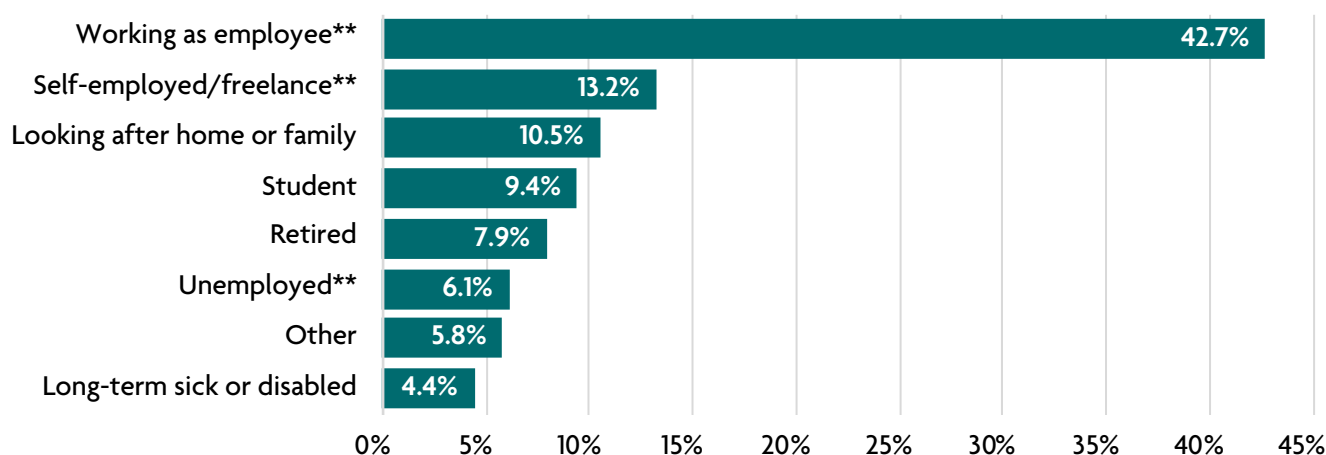
Ethnicity	Percent
Asian, Asian British or Asian Welsh	41.6%
Bangladeshi	17.8%
Chinese	0.5%
Indian	7.7%
Pakistani	9.8%
Other	5.8%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	18.5%
African	12.3%
Caribbean	4.2%
Other	1.9%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	4.7%
White and Asian	0.9%
White and Black African	0.9%
White and Black Caribbean	1.3%
Other	1.6%
White	30.5%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	16.1%
Irish	0.3%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.2%
Roma	0.5%
Other	13.4%
Other	4.8%
Arab	1.2%
Other	3.5%

