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Celebrating the women of the East End this March



Throughout March, there will be a diverse programme of events and exhibitions across East London to mark and celebrate Women's History Month.

Supported by community organisation Alternative Arts and Tower Hamlets Council, events include:

Tower Hamlets Women's Spring Open Exhibition

The participants include professional artists as well as those who have never exhibited before. The exhibition runs until 28 March at Brady Arts Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel E1 5HU.

Women and the Regents Canal and its Industries

Visit Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives on Thursday 12 March and hear Carolyn Clark present stories and images of women's lives, both on and by the eastern reach of the Regents Canal.

Voices Across Time

Join intergenerational arts organisation Magic Me and Mulberry Trust for the premiere of their film celebrating inspirational women of East London past, present and future. The free screening is on Thursday 12 March.

Empowerher Market

Visit Poplar Union's vibrant community market on Sunday 15 March and support and celebrate women makers, grassroots organisations and creative entrepreneurs.

Stitching Sisterhood

In celebration of the International Women's Day theme 'Give to Gain', Otij-jo Design Studio is hosting

collaborative sessions focused on transforming textile scraps into wall hangings. Workshops run until 18 March.

Joyce Edwards: A Story of Squatters

A Hampstead landlady turned talented photographer, Edwards created intimate portraits of young people transforming derelict Bethnal Green streets into an unconventional community. The exhibition is on at Four Corners, 12 Roman Road, Bethnal Green E2 OQN until 20 March.

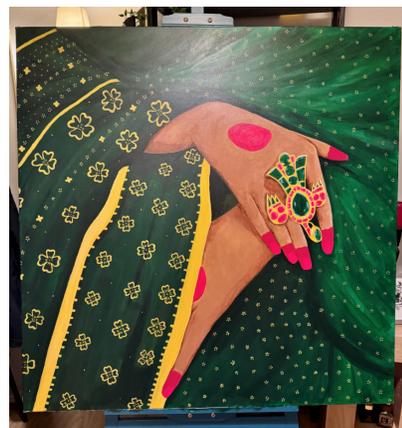
Mothers, Daughters and Sons Workshop

Participants will create a celebratory artwork inspired by the botch (flower) also known as the Paisley pattern. Participants are invited to bring along their own samples of Paisley patterns for inspiration. The free workshop takes place on Saturday 21 March at Brady Arts Centre, Whitechapel.

Tower Hamlets Women's Awards

Taking place on 23 March, these awards celebrate the women and groups who are helping to balance the scales for gender equity in Tower Hamlets.

Visit www.alternativearts.org.uk for the full Women's History Month programme and a virtual exhibition featuring renowned women from East London.



Four Corners – Joyce Edwards: A Story of Squatters
Julia © Joyce Edwards



Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives – Women on the Regent's Canal
Regent's Canal Dock 1944 Image © Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives

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Discover fantastic venues for



Tower Hamlets wouldn't have the best of London in one borough without its fantastic attractions. From museums to galleries, city petting farms to theatres, there is something for families, couples and individuals to enjoy.

Here, we have pulled together three fab venues which have lots of exciting events coming up this spring.

Whitechapel Gallery

Whitechapel Gallery is a ground-breaking arts institution located in the heart of London's East-End – one of the most diverse and creative quarters in the world. Locally embedded and globally connected, the gallery was founded in 1901 to enrich the cultural offer for the people of East London.

The historic building, which incorporates the former Whitechapel Public Library, houses exhibition spaces, an auditorium, an archive, common rooms and studio spaces, as well as a specialist bookshop and cafe.

Over the years, the gallery has played host to some of the world's most significant and visionary artists, showcasing art from across the globe, including China, Brazil and the Islamic world.

It is also committed to supporting local artists and communities, many of whom come from, or reflect, the many migrants that have made Whitechapel and its surrounding areas their home.

The gallery aims to make contemporary art accessible and exciting to the widest possible audiences through a bold, radical and distinctive programme that puts artists and ideas at the heart of everything it does.

It is particularly committed to showing under-represented, under-served artists, especially women and people of colour, and to present provocative artworks that expand thinking around the key socio-political concerns of our time.

The gallery's Participation Programmes prioritise the local communities, offering artist-led activities for all ages that encourage curiosity, learning and exchange.

Entrance is free and gives access to a programme of exhibitions, displays, screenings, talks and events. Some exhibitions and events are ticketed. Please check the website or contact the front of house team for details of these.

The gallery is celebrating 125 years this year. You can find out more about the events planned to celebrate this on p32.



