

**WE ARE NEWHAM.**

**WE ARE  
FUN.**



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# ROKHS MAYOR.



“ Building a Fairer Newham means action by the Council, led by me as your Mayor, to show you we are on your side during these hard times we face because of the cost of living crisis.”

**This is the first edition of the new look Newham Mag since the election in May. Thank you for placing your trust in me to serve for another four years as your Mayor. I will be the strongest advocate for Newham and our people; because like you, I love Newham. It's the place where I grew up and I want the best for our borough and all residents in our community.**

Over the past three months, I have been hitting the ground running to make sure the Council gets stuff done for the people of the borough and is ready to deliver on my important agenda to build a fairer Newham in the face of the cost of living crisis facing so many of our residents.

I've been working day-in-day-out with my executive, the Chief Executive and senior officers to show you that we are on your side to deliver on the manifesto promises I made. We will take action on the issues that matter most to you.

That means action to help families through these tough times by providing food and other essential household items. Each week we already distribute 50 tonnes of food through our Newham Food Alliance.

It means action from the Council to get stuff done to improve the streets and the neighbourhoods where we live in to keep them healthy, safe and clean. That includes action from the Council to tackle fly-tipping with zero tolerance of those who think throwing rubbish and household items on our streets is acceptable - it is not!

It also means action on holding the police to account and taking action on violence against women and girls. The fundamental human right of every woman and girl is to be safe from harassment, assault and death in the neighbourhoods we live in, on our streets at whatever time

in the day we are out, and in our own homes.

It means action from me as your Mayor, and my cabinet, to champion the interests of all our residents. Like protecting renters from exploitative landlords who don't care about the safety or conditions people live in. And through ongoing investments to deliver homes our people can afford, including another 1,500 homes at social rent as part of our plans to tackle the housing crisis in Newham.

It means action to provide excellent provision for all of our young people and more investment for those with special educational needs and disabilities. And action from the Council that enables people power so residents can drive improvements in the areas they live.

I'll continue to take action in response to the climate emergency which has led to the extreme summer heatwave we've experienced this year, including encouraging recycling and making it easier for people to switch to green transport. Our action to improve air quality means that I'll continue to oppose the Silvertown Tunnel and the expansion of the London City Airport because breathing clean air is a human right.

Building a fairer Newham is my purpose over these coming four years and I will be at the forefront getting stuff done for you and all residents.

Wishing you all a great summer with friends and loved ones.

**Rokhsana Fiaz OBE**  
**Mayor of Newham**  
🐦 @rokhsanafiaz

BUILDING A  
**FAIRER**  
NEWHAM

# WE ARE FAIRER.

## FLY-TIPPING, TACKLING ROGUE LANDLORDS AND PROVIDING HELP IN THE COST OF LIVING CRISIS – JUST THREE OF OUR MAJOR PRIORITIES IN BUILDING A FAIRER NEWHAM.

### BUILDING A FAIRER NEWHAM

**We'll be getting stuff done over the next 4 years, taking action by:**

- Supporting residents and businesses in the face of the cost of living crisis, including through our Newham Food Alliance which distributes 50 tonnes of food a week to our families.
- Paying the London Living Wage to all council staff, and its contractors
- Campaigning for affordable care costs for the elderly.
- Delivering 1,500 new council homes, action against “rogue landlords” in the Private Rented Sector including developers who aren't removing dangerous cladding.
- Investing £40 million to keep our streets and neighbourhoods clean, including reducing reported fly-tipping by 50 percent.
- Supporting green transport with 1,000 electric charging points and 500 cycle hangars across the borough
- Holding the police to account so that they keep Newham residents safe, including women and young people.

### ACTION ON FLY-TIPPING

We all want healthy, safe, clean and green streets and neighbourhoods. We're boosting our enforcement team to stamp out fly-tipping and littering, including fining those dropping cigarette butts and gum on our streets. You can read more on page 8.

### NO ROOM FOR ROGUE LANDLORDS

We're campaigning to raise standards in private properties, coming down hard on rogue landlords (see the article on page 11) and championing the rights of our residents who are tenants living in bad conditions, being exploited or paying exorbitant rents.

### SUPPORT IN HARD TIMES

We're supporting those struggling because of the cost of living crisis. Our Newham has seen a sharp increase in residents asking for help with energy supplies and food, and we've established a Cost of Living Task Force. Find out more about how Our Newham can help on page 6.