Qualifications



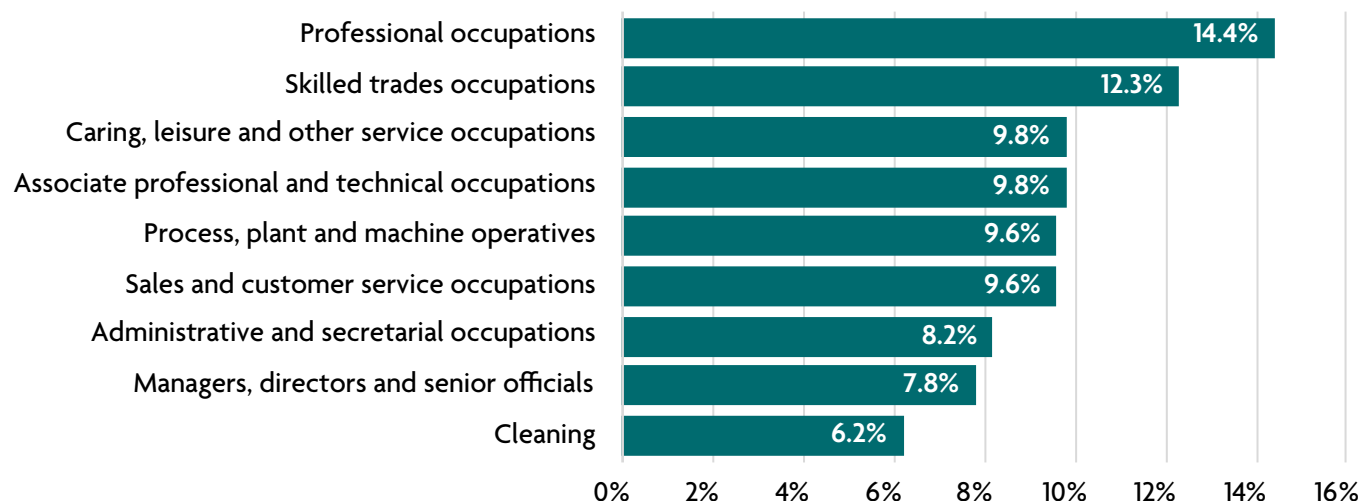
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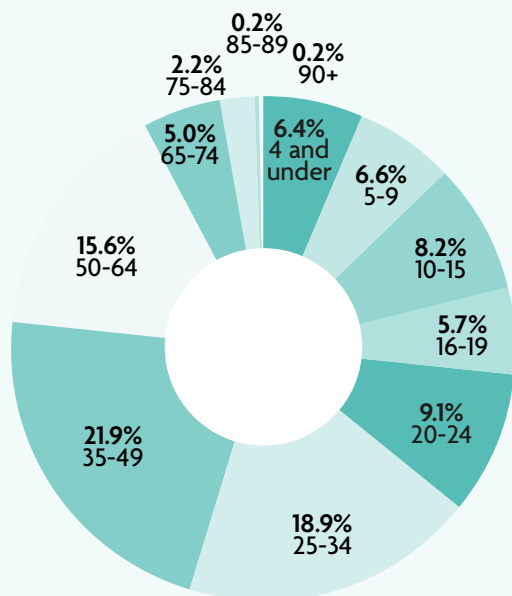
Wall End

Population data

Population: **17,110** (4.6% of Newham's population)

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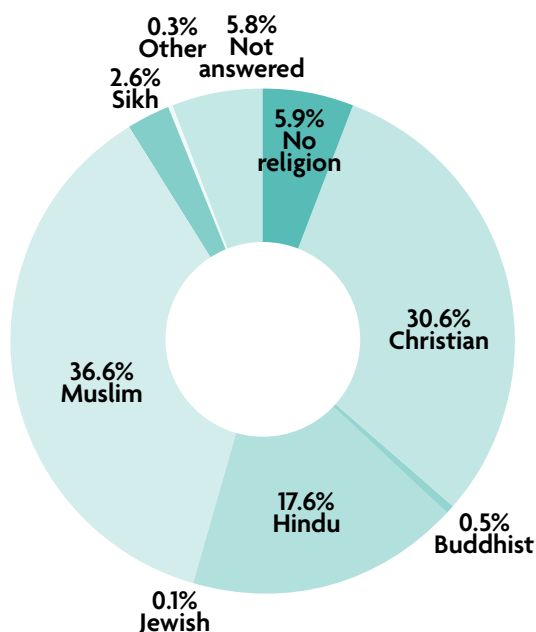
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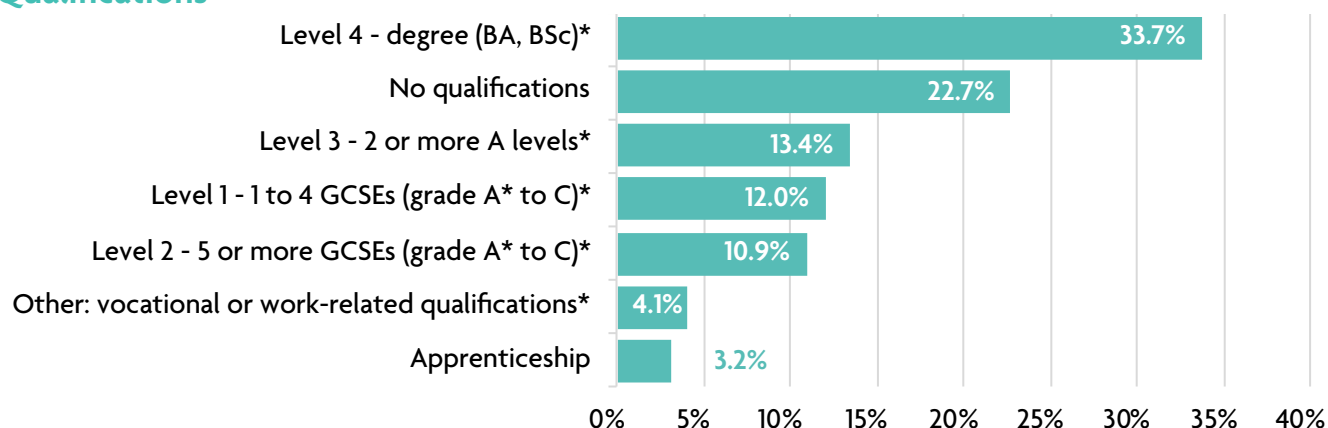