Credit: Anthony Coleman

Coming soon to Whitechapel Gallery

Veronica Ryan: Multiple Conversations

1 April - 14 June, 11am to 6pm every day except Mondays

Encompassing more than 100 works, and spanning four decades, the exhibition reflects the full spectrum of Ryan's practice, showcasing her multifaceted work across sculpture, textiles and works on paper and illuminating a distinctive, highly evocative, visual language.

Significantly, the exhibition features recently rediscovered works from the 1980s - large-scale sculptures made from plaster and beaten lead, as well as vivid drawings - which reveal an enduring deep interest in psychology, memory and personal stories, while also connecting to wider themes around the environment, history, trauma and recovery.



Senga Nengudi: Performance Works 1972-1982

1 April - 14 June, 11am to 6pm every day except Mondays

Born in Chicago and raised in Los Angeles, Nengudi was a key figure in the avant-garde Black art scenes both in Los Angeles and New York during the 1960s and 1970s that were characterised by their radical experimentation, collective practices and social commentary. Nengudi's influential and groundbreaking works sit at the intersection of sculpture, choreography and performance and draw on a range of African, Asian and Native American art forms.



For everyone in our borough

London Museum Docklands

London Museum Docklands is a free, family-friendly museum in the historic West India Quay warehouses. It explores 400 years of our maritime and port history.

It is housed in restored nineteenth century sugar warehouses and offers a unique historical setting, with exposed brickwork, timber beams and waterfront views.

It is open daily from 10am to 5pm with last admission at 4.30pm. It is closed on 24, 25, and 26 December.



Coming soon to the London Museum Docklands



Mudlarks Family Gallery

Get hands-on in interactive play area for under-eights.

Mudlarks brings the docks to life through interactive play, which keeps little ones occupied and stimulates their development.

Find out what the docks were used for and what life would've been like for sailors many years ago.

There's plenty for kids to get hands-on with. Drive a DLR train in the soft play area, move ships along the docks on the water table and help the workers move their cargo using wheelbarrows.

Online booking is recommended.

Tickets from just £3.95

Open all year round

Half Moon Theatre



Tucked just off Commercial Road in Limehouse, the Half Moon Theatre has been a vibrant community hub since 1972. Serving the diverse residents of Tower Hamlets, this local venue provides young people from birth to 18 (and up to 25 for those with physical, sensory or cognitive disabilities) an opportunity to experience the best in young people's theatre, both as a participant and as an audience member, allowing them to immerse themselves in stories that inspire, challenge and entertain.

Half Moon offers an array of activities tailored to foster creativity and personal growth. Their activity includes a season of professional plays for young audiences, including teenagers, blending enchanting puppetry, live music, storytelling, dance and thought-provoking narratives.

The theatre prides itself on having affordable tickets at just £9, and a relaxed, welcoming atmosphere that makes theatre approachable for all, many for the first time.

Half Moon also offers an extensive creative learning programme, including eight youth theatres, after-school drama workshops in venues across Tower Hamlets and early years creative play sessions for pre-school children and their carers. These groups provide a safe,

inclusive space for young Tower Hamlets residents to build communication skills, resilience and self-expression.

Interested in getting involved? There are currently spaces available in all eight youth theatre groups. Contact youth@halfmoon.org.uk to find out more.

Coming soon to Half Moon Theatre:

Pie-Rat Island

Fri 15 and Sat 16 May | Ages 2-6

Join Ratty and her friends on a journey across the high seas! A fun and gentle introduction to theatre with play-along storytelling, original music, puppetry and lots of imaginative play.

Boxed In

Thu 21-Sat 23 May | Ages 3-6

A playful, largely non-verbal story for anyone who's ever felt a bit confused, a bit left out, or a bit boxed in.

Booking is open for these and other productions for young audiences at halfmoon.org.uk or by calling the box office on 020 7709 8900.





The cost-of-living crisis has meant that more families are struggling to buy essentials such as food

£885k supported families through winter and beyond

COST OF LIVING

The council increased food hub funding to its highest level at £885,000 to support the vital food aid organisations across the borough to distribute food where needed.

Since the cost-of-living crisis began, many people across the country have been relying on food banks to survive.

Anti-poverty charity The Trussell Trust estimates it will provide a food parcel every 10 seconds over the winter months.

It has warned the rising cost of essential items meant demand will only continue to rise during winter.

The Food Hub in Bethnal Green, which supplies local charities with fresh food and groceries, was originally established during the pandemic and is expected to distribute more than 2.8 million meals worth of food in the past financial year.