You can view a short video about Building a Fairer Newham at [www.newham.gov.uk/buildingafairernewham](http://www.newham.gov.uk/buildingafairernewham)

# WE ARE NEWS.



## AGEING WELL

We have launched our first Ageing Well Strategy focused on assisting Newham residents to age well and live healthy and fulfilling lives. Support includes money advice; preparing for later life with integrated care, home adaptations and specialist housing; digital inclusion; rough sleeping and homelessness prevention; and domestic and sexual violence support services. You can also join the Ageing Well Strategy Resident Advisory Group and add your voice to those helping to shape our services. For more information, or to get involved, email [ageingwell@newham.gov.uk](mailto:ageingwell@newham.gov.uk), call **020 3373 8915** or visit [www.newham.gov.uk/ageingwell](http://www.newham.gov.uk/ageingwell)

## E-SCOOTER SAFETY

Accidents involving e-scooters are on the rise. In 2021 there were 1,280 collisions involving e-scooters, with 9 riders killed, compared to 460 in 2020 with 1 fatality. But, in spite of their popularity, it's actually illegal to use an e-scooter on roads, cycle lanes and pavements.

We want to keep our roads safe for everyone. So, while we'll be taking action against this illegal activity, we also offer this safety advice for riders.

- Wear a helmet
- Wear bright or reflective clothing and display a rear red light so you're clearly visible
- Make sure your scooter has a speed-restrictor.

But remember - you shouldn't be on the roads (or pavements) in the first place!

## PRIDE IN OUR STREETS

Forest Gayte Pride took to the streets with a fantastic 3-day festival of Queer Pride in June, bringing life and colour to favourite local venues. With appearances from some of east London's most influential queers, the celebration of LGBTQIA+ culture in our borough is a demonstration of our solidarity and allyship in the ongoing fight against discrimination and oppression facing them.

To celebrate 50 years of Pride Month, we installed three amazing, colourful works of art on our pavements. The Pride flag, Transgender flag and Progress flag artworks installed at the Woodgrange market site and near Forest Gate station, were produced as part of the Council's Community Assembly funded programmes to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community in our borough. Raising the visibility of Newham as a safe and inclusive place for all our communities is action we are taking on building a fairer Newham.

Find out more about Community Assemblies at [www.newham.gov.uk/communityassemblies](http://www.newham.gov.uk/communityassemblies)

## WE ARE AMBITIOUS

### SHIPMAN'S MULTI-MILLION POUND MAKEOVER

The Shipman Youth Zone at Prince Regent Lane will undergo a £6.5m renovation next summer, as we bring to life plans developed by young people, architects and local residents. As part of our ongoing investment in our young people, the state-of-the-art new Youth Zone will be carbon neutral and include a music studio, film and multimedia suite, arts and crafts room, IT suite, kitchen for food classes, fitness and wellbeing site and sports hall.

# WE ARE ALWAYS ON



## SUPPORTING YOU IN THESE HARD TIMES

**The rise in the cost of living is pushing many people into serious financial difficulties, with higher bills, threats of job loss, increased debt and the risk of homelessness.**

We're getting things done to support residents through these difficult times. One place to get help is the Our Newham service, which supports residents into training and employment, promotes financial wellbeing and helps businesses.

Our Newham Money saw 985 more residents from January to May seeking help compared to the same period last year – a staggering 175 percent increase – with many needing emergency help to pay energy bills. One of the biggest challenges facing households is the rising cost of food as grocery bills have gone up an average of 39 percent. Also, from January to May this year

we had a 104 percent increase in requests for emergency food support.

If you need help or advice, call **020 8430 2041** or email **ournewhammoney@newham.gov.uk**

## GETTING STUFF DONE

**We're distributing help through the Household Support Fund, which supports struggling households in paying for essentials such as food and utilities. In the first round of payments October 2021 to March 2022, we supported 32,000 people.**

The second round runs until September, when we'll be making sure eligible residents receive a further £3.3m of funds. We're also in the process of issuing £16,883,000 – for eligible households in Band A to D homes, which represents some 9 out of 10 households in Newham – in council tax rebate to help our residents affected by the rising cost in energy prices. There's

also another £1,086,000 to help low income households through our Discretionary Fund.

We're setting up a Cost of Living Task Force, chaired by Mayor Fiaz, to look at current resources, offering long term support with budgeting, money management, accessing affordable credit and ways to boost income.

Our Debt & Benefits Team secured an extra £1.2m last year for residents by ensuring they were receiving all the benefits that they are entitled to. From April to May Our Newham Money identified £261,000 that could be claimed.

Our Homeless Prevention and Advice Project (separate to our Homelessness Prevention and Advice Service) has so far helped 76 residents at risk of homelessness. They've managed to help them keep their tenancies, ensuring they were not impacted by the benefit cap, provided employment support and made sure they claimed all their benefits.