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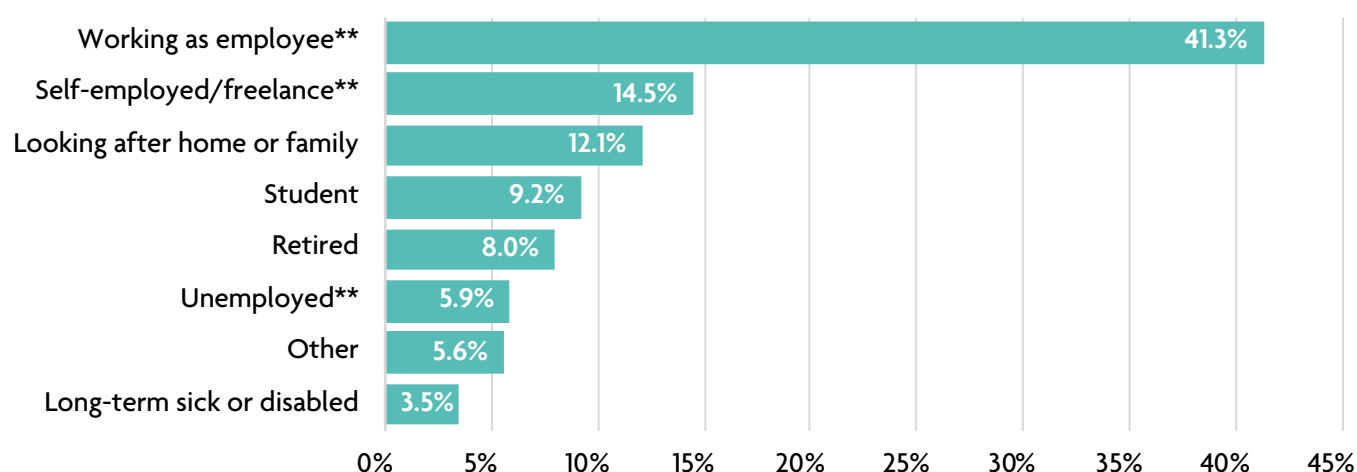
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Bangladeshi	16.2%
Chinese	0.5%
Indian	16.8%
Pakistani	12.5%
Other	14.1%
Black, Black British, Black Welsh, Caribbean or African	8.7%
African	5.4%
Caribbean	2.4%
Other	1%
Mixed or Multiple ethnic	2.6%
White and Asian	0.7%
White and Black African	0.4%
White and Black Caribbean	0.5%
Other	1%
White	22.5%
English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British	9%
Irish	0.3%
Gypsy or Irish Traveller	0.3%
Roma	0.6%
Other	12.3%
Other	6.1%
Arab	0.4%
Other	5.7%