The hub remains a key part of the food support network in the borough and supports more than 80 food aid projects as well as providing volunteering opportunities for residents who

benefit from developing skills on the path to employment.

The funding from the council will be used to buy essential food items in bulk at wholesale prices, as well as supporting deliveries from food repurposing charities to salvage quality food that would otherwise be destined for landfill.

The project is supported by additional funding from the Department for Work and Pension's Household Support Fund.

Ayla Buyuran, FOOD Club Coordinator for Family Action, said: "The Hub provides a good variety of products, which helps us offer balanced food to people accessing our Food Stores service."

"The additional food and support we receive from the Food Hub are essential to our service. Our food stores programme, in turn, supports more than 500 Tower Hamlets families."

For advice and support on managing debt, where you can get help with household bills, school uniforms and much more visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/costofliving

There is also access to an online benefits checker which residents can use to find out what help they are entitled in a few clicks of a button.



New three-year budget approved

The council has announced its three year budget which looks to address the housing crisis in London, along with new measures such as 100 per cent council tax discount for foster carers.

The budget sets aside an additional £100m over the next 5 years to improve council homes, taking the total investment to £345 million; £45m to help meet the growing demand for temporary housing following the 44 per cent rise in temporary housing rent costs; and £400,000 for a new rent

hardship fund for tenants where the increase is not met by existing housing benefit or universal credit.

The council's wider housing commitments include delivering 4,000 new affordable and social rent homes by May 2026, and up to 3,332 new homes to be unlocked through a housing programme.

Support for children and young people is increased with new measures such as no council tax for foster carers (£780,000) and the creation of a team to support growing demand for home

schooling (£453,000).

They sit alongside the continuation of universal free school meals at primary and secondary schools, grants for school uniforms, college and university, and running the 20 Young Tower Hamlets youth centres which have been opened since 2022. For Adult Social Care, £22.5m has been set aside to pay for support related to increasing demand, as well as the continuation of the roll out of meals on wheels and free homecare.

The budget also builds on the

increase in the borough's recycling rate with £2.58m to extend the roll out of food waste collections to 124,000 flats.

The council faces the toughest recycling challenge of any local authority as the borough is the most densely populated place in the country with around 87 per cent of properties being flats.

The budget was approved at the Full Council meeting on Wednesday 26 February, as part of a fully-costed budget for the next three years.

Budget sets out funding for programmes to help all our residents:

Children and young people

The new measures build on existing funding for children and families including £13.7m youth investment to support the opening of 20 youth centres and delivering more than 5,000 youth-focused sessions in 2025.

The council has re-introduced its Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and University Bursaries, providing young people with £600 or £1,500 grants to help with costs while they study.

Tower Hamlets was the first local authority to offer universal free school meals to both primary and secondary school pupils with more than 2 million meals served to secondary school pupil since 2023.

Last year, the council introduced £3million in funding for school clothing grants to help with the cost of school uniforms, providing up to 7,000 families a year with £50 per child entering primary school and £150 per child entering secondary school.



Adult Social Care and Council Tax

In line with government expectations, there is a 2.99 per cent increase in general Council Tax and a 2 per cent Adult Social Care precept to help pay for the increasing demand in services for older and vulnerable residents.

This new budget includes £22.5million for adult social care, as well as £3m for the new Meals on Wheels service and £4.9m agreed last year for free homecare services.

Tower Hamlets is only the second council in the country to provide free homecare to all elderly or disabled residents who are assessed as having a need for care and support, regardless of income.

The council is maintaining a freeze on general council tax for low-income households, with the continuation of one of the most generous local council tax reduction schemes, which sees the poorest households paying no council tax at all.



Budgeting and reserve building



Full council also approved a General Fund Revenue budget of £497.797m for 2026-27.

Increased financial resilience is expected to increase the council's reserves by £50million over the three years, plus an extra £5m transformation reserve to drive efficient and effective council services.

Efficiencies across council services contribute to £6.42m in new savings in this budget, as the council continues to make the most of the money it spends on behalf of residents.

Increasing access to leisure services



The council's leisure investment has already seen more than 20,500 residents sign up for free swimming for women, girls over 16 and men over 55, and new funding will see this scheme extended for men over 35.

A pilot is also being considered to extend gym opening hours at some of the borough's leisure centres, increasing access to facilities and improving health and wellbeing for thousands of residents.