# YOUR SIDE.



## INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE

**Do you want to learn something new, but have caring duties for a parent or child which makes it harder to find time?**

Our Newham Learning & Skills can support you by providing inclusive and safe spaces for learning for all adult residents.

There are lots of courses, from upcycling old fabrics into clothes and decorating a cake, to line dancing and make-up art, starting from £10 for each session - many of the workshops and taster sessions are free.

Free courses include Absolute Beginners' English, for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), functional skills and, in some instances, some Level 3-4 and 5 NVQ modules

If you're interested, call

**020 3373 0629** or email

**[ournewhamls@newham.gov.uk](mailto:ournewhamls@newham.gov.uk)**

**[www.ournewhamls.co.uk](http://www.ournewhamls.co.uk)**



## EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS

**The Employment Rights Hub celebrated its first anniversary in June, helping residents get justice and fair treatment in the workplace.**

We're the only local authority in the country which provides this kind of service exclusively for residents and, most importantly, it's confidential and free of charge.

**We're making a difference**

- 209 residents supported through our casework and awareness raising campaigns.
- 23 employment rights workshops delivered to frontline staff and residents – informing and advising them on their rights and entitlements – as well as practical advice on how to deal with issues at work.
- We're working with young people and Government kickstarters, educating and helping them to navigate the world of employment.
- £284,000 recovered from employers with the help of our dedicated

team of employment rights advisers, without the need for legal action.

- Established a network of referral partners to help residents take their employer to an Employment Tribunal, if necessary.
- Working with local social prescribers (who help people improve their health and wellbeing, and social welfare) so residents can access our services.
- Working with unions to give a collective voice to residents and raise standards across the borough.



## CONTACT

For advice on an employment matter or if you like to attend a workshop call

**020 3490 3360** or email

**[employmentrights@newham.gov.uk](mailto:employmentrights@newham.gov.uk)**

# WE ARE SAVING OUR



## KEEPING IT CLEAN

**You've told us that you want clean streets, parks and neighbourhoods. Here's how we're making this happen.**

- We're spending £40m over the next four years to keep our streets and neighbourhoods clean and cut reported fly-tipping by 50 percent.
- We're increasing the number of community safety enforcement officers over the next 4 years to tackle anti-social behaviour on our streets, environmental crime such as fly-tipping and enforce Public Space Protection Orders.
- We're piloting additional support to focus on those who think it's ok to throw rubbish on our streets or fly-tip and will be taking hard enforcement action.
- You'll see more enforcement officers on our streets to catch and fine people who drop litter. The fine is £150 for dropping cigarette butts, chewing gum and other litter.

Mayor Fiaz and her Cabinet are taking action against people who litter and we want anyone who chucks litter of any kind, including cigarette butts or chewing gum to know that it's just not acceptable in Newham. Our message is now simple. If you litter, we will fine you.

## THE TEAM HELPING TO KEEP NEWHAM CLEAN AND TIDY

**Meet Newham's Tidy Team. They're streets ahead when it comes to keeping the borough clean as part of our pledge to clean up the borough.**

The three teams of staff travel across major routes in Newham with an enforcement

officer to clear mess and illegally dumped rubbish from major routes and our streets, driving in vans with cages to collect the rubbish cleared.

The service, previously privatised, has seen team members brought back under Council management last year, as part of the Council's plans to improve the service provided to residents.

The Tidy Team is making swift work of it all, picking up tonnes or rubbish. From October to March this year The Tidy Teams:

- Picked up 112,460 tonnes of waste
- Cleared 5,198 fly-tips
- Issued 99 fixed penalty notices
- Are investigating those who are disrespecting our borough, with 108 cases currently open.

Report illegal dumping at <https://love.newham.gov.uk/reports>





# PLANET.



**WE ARE RESPONDING AND TAKING CLIMATE ACTION. THE SUMMER HEATWAVE SHOWS CLIMATE EMERGENCY IS REAL.**

## **WE'RE MAKING CHANGES TO HELP SAVE THE WORLD**

**Net Zero. That's our target by 2045 in response to the Climate Emergency.**

We've introduced many environmental measures as set out in our Climate Emergency Report 2021-22.

### **EMBEDDING CLIMATE EMERGENCY IN OUR WORK AND CLIMATE BUDGETING**

We're introducing our first ever Green Budget this year. It's the first by any local authority in the country, and will set out how we will put our policies into effect while meeting our climate emissions targets and remaining financially sustainable.

### **SHAPING A FAIRER, GREENER ECONOMY**

We're investing the £40m of Levelling Up funding won from the Government, the largest amount of any council in London and the majority of the £60m allocated to

London, which will include delivering 4.7k of new walking and cycling routes throughout the borough. Plans are afoot to develop Stratford as the borough's first Green Zone by 2024, delivering new jobs and high-quality training for the green economy and jobs of the future.