Qualifications



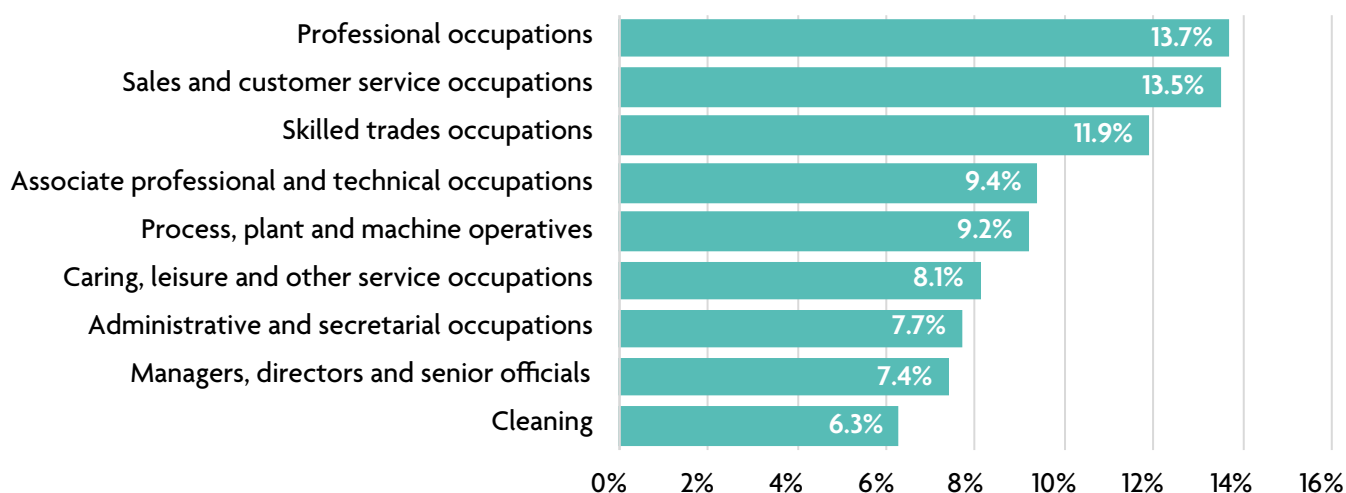
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People Powered Places



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 400 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 East Ham, 16 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

East Ham neighbourhood's priorities for the 2025-27 cycle are:

Priority	Description
1. Health & Wellbeing	Tackling health inequalities and supporting East Ham residents to live well and thrive.
2. Community Safety	Building a safer East Ham by reducing crime and anti-social behaviour.
3. Community Development & Participation	Empowering East Ham residents to participate, connect, and shape 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.

Mama's Song

Organisation: Living Song CIC

Grant Amount: £1,000

Living Song CIC received £1,000 to deliver Mama's Song, supporting mothers experiencing isolation, particularly during early parenthood. The grant funded two drop-in sessions in East Ham, creating welcoming spaces for mothers and babies to participate together. Led by experienced artists and Young Music Mentors, sessions combined singing, breathing exercises and movement to promote wellbeing and connection. A wide musical repertoire ensured inclusivity, while sensory instruments supported baby development and socialisation. The project strengthened wellbeing, confidence and peer connection through shared musical experiences.

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

- **Nutrition-Kitchen**
Provides healthy eating awareness programmes, workshops, and guidance to encourage better nutrition and healthier lifestyles across the community.
- **Bonny Downs Community Association**
Hosts the funded community garden Grow Together, Be Together and provides homelessness support.
- **Newham Green Gym**
Supports the preservation and upkeep of the conservation site at East Ham Nature Reserve.
- **The Well Community Centre**
Supports older residents' activities through funded programmes.

- **The Renewal Programme**

Delivers bi weekly youth and family provision at East Ham Library.

- **Made in Newham**

Works in partnership through People Powered Places funding and the small grants scheme.