Are you ready to vote in

Applying to register to vote through the official website has been in place for a while (see [gov.uk/register-to-vote](https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)) and the requirement to take voter ID into the polling station (see [electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections](https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections)) was introduced by the Elections Act 2022, but there are some new features of this year's elections.

In Tower Hamlets, a digital polling app will be introduced in the polling stations.

Polling cards will have a QR code printed on the front that will be used to assist the polling station staff to ensure you are at the right polling station, to record that you

have provided your voter ID and that you received the correct ballot papers.

There is no requirement to take your polling card to the polling station, but it is recommended that you do to speed up the process.

In addition to the digital enhancements, a new tactile audio device has been introduced to assist blind and partially sighted voters to mark a ballot paper independently, in secret and with confidence.

The Polling Station Inspectors will have these devices available throughout the day should an elector require this assistance. The device is known as the McGonagle Reader System, and it has been thoroughly tested and is the preferred choice of the RNIB.

If you want to use one of the McGonagle Readers, please contact vote@towerhamlets.gov.uk or call the office on 020 7364 0872 and we will ensure the device is available for you to use on the day.

Once the polling stations close, all the ballot papers will be conveyed



to the Excel Exhibition Centre, in the Royal Docks, where they will be secured and stored under 24/7 CCTV surveillance until the verification and mayor count starts on Friday 8 May.

The count of the votes cast for the mayor on this occasion will be "first past the post".

To help with the counting of the borough ward votes on Saturday 9 May, a new system of counting is being introduced.

This is very similar to the grass skirt system used in 2022 and is

known as Kangaroo Boards, so named because the ballot papers are placed in a pouch to enable accurate counting. This system has been thoroughly tested and has been shown to improve the accuracy and speed of the counting process.

Once the result of the mayor election and borough ward elections are declared by the Returning Officer, they will be posted live on the council's website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/elections



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You need
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to vote at
a polling
station

the elections in May?

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Residents will soon be flocking to the polls to vote for the 45 councillors representing Tower Hamlets' 20 borough wards and for the Tower Hamlets Executive Mayor.

This is a significant event that takes place on just a single day, Thursday 7 May 2026, with planning starting behind the scenes from October 2025 and continuing at full speed.

Steve Halsey, Tower Hamlets Returning Officer, responsible for the delivery of the polls, said: "Delivering these polls represents a considerable amount of preparation just to get to polling day.

"It is important that the democratic process is delivered securely and transparently so that our electorate can cast their votes in secret without fear of undue influence."

Delivering the polls is a huge undertaking with a total of roughly 885 staff recruited, including a team of 20 staff to open and check every postal vote returned using state-of-the-art software, 330 staff

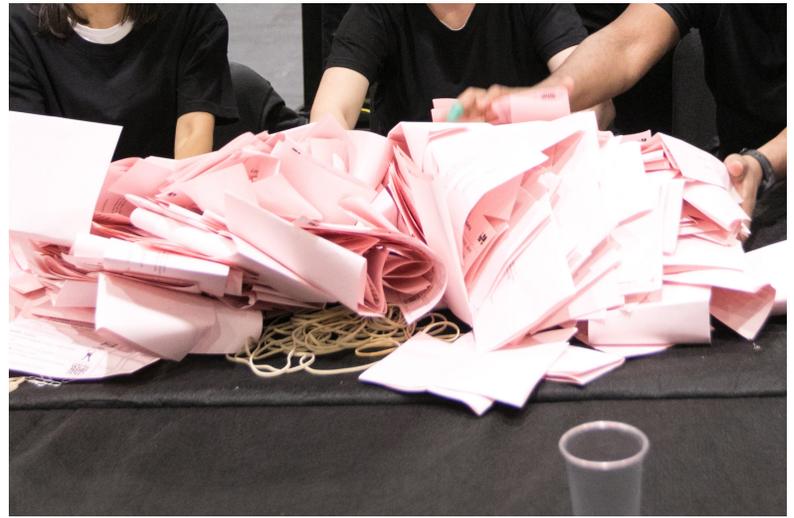
working in 110 polling stations (you will see the polling station you have to attend when you receive your polling card), 20 Polling Station Inspectors on polling day and in excess of 500 staff recruited over two days to verify and count all the votes cast securely and accurately.

Steve Halsey added: "It is very important that all polls are free and fair and reflect the will of the electorate.

"We take reports of electoral malpractice very seriously and work closely with the police, the Electoral Commission and other stakeholders to ensure polling day goes smoothly."