### **MORE ACTION ON AIR QUALITY AND SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL**

We'll keep working with residents to make our roads less polluted, safer, cleaner and accessible to all. This will include continuing our Healthy School Streets and Low Traffic Neighbourhood programmes. Supporting healthier travel options include installing at least 1,000 electric vehicle charging points borough-wide, 500 more cycle hangars and an expansion of the cycle hire scheme.

### **OPPOSING THE SILVERTOWN TUNNEL AND EXPANSION OF LONDON CITY AIRPORT**

Clean air is a basic right, and that's why at the Council we oppose the Silvertown Tunnel Scheme that risks encouraging more car use and impacting the air our people

breathe. We will be launching an air quality monitoring programme to highlight its devastating human health impact. Mayor Fiaz has consistently raised concerns about the impact of London City Airport on the quality of life of Newham residents, including the health impact of toxic air and noise on their overall wellbeing. She will carry on doing so in the face of their current consultation to extend airport operating hours and ensure that these aren't increased.

### **A GREENER NEWHAM**

Greener neighbourhoods remain a crucial priority and that's why we're going to make Stratford the borough's (and UK's) first ever 'Green Zone'. We're also investing in more recycling through a 50 percent increase in recycling opportunities across our neighbourhoods.

### **GREENER HOMES PLANS**

We're investing further in transforming our own Council housing stock, across our estates, and in the way we build new homes, to ensure the highest sustainable standards.

You can read the full report at [www.newham.gov.uk/climateemergencyreport](http://www.newham.gov.uk/climateemergencyreport)



# WE ARE SAFETY.



**FIVE YEARS ON FROM GRENFELL, PEOPLE ARE STILL NOT PROTECTED IN THEIR OWN HOMES. WE ARE TAKING ACTION TO HELP RESIDENTS BY CAMPAIGNING FOR CLADDING SAFETY. FIND OUT MORE [WWW.NEWHAM.GOV.UK/CLADDING](http://WWW.NEWHAM.GOV.UK/CLADDING)**

## CLADDING SAFETY FOR OUR RESIDENTS

**We're looking out for our residents with our new Cladding Action campaign, warning private developers and owners of 15,000 properties in the borough to get their act together over fire safety or face prosecution.**

Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz has issued a warning to all companies, owners and developers of blocks with ACM cladding in Newham, demanding urgent action to:

- Urgently complete work to remove all outstanding and unsafe ACM cladding
- Speed up fire safety works to make them safe for residents.

“Building a Fairer Newham, means everyone has the right to a decent and safe place to live. We've already taken the lead to protect our own tenants and removed all ACM cladding from the tall council blocks. We're also speeding up work to remove non-ACM cladding and tackling fire safety across all our 16,000 council homes.””

**Rokhsana Fiaz OBE**  
Mayor of Newham

Our Cladding Action campaign is championing the rights of residents living in privately owned properties, demanding that works are carried out immediately so tenants don't live in fear of fire breaking out, or face the financial strain of unresolved cladding issues, a breaking point for many.



The Government says:

- Developers should pay for repairs to unsafe cladding work.

We say:

- Developers and private owners of buildings must do more or we will prosecute. They must:
  - Pay for fire safety improvements such as fire alarms, fire doors, firebreaks and replace defective insulation.
  - Repair other fire safety defects that cladding remediation works or other surveys may uncover.
  - Give a full reimbursement of the cost of building defects arising from the Grenfell Enquiry.

# WE ARE RENTING.



## WE'RE SHUTTING OUT ROGUE LANDLORDS

**More than 54 percent of the borough's homes are let out to private tenants. We're championing their rights.**

Good landlords play an important role in ensuring a safe and secure environment for renters. But some tenants face house of horror stories, such as rising damp, black mould, poor fire safety, dangerous electrical sockets, defective cookers and utilities cut off. So we're taking on rogue landlords.

### HOW THIS LANDLORD GOT HIMSELF INTO HOT WATER

Mariam (not her real name), lives with her three children in a private rental in Beckton. She had no hot water in the bathroom for over a year.

An environmental health officer inspected the property and found the gas boiler was broken.

We served the landlord with a notice to replace the boiler within 14 days. He didn't, so we replaced the boiler ourselves, giving the family much-needed hot water. And landing the landlord in it. Because, we then prosecuted – leaving them with a fine and costs totalling £3,000. We also issued a Financial Penalty Notice for failing to respond to a licence conditions audit – they had to pay a further £10,000.