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

- **Pilgrim's Way Church**
Supports a weekly coffee morning for older residents.
- **Bilal Mosque**
Delivers health and wellbeing awareness workshops for the local community.
- **St Bartholomew's Church**
Delivers the Get Active Get Healthy programme for the community and runs a community café supporting people with disabilities.
- **St Paul's Church**
Partners with E6 Sisters Community Pantry every Thursday and supports NEWdawn Night Shelter during winter, providing 15+ overnight beds once a week.



Nutrition Kitchen



Newham Green Gym



St Paul's Church

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

Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean brought together Newham Council staff and local residents to support borough-wide litter picking, using volunteer leave to give back to local neighbourhoods. Staff from Newham's Planning and Development Service worked alongside residents, forming teams starting from East Ham and Plaistow libraries.

Over 3.5 hours, participants collected 44 bags of litter, reported four fly tipping incidents, and each walked over 10,000 steps, improving local environments while promoting physical activity and wellbeing.

Participants reflected positively on the experience, describing a strong sense of teamwork, shared purpose and pride. Feedback highlighted the day as eye opening, rewarding and therapeutic, demonstrating how volunteering can deliver environmental improvements while supporting connection, wellbeing and civic pride.



Other initiatives



East Ham High Street

Safer East Ham Partnership

The Safer East Ham Partnership is a place-based multi-agency group operating under the governance of the Newham Safety Partnership (NSP). It was established to provide a structured, coordinated response to crime, anti-social behaviour (ASB), youth violence, vulnerability, and public space safety across a high demand town centre location.

The partnership brings together key operational leads from the Metropolitan Police, British Transport Police, Community Safety Enforcement Team (CSET), Licensing, CCTV, Youth Empowerment Services, Public Realm and business partners to jointly assess intelligence, agree priorities, and deliver targeted activity.

Its purpose is to ensure a consistent, data-led approach to neighbourhood crime and ASB, improve safeguarding outcomes, strengthen local problem-solving, and enhance public confidence by providing visible, coordinated action across East Ham.

East Ham High Street Strategy

Supports East Ham High Street businesses and community groups through the GLA funded High Street Place Labs programme, strengthening social impact, climate resilience, and collective decision-making. Support includes providing space, promotion, and access to community networks.

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



Fruit & Veg Prescription

A voucher distribution scheme whereby residents with a deprivation need coupled with pre/diabetes diagnosis are allocated £6 per week +£2 per additional member of their household to spend only on fruit and vegetables. The participants are identified by GP surgeries, and the residents collect their vouchers from various libraries across the borough to spend the money at participating markets and vendors across the borough.

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



Fruit & Veg Prescription



Best Start Family Hubs

Newham Nurture

Newham Nurture supports women from low income, migrant and marginalised backgrounds experiencing financial hardship and disadvantage through pregnancy and up to two years after birth. Support includes peer sessions, infant feeding, counselling services, and providing essentials. Drop-in sessions are accessible at East Ham library: Mondays, 10am-1pm.

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.

Baby Feeding Support

East Ham Library is a Best Start Family Hub Location as well as the venue for our Baby Feeding Cafe on Wednesdays, 1-2.30pm. Parents can come along to our friendly drop-in, meet other parents, have a cup of tea and get support with breastfeeding, bottle feeding, expressing, starting solids and more. They can also call, text or WhatsApp the helpline on 07534 249 611.

Mayor and Councillors

Mayor of Newham



**Mayor
Forhad
Hussain**
Labour Group

East Ham



**Councillor
Abdul Halim**
Newham
Independents Group



**Councillor
Syed Taqi Shah
Naqvi**
Newham
Independents Group
Chair of Licensing
Committee



**Councillor
Begum Sahera**
Newham
Independents Group

East Ham South



**Councillor
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Hussain**
Labour Group



**Councillor
Susan Masters**
Labour Group
Cabinet Member for
Adults, Health and
Environment



**Councillor
Lakmini Shah**
Labour Group
Member for
Children, Education
and Communities

Wall End



**Councillor
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