There will be a significant police presence throughout the borough on polling day with comprehensive planning taking place and significant input from stakeholders ensuring that electors and staff are safe and that elections held here in Tower Hamlets are transparent and free from intimidation.

With polling stations opening at 7am, and not closing until 10pm, it is a long day for everyone involved and extensive staff training will take place to ensure the administration is as required.



Election timetable

Key dates are below and can be found on the council's web page:

- Deadline for receiving applications for registration: Monday 20 April 2026
- Deadline for receiving new postal vote and postal proxy applications, and for changes to existing postal or proxy votes: 5pm on Tuesday 21 April 2026
- Deadline for receiving new applications to vote by proxy (not postal proxy or emergency proxies): 5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026
- Last day to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate: 5pm on Tuesday 28 April 2026



Buried Stories in the Arch

HISTORY

Archeologists searching for a lost Tudor playhouse in Whitechapel uncovered more than they expected.

Archaeology South-East (ASE), part of the UCL Institute of Archaeology, has been investigating the Stepney Way site in Whitechapel since 2015.

Funded by the developer of the Silk District as part of planning requirements, the project aimed to confirm Historic England's belief that the area was once home to a lost Tudor playhouse known in historical records as being "at the sign of the Red Lyon, Mile End".

Between 2018 and 2019, more than 40 archaeologists excavated over 7,000 square meters of ground.

Their discoveries went far beyond the playhouse. ASE uncovered evidence of 17th and 18th century taverns, including evidence relating to the White Raven, a site of significance for Black and Asian communities in Georgian London due to its association with the controversial 1786-87 Sierra Leone Resettlement Scheme.

Black sailors, many of whom had fought for Britain in the American War of Independence, were living in the streets in extreme poverty.

By 1786, their presence on the streets was objected to, and a plan to move them to Sierra Leone was drawn up.

Many of the Black sailors were drawing up a daily 6d stipend from The White Raven tavern, and a condition of continuing to receive this money was agreement to move to Sierra Leone.

In 1787, 350 men, women and children were shipped from England the following year. Four years later, only 60 of them were still alive.

The excavations also revealed a long history of settlement stretching back thousands of years, beginning with an Iron Age extended family living in roundhouses within an oval ditched enclosure (c. 400–200 BC).

Additional finds included a medieval manor, agricultural fields, a Tudor farmhouse, the 16th century playhouse later repurposed for public spectacles, as well as quarries, a brewhouse and a 18th century pleasure garden and bowling green.

ASE worked closely with Tower Hamlets Council's Archive staff, the Community of Liberation steering group and community historians from the Tower Hamlets



The site, above, with findings, bottom left and middle, a tour of the Silk District site with archaeologist Steve White, and Sanjida in the archive space, far right. All photos: Archaeology South-East

Afro Caribbean Mental Health Organisation (THACMHO), carrying out further archive work.

Together, they contributed to UCL's exhibition *Patterns Beneath Your Feet*, on display at UCL East Culture Lab in Stratford until December.

A selection of tavern-related artefacts drawn from more than 1.75 tonnes of bottles, ceramics, clay pipes, and items linked to food, drink, gaming, music, and sport will now appear alongside the Communities of Liberation exhibition.

The finds will be displayed at the Communities of Liberation Exhibition at the Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives from Thursday 26 March until September.



Archaeology of Whitechapel



Share your views with new consultation platform

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Residents are being invited to share their views on policies and plans on the council's new consultation hub - Talk Tower Hamlets.

The new platform replaces Let's Talk Tower Hamlets.

The new consultation platform provides a space for people who live in, work in, or visit Tower Hamlets to be actively involved in local decision making.

You can find a range of

participation and engagement opportunities that will enable you to contribute to your community and the decisions that affect it.

There will be a range of opportunities and ways for you to participate including surveys, voting, meetings and discussions.

You can follow the progress of the participation and engagement projects that interest you, see the results and get updates on new events both online and face to face.

All closed consultations will be removed within 30 days of the

closing date of the consultation.

Residents are encouraged to register on the new site, which enables you to:

- Get email notifications about changes to the status of consultations you are participating in
- Get email notifications about new consultations on topics you have shown interest in
- Get a copy of your submissions and save the progress of your submissions for completion later.

You can read all the information on this platform and participate in some activities without registration.

You can also follow consultations with just your email.

Recent consultations include the budget, housing strategy, flood risk management, a bridge over the River Lea and proposed sites for new homes.

To sign up to the new platform, visit talk.towerhamlets.gov.uk and register using the green 'sign up' button on the top right.