Most privately rented properties in Newham have to be licensed to be legally let out. We currently carry out 650 compliance inspections a month to ensure proper letting and management. Failure to comply could result in a criminal prosecution or a fine of up to £30,000. Over the past 9 years, we've prosecuted 11,000 criminal landlords, with one company recently fined £25,000 for multiple breaches.

Renting a decent private property is a major issue nationwide. A survey jointly undertaken between the council and the national campaigning body for private renters, Generation Rent, found that 84% of renters experienced problems with their tenancy.

We've called on the Government to give back powers to councils for Private Rented Sector (PRS) Selective Licensing, which - rather than having to seek Government permission to do so - allows local authorities to hold landlords to account.

As well as inspections, we have two tenancy liaison officers to enforce private tenants' rights, such as helping fight illegal evictions and serious harassment. They also assist environmental health officers in cases such as mediating between landlords and tenants to ensure repair works are done and accommodation made safer.

September will see a new tenant forum to improve our own engagement with renters. And we've set up a Stratford Housing Hub, enabling more residents to access help at drop-in sessions.

To find out more about your rights as a private tenant visit [www.newham.gov.uk/rentingprivately](http://www.newham.gov.uk/rentingprivately)

You can read the survey on [www.generationrent.org/local\\_renter\\_voices](http://www.generationrent.org/local_renter_voices)

# WE ARE SUMMER FUN.

OUR SUMMER 2022 HOLIDAY PROGRAMME OFFERS A VARIETY OF FREE ACTIVITIES TO KEEP THE KIDS ENTERTAINED.



## SCHOOL'S OUT, IT'S TIME FOR FUN

Finding exciting things for the kids to do during the school summer holidays can be hard work. But not in Newham. Here's how we're helping your kids to have fun, make new friends and learn new skills.

We're offering a variety of exciting activities for children and young people under 25, including vulnerable children, for free or at subsidised prices.

These activities will take place at our leisure centres, youth clubs, parks and libraries.

Here's some of what's on offer:

- STREET DANCE
- ROLLER SKATING
- BOXING
- ROWING
- FOOTBALL COACHING
- ARTS AND MUSIC
- CREATIVE WRITING
- READING CHALLENGE
- DEBATES
- MUSIC PRODUCTION.

Our youth zones are open for 9-19 year olds - up to 25 years for those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) - offering youth support sessions, 1 to 1 support and outreach, as well as digital sessions.

Those with SEND can also take part in activities, such as Newham ability camp, resources for Autism, bike works and Newham Music.

With the rise in the cost of living, during the summer holidays we're offering parents and carers support with such as health, food and funding, crisis and counselling.

For more information visit [www.newham.gov.uk/summeractivities](http://www.newham.gov.uk/summeractivities)



# WE ARE SUPPORTIVE.



**As a Council, we're getting things done to help those most in need, and meet with the growing levels of people seeking this support. Our Newham services have seen significant increases in requests for help, particularly with energy bills and providing food for families. Already our Household Support Fund is supporting 32,000 households with food, energy and other essentials.**

The Fund is also working with schools across the borough to distribute our summer food vouchers to families in need, which is part of our wider Holiday Activities and Food programme offering activities and a nutritious meal for school-aged children from reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

## **SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOD AND FUN**

**For many parents, the school summer holidays can be challenging at the best of times. But it can be harder if your child usually receives free school meals.**

To support families, we've joined with organisations across the borough to deliver our Holiday Activities and Food programme which will offer free places at holiday clubs for school aged children and young people who need it most.

This programme provides a much-needed lifeline, especially in the current cost of living crisis. Children get a healthy meal every day at the holiday clubs. They also get to enjoy a wide range of sporting, social and cultural activities. Free places are for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals during term time and those who are otherwise at risk or vulnerable.

Over 3,000 children and young people took part in this year's Easter programme. One parent echoed the thoughts of many when they said: "These play schemes are so important for keeping my children occupied. I am struggling to feed them at the moment as money is difficult." To see what's on offer and book a place on the programme visit [www.newham.gov.uk/haf](http://www.newham.gov.uk/haf)

## **YOUTH EMPOWERMENT FUND GRANT**



“ To receive a £2.5k bursary from Newham's Youth Empowerment Fund (YEF) is incredible and getting me closer to my dream. It offers a chance to children like me, whose parents haven't got thousands, to achieve our potential. A few years down the line, help from the YEF will always be a reason I get where I want to be. ”

**Tommy Featherstone**

For more information please visit [www.newham.gov.uk/yef](http://www.newham.gov.uk/yef)

# WE ARE **AMBITIOUS.**

## **SIGN UP TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHARTER WE'VE MADE A COMMITMENT TO YOUNG PEOPLE. HAVE YOU?**

**In June, Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz and her Cabinet approved more than £1m of initial investments to transform and improve services for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Mayor Fiaz is committed to improving outcomes for all children and young people with SEND, so that they're safe, happy and cared for, with positive activities to secure their long-term wellbeing and future educational attainment.**

### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHARTER**

We asked children and young people what would help make Newham the best place for them to grow up, thrive and fulfil their potential.