The event featured Yiddish poetry, guest speakers, candle lighting and the sounding of the shofar

Commemorating Holocaust Memorial Day

Faith and community leaders including members of Tower Hamlets Interfaith Forum, representatives of the Jewish community, young people from Tower Hamlets Youth Council and older people from intergenerational arts organisation Magic Me, came together to commemorate

Holocaust Memorial Day and reflect on this year's theme, Bridging Generations.

The commemorative event featured Yiddish poetry, guest speakers, candle lighting and reflections and the sounding of the shofar.

Holocaust Memorial Day takes

place on 27 January each year.

It is an important reminder of how we can learn both from and about the Holocaust and more recent genocides, for a better future.

The theme for HMD in 2026 was a call to action. It is a reminder that the responsibility of remembrance doesn't end with the survivors. It

lives on through their children, their grandchildren and through all of us. The theme encourages everyone to engage actively with the past: to listen, to learn and to carry those lessons forward. By doing so, to build a bridge between memory and action, between history and hope for the future.

Market takes home national award for second year

CELEBRATING OUR BOROUGH

There are few places that capture the colour, character and community spirit of Tower Hamlets quite like Columbia Road Flower Market. Now, the much-loved East End destination has another reason to celebrate after being crowned 'Best Market Attraction' at the Great British Market Awards - its second national win in two years.

The award recognises Columbia Road as a world-famous market that draws visitors from across the UK and around the globe, while staying true to the independent traders and local businesses that make it so special. This year, it was also the only London market to take home a national title.

The market has been part of the East End's story for more than 150 years. First established in the 19th century, it has grown from a local trading area into one of London's most recognisable markets.

Ross, a long-standing trader who has spent 35 years at Columbia Road, said the award reflects the unique atmosphere that keeps people coming back.

He said: "We're thrilled to be an award-winning market for the second year in a row. This is a unique market; you won't find anything like it anywhere else and that's why people keep coming to visit. I've been trading here for 35 years, and it's always a good vibe on a Sunday morning."

The Great British Market Awards, organised by the National Association of British Market Authorities (NABMA), celebrate markets that make a major contribution to local economies, tourism and community life.

The success of Columbia Road reflects the spirit behind the council's Love Tower Hamlets campaign which celebrates the places, people and neighbourhoods that make the borough unique.

From historic markets to vibrant high streets and green spaces, the campaign draws on the pride residents feel in their community and encourages people to explore and support local destinations.

Columbia Road Flower Market is open every Sunday from 8am to 3pm.



Ross who has been trading at the award-winning market for 35 years

Dedicated girls' youth centre opens



It will be open every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

ACCELERATE EDUCATION

A new, dedicated youth centre for girls has opened its doors.

The centre, in St Paul's Way, Bow, has been opened following feedback from young women and girls and ensures that young people's needs are reflected in the council's services.

The new youth centre takes the total number of safe spaces for young people up to 20, following the council's £13.7million investment into its youth provision, Young Tower Hamlets.

The centre launch took place on Thursday 29 January and included activities such as Nintendo gaming, retro arcade games, performances, arts and crafts and a graffiti art making station.

The centre will be open to young women and girls aged 11-19 (and up

to 25 with SEND), every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3.30pm to 8.30pm.

Young Deputy Mayor of Tower Hamlets and cabinet lead for Education, Amaira Katyal, said: "It's amazing to see the launch of a dedicated girls' youth centre where girls can just be themselves and relax.

"It has been amazing to see the excitement on everyone's faces.

"This youth centre is a place us girls can call our own.

"We get to have our say on the sessions, activities and trips we want to see and experience.

"As the youth cabinet lead for Education, I'm happy to see this much needed space come to life and I can't wait to see what activities and sessions are to come."

Visit youngtowerhamlets.org.uk for more information.

Youth Council launches 'action cards'

Four youth councillors attended Tower Hamlets Council's Cabinet meeting to present the Youth Participation Strategy Guide - Tower Hamlets Vision to 2035.

This strategy was co-designed by

members of the Youth Council and the council's Participation Team to outline the best ways to engage and increase youth participation.

This strategy lays out the council's vision for engagement

and participation with young people, and practical ways for young people to share ideas, feedback and raise issues.

A key part of this presentation was the creation of action cards, which

are formal ways for young people to share their thoughts.

Visit the website at www.youngtowerhamlets.org.uk to see the action cards and to share your thoughts.

Highest turn out for Young Mayor elections

Tower Hamlets has announced its new Young Mayor Team following a record-breaking election that saw 7,719 votes cast by young people across the borough - the highest turnout in the history of the borough.