After much debate, they came up with 11 principles that together form the Young People's Charter:

- **CHANGE**
- **CREATIVITY**
- **PRIVACY**
- **ENVIRONMENT**
- **RELATIONSHIPS**
- **COMMUNITY**
- **SAFETY**
- **DIVERSITY**
- **HEALTH**
- **QUALITY**
- **INDEPENDENCE**

We've made a commitment to uphold the Young People's Charter, which is influencing work across the Council and with our partners. Our upcoming Children and Young People's Plan is centred on the Charter's principles. We're already working with the East London Foundation Trust, who are prioritising young people's wellbeing as part of their efforts to become the first NHS 'Marmot Trust', and we're calling on other organisations to sign up and commit to the principles of the Young People's Charter and offer support in doing so.

For more information visit [www.newham.gov.uk/youngpeoplescharter](http://www.newham.gov.uk/youngpeoplescharter)

To discover our full range of services for children and families aged 0-25, visit [www.newham.gov.uk/journeyofachild](http://www.newham.gov.uk/journeyofachild)



# WE ARE UNLOCKED.

**NEWHAM UNLOCKED TAKES PLACE 20 AUGUST - 17 SEPTEMBER. THIS INCLUDES OUR ANNUAL PROGRAMME OF FREE EVENTS, PERFORMANCES AND WORKSHOPS.**

## **A SIZZLING SUMMER OF CELEBRATIONS**

**Our ‘Building Newham’s Creative Future’ cultural strategy, launched in March, has been shaped by what local people and partners have told us about what culture and the arts means for them locally. It represents our enduring commitment to widening participation and access for our people in the arts, culture, heritage and creativity.**

Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz wants Newham to be at the forefront of culture across London and beyond, creating lasting change and benefits that will be felt by all our

residents as well as making the borough a destination, and home, for the very best cultural and creative organisations in London and the UK!

That’s why we’ve invested in the Newham Unlocked Festival which kicks off in August. Over five Saturdays this summer, Newham Unlocked will tour the borough. A bespoke line-up of live performances, roller skating, cabaret, DJs, food, and workshops created for each unique location across our neighbourhoods, will provide residents and visitors with a sizzling summer of celebrations. Who knows, there might even be a Yxng Bane surprise!

For more information visit [www.newhamunlockedfestival.org](http://www.newhamunlockedfestival.org)



# WE ARE PROUD.

**On 27 July 2012 Newham was at the centre of worldwide attention. More than 41,000 people flocked to Stratford Park and East Ham's Central Park to watch the spectacular opening ceremony of the Olympic Games on giant screens. Over 1,000 of our residents were involved in the opening ceremony, including 230 children from seven schools.**

On 29 August the excitement continued for the Paralympic Games and over 100,000 residents lit the route through the borough to the Park with their own lanterns. We witnessed an extraordinary six weeks of Olympic and Paralympic sport

and we're looking back – at the memories and the anecdotes of London 2012, but also looking forward 10-years on as we build a fairer Newham to achieve the promise of the Olympic Legacy as too many of our residents were left behind.

From 25 July to 26 August children and young people under 16 can come and try a variety of Olympic and Paralympic sports with activeNewham for free! Sports include taekwondo, football, basketball, tennis, badminton and many more. You can find out more on page 8 of our Summer 22 Holiday Programme [www.newham.gov.uk/summerprogramme](http://www.newham.gov.uk/summerprogramme)



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# WE ARE VOLUNTEERS.



**MANDIP AJIMAL**

I was picked to be in the nurses' routine which involved just freestyle dancing in a circle, even though I'm not much of a dancer. We were visited backstage by Stella McCartney who designed some of the costumes. The Queen was on the big screen as we came in with our beds and the crowd applauding us was amazing. We'd all been allowed to keep our outfits as a 'thank you' and were treated like celebrities by everyone we passed when we left the stadium, people cheering us, asking for our autographs or for photos to be taken with us. When I finally made my way home on the tube, as I rose from my seat to get off, everyone in the carriage applauded me. I was so touched and proud that they'd appreciated all of the hard work we put into the show!"



**OLU SONUGA**

**"I was born in Forest Gate so was very proud to be involved in both games."**

I performed in the opening and closing ceremonies of the Paralympics, and was a games maker (volunteer) at the Olympics, where I was assigned to my first choice, the Australian team. It was lovely to welcome the athletes into the village and then doing the admin to make sure that their accommodation, travel arrangements and diaries, for example, went smoothly. It was a wonderful experience. I met Stephen Hawking, but my highlight was to be able to hold the gold, silver and bronze medals.