Musa Noor was inaugurated as the new Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets on Tuesday 9 December, with a team of five deputies; Amaira Katyal, Elijah Miah, Salena Miah, Latisha Ojo and Nikol Rakhman.

The inauguration ceremony took place at Haileybury Youth Centre, one of 20 youth centres in Tower Hamlets that provides a dedicated safe space for young people to learn, grow and develop their skills and passions.

The event was attended by the 14 Young Mayor candidates, their families and friends, youth workers, and the outgoing Young Mayor Team.

This year, the council received a record number of 92 applications for the position of Young Mayor



A record 92 applications were submitted for Young Mayor

from young people across the borough.

After a series of workshops and interviews, 14 candidates were shortlisted and supported with training before launching their campaigns. Voting took place from 1-7 December across schools and

colleges in Tower Hamlets.

Musa Noor, Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets, said: "I'm so grateful to be the next Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets, it's an absolute honour. I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported me to get here.

"There were a lot of other promising candidates, and I just want to say congratulations to all of us, we've gone through this process and put in so much hard work.

"I'm excited to see how this role will unfold and work with all the deputies in the coming months."



Youth workers were celebrated for their contribution at a special event

Model for youth services breaks 180,000 attendees

Young Tower Hamlets has hit record breaking numbers as more than 181,000 young attendees accessed programmes in two years, 20 youth centres opened, and more than 5,000 sessions were delivered in 2025.

On Tuesday 13 January, Tower Hamlets launched the 'Young Tower Hamlets Strategy 2025-2027' outlining the growth of the service since the council's initial investment of £13.7 million in 2023, and it's plans for the next two years.

The newly launched strategy sets out a commitment to providing a safe space for young people in every ward, alongside expanded sports, outdoor learning, targeted support, detached youth work and enhanced youth participation.

The launch event recognised youth workers from all strands of Young Tower Hamlets for their exceptional work in the service and impact on young people.

Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets, Musa Noor, said: "As the newly appointed Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets, I'm excited to work with the council to develop its youth service.

"This youth strategy is the first step in making Tower Hamlets an opportunity-rich borough for young people. I'll be working closely with the new Young Mayor Team to champion and represent the voices of young people in Tower Hamlets."

As well as investing in youth services, the council offers a wide range of financial support for young people and families.

It has re-introduced its Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and University Bursaries, providing young people with £600 or £1,500 grants to help with costs while they study.

Tower Hamlets was the first local authority to offer universal free school meals to both primary and secondary school pupils. Since rolling out the scheme in secondary schools in 2023, more than 2 million meals have been served to secondary school pupils.

Last year, the council also introduced school clothing grants to help with the cost of school uniforms, providing families with £50 per child entering primary school and £150 per child entering secondary school.



Flower power: borough blossoms to victory

CELEBRATING OUR BOROUGH

Winners of this year's keenly contested Tower Hamlets in Bloom competition have been announced.

The annual competition, which is part of the national In Bloom scheme, encourages more people to take an interest in horticulture and to develop a greater appreciation and respect for the natural environment.

Community groups, schools, and individuals were recognised for their horticultural excellence, environmental care, sustainable practices and community engagement.

Judges, who visited in summer when everything was in full bloom, were impressed by the commitment and passion demonstrated.

Award winners include Isle of Dogs resident Sally Crane whose horticultural efforts were described by judges as a fine example of what can be achieved to enhance the areas where we live.

Sally collected the prize for overall winner in the individual category.

"Sally's front garden is totally eye catching with an unmissable burst of colour," judges said.

Bygrove Primary School in Poplar

was named overall winners in the group category. The school blew the judges away by demonstrating what can be achieved with commitment, planning and enthusiasm.

Michael Smythe of Bethnal Green Nature Reserve collected the accolade for Gardener of the Year.

Britain in Bloom judges were greatly enthused when they visited the reserve in summer.

"Michael's knowledge, drive and community engagement speak volumes for just what can be achieved when a group come together to enhance the lives of others," they said.

Pearl Sowerby, who was presented with the Lifetime Achievement Award, was described on the night as the quiet strength behind the borough's In Bloom campaign.

Judges said: "Pearl is the backbone we've relied on for years, who has often worked behind the scenes."

"From the day this team took on the big challenge, she has stood by us, year after year, guiding and hosting judges with calm, grace and a generous spirit. She has helped create a tapestry of colour and beauty, turning every gathering into an oasis of floral wonder and a memorable dining experience."