**STEPHEN IRVINE**

Being in the opening ceremony was an amazing, once in a lifetime experience. I was part of the working men and women section of the opening ceremony that saw the green idyllic scenery change into the industrial Britain scene. We spent weeks rehearsing, but nothing could compare to the actual night itself. It was electric and scary knowing that thousands of people in the stadium were watching and billions around the world too, hearing the roar of the crowd as the Olympic rings went up and started to sparkle and we were underneath them feeling the heat. I think the Olympics were the best thing to happen in Newham and the regeneration of the area is truly remarkable. I now live in what was the athletes' village and the community that has grown here is fantastic. I wouldn't want to live anywhere else in London.



**RICHARD SAUNDERS**

I was, and still am, teaching at Carpenters School, which is the closest school to the Olympic site. Here we were, this humble primary school, thrown into the world spotlight next to the greatest show on earth. We celebrated when London was awarded the Games and the children got more and more excited as they watched unused land turn into the venue. The children were treated to tickets to the Paralympics and my own highlight was introducing my hero, Lord Sebastian Coe, at a school assembly. It was a fantastic learning experience for the children, as it gave us the chance to include the Olympics in our history and geography lessons. They could relate to bringing people from all over the world together, as we have a diverse cultural mix here. We even designed a still thriving Olympic garden in the school.

# WE ARE CELEBRATING



# THE QUEEN.



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The Queen has done a wonderful job. She is part of our heritage and tradition. I would not be without the Queen.

**June, Stratford**”

## JUBILEE JUBILATION

### **What a happy and glorious Platinum Jubilee!**

Newham was awash with red, white and blue as you held parties and celebrations across the borough for The Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June.

Jubilee flags were flying across Newham as residents came together to celebrate The Queen's record-breaking 70-year reign as Monarch.

Residents made the most of our council's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Community Fund, using the support to put on 111 street parties, right-royal knees-ups and bumper events, which made for happy and glorious community celebrations over the historic weekend.

Over 20,000 residents took part in these events, including Edna Slight from Forest Gate. Aged 92, Edna was one of our oldest party-

goers. She remembers seeing the Queen when she visited Green Street, and also has vivid memories of Coronation Day.

“My husband was a Policeman and was on duty in London when the Queen was crowned 70 years ago. I remember it was a very long day, but he came back with a boomerang from an Australian family! He said the family gave him the gift because he had lifted their young son on his shoulders to get a glimpse of the Queen as she came past. I still have the boomerang up in the house.”

As well as street parties there was African theatre and a mela to mark the Commonwealth connection. For all, it was a truly spectacular Platinum Jubilee weekend full of music, dancing, afternoon teas, picnics, BBQs, fetes, quizzes, with much joy and laughter.

Newham did her Majesty's Jubilee proud!

# YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS.



**Rokhsana Fiaz OBE**  
**Mayor of Newham**  
 Labour & Co-operative

## BECKTON



**Tonii Wilson**  
 Labour & Co-operative



**James Asser**  
 Labour



**Rohima Rahman**  
 Labour & Co-operative

## BOLEYN



**Cecilia Welsh**  
 Labour



**Mohammed Gani**  
 Labour & Co-operative



**Harvinder Singh Virdee**  
 Labour & Co-operative

## CANNING TOWN NORTH



**Shaban Mohammed**  
 Labour



**Rita Chadha**  
 Labour & Co-operative



**Areeq Chowdhury**  
 Labour

## CANNING TOWN SOUTH



**Alan Griffiths**  
 Labour & Co-operative



**Dr Rohit Kumar Dasgupta**  
 Labour & Co-operative



**Belgica Guana**  
 Labour & Co-operative

## CUSTOM HOUSE



**Thelma Odoi**  
 Labour & Co-operative



**Sarah Jane Ruiz**  
 Labour & Co-operative



**James Beckles**  
 Labour & Co-operative

**Introducing Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz’s Cabinet Members, who she has appointed to help deliver the Building a Fairer Newham agenda.**

<p><b>Mayor Rokhsana Fiaz OBE</b> Lead Member: Inclusive Economy, Housing Delivery and Climate Emergency and Council Performance &amp; Transformation</p>	<p><b>Councillor James Asser</b> Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member: Environment and Sustainable Transport</p>	<p><b>Councillor Charlene McLean</b> Cabinet Member: Resident Engagement and Resident Experience</p>	<p><b>Councillor Zulfiqar Ali</b> Cabinet Member: Finance and Resources</p>	<p><b>Councillor Neil Wilson</b> Cabinet Member: Health and Adult Social Care</p>
<p><b>Councillor Sarah Ruiz</b> Cabinet Member: Children’s Services</p>	<p><b>Councillor Carleene Lee-Phakoe</b> Cabinet Member: Crime and Community Safety</p>	<p><b>Councillor Shaban Mohammed</b> Cabinet Member: Housing Services</p>	<p><b>Councillor Joshua Garfield</b> Cabinet Member: Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning</p>	

**EAST HAM**



**Imam Haque**  
Labour



**Shantu Ferdous**  
Labour



**Femi Falola**  
Labour & Co-operative

**EAST HAM SOUTH**



**Lakmini Shah**  
Labour & Co-operative



**Musawwar Alam**  
Labour



**Susan Masters**  
Labour & Co-operative

**FOREST GATE NORTH**



**Rachel Tripp**  
Labour & Co-operative



**Sasha DasGupta**  
Labour & Co-operative

**FOREST GATE SOUTH**



**Winston Vaughan**  
Labour & Co-operative



**Madeleine Sarley Pontin**  
Labour



**Anamul Islam**  
Labour & Co-operative

**GREEN STREET EAST**



**Mohammed Rahman**  
Labour



**Larisa Zilickaja**  
Labour



**Miraj Patel**  
Labour

**GREEN STREET WEST**



**Lewis Godfrey**  
Labour & Co-operative



**Mumtaz Khan**  
Labour & Co-operative



**Amar Virdee**  
Labour & Co-operative

# YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCILLORS.

## LITTLE ILFORD



**Nur Begum**  
Labour



**Syed Bashar**  
Labour



**Elizabeth Booker**  
Labour &  
Co-operative

## MANOR PARK



**Mariam Dawood**  
Labour



**Salim Patel**  
Labour



**Jennifer Bailey**  
Labour &  
Co-operative

## MARYLAND



**Ken Penton**  
Labour &  
Co-operative



**Carolyn Corben**  
Labour

## PLAISTOW NORTH



**Daniel Lee-Phakoe**  
Labour



**Joy Laguda MBE**  
Labour



**Zulfqar Ali**  
Labour

## PLAISTOW SOUTH



**Carleene Lee-Phakoe**  
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**Neil Wilson**  
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Co-operative



**Jane Barbara Lofthouse**  
Labour &  
Co-operative

## PLAISTOW WEST & CANNING TOWN EAST



**John Morris**  
Labour &  
Co-operative



**Dina Hossain**  
Labour



**Simon Rush**  
Labour &  
Co-operative

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<p><b>Councillor Luke Charters:</b> Deputy Cabinet member for Inclusive Economy, Housing Delivering and Climate Emergency, and Performance and Transformation</p>	<p><b>Councillor Sabia Kamali:</b> Deputy Cabinet member for Resident Engagement and Resident Experience</p>	<p><b>Councillor Mumtaz Khan:</b> Deputy Cabinet member for Health and Adult Social Care</p>	<p><b>Councillor Mariam Dawood:</b> Deputy Cabinet member for Education, Skills and Lifelong Learning</p>	<p><b>Councillor Jane Lofthouse:</b> Deputy Cabinet member for Equalities, Social Integration and Culture</p>
<p><b>Councillor Steve Brayshaw:</b> Commissioner for Skills, Jobs and the Future of Work</p>	<p><b>Councillor John Whitworth:</b> Commissioner for Air Quality and Climate Emergency</p>	<p><b>Councillor Cannon Ann Easter:</b> Commissioner for Interfaith and Inter-religious Dialogue</p>	<p><b>Councillor Amar Virdee:</b> Commissioner for Social Action</p>	

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<b>Pushpa Dipaklal Makwana</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Zuber Galamussen</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Anthony McAlmont</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Canon Ann Easter</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Caroline Adaja</b> Labour	<b>Steven Brayshaw</b> Labour
<b>STRATFORD</b>			<b>STRATFORD OLYMPIC PARK</b>		
					
<b>Terence Paul</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Sabia Kamali</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Joshua Garfield</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Nate Higgins</b> Green	<b>Danny Keeling</b> Green	
<b>WALL END</b>			<b>WEST HAM</b>		
					
<b>Luke Charters</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Jemima McAlmont</b> Labour	<b>Lester Hudson</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>John Gray</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Charlene McLean</b> Labour & Co-operative	<b>Dr John Whitworth</b> Labour & Co-operative

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EXPERIENCES, A MEANINGFUL  
SAY AND TRULY BENEFIT  
FROM THE LOCAL DECISIONS  
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A CHILD-FRIENDLY  
BOROUGH.**

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