Some of the award winners with their certificates

Some of the winners:

- Balcony:** Andrea Silva Goncalves Children's Garden
- Front garden:** Sally Crane
- Patio/container:** Carolina Kensit Senior Citizens Club
- Communal residential garden:** Lady Micos Alms houses
- Community garden:** Approach Road Gardens and Canal Club
- Community growing site:** Rocky Park
- School:** Bygrove Primary School
- Children's garden:** Glamis Adventure Playground
- Best allotment:** Martin Ford, Cable Street Community Gardens and Elias Islam, Mudchute Park & Farm
- Wildlife group:** Approach Road Gardens & Bethnal Green Nature Reserve
- Wildlife single:** Jane Sill - Cable St Allotment
- Business Premises:** Emily Jones, St Margarets House
- Best Newcomer:** Glamis Rd Adventure Playground
- Children's Garden**
- Best Innovation:** Solebay Street
- Outstanding Community Contribution:** Brenda Daly (Senior Citizens Club), Christopher Cousins (Ion Square), Ruben Darrell (Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park), Stephen Martin (Volunteer Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park), Sarah Beydoun (Rocky Park), Michael Smythe (Bethnal Green Nature Reserve)
- Staff Recognition of Excellence - Going the Extra Mile:** Fakrul Islam, Parks Team, Kamal Hussain, Parks Team, Warren Beach, Green Team, Adam McMahon Green Team
- Contribution to London in Bloom & Britain in Bloom:** Rocky Park Growers, Stepney City Farm, Canary Wharf PLC, Lady Micos Alms houses, Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, Victoria Park Team, Green Team, Street & Parks Team, Community Park Rangers

Awards celebrate children in care



Gold medalist Fatima Whitbread joined the event

Children and young people in care were celebrated at the annual Virtual School Awards ceremony, held in partnership with BT Group at their Aldgate headquarters.

The event, in February, honoured outstanding academic progress, dedication to school activities and personal development.

Young people were joined by foster carers, social workers, Virtual School staff, teachers and council leaders, highlighting the strong, shared commitment to supporting children in care.

Former Gold medallist and world record-breaking javelin thrower Fatima Whitbread joined the ceremony.

The Virtual School plays a crucial role in championing the education and wellbeing of children in care by working with schools, carers and professionals to remove barriers to learning and raise aspirations.

The awards ceremony aims to recognise hard work, build confidence and ensure every young person feels valued and supported in reaching their full potential.

Apprenticeship fair highlights roles

More than 300 young people from across Tower Hamlets joined a Skills for the Future: Tower Hamlets Apprenticeship Fair on Thursday 12 February.

The event gave residents the opportunity to meet employers, training providers and current apprentices to learn about routes into a wide range of industries.

Hosted at Haileybury Youth Centre in Stepney, the fair formed a key part of National Apprenticeship Week 2026.

The event was delivered by Workpath, the council's local employment and skills service, in partnership with Young Workpath and Young Tower Hamlets. Workpath supports residents into training and job opportunities across the borough.

Attendees were able to speak to employers from across a wide range of sectors, ask questions about the application process and gain practical advice to help them take their next step in their career.

There were also opportunities to take part in short guidance sessions with career advisors, helping young people to identify roles that matched their interest and skills.

The fair reinforced the council's commitment to ensuring residents can access the right skills, training



The fair was aimed at ensuring young people are supported to succeed in the job market

and support to succeed in the job market.

Across the afternoon, more than 20 employers and training providers engaged with young people, showcasing the roles in sectors including digital, construction, health, business services, engineering and creative industries.

Tahmid Hussen, who is completing a Civil Engineering Apprenticeship at the council, said: "Doing an apprenticeship at the council has been a real journey.

"At times it's felt like a steep learning curve and quite challenging, but what I'm getting out of it is making all the hard work pay off.

"I'm learning so much, growing in

confidence and working with some amazing people.

"Anyone thinking about doing an apprenticeship should definitely go for it - you won't regret it."

• **Find out how the council can support with apprentice opportunities and for upcoming events, visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/apprenticeships**

Funding offered for further education

The Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Further Education Trust (THCWFT) will relaunch its education funding scheme at the end of March, opening up new opportunities for residents aiming to progress into further or higher education.

THCWFT is a joint initiative between the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and Canary Wharf Group. Since the joint initiative began in 1990, the trust fund has supported more than 4,500 residents to access further and higher education and professional

training opportunities.

This year's relaunch provides £250,000 in grants to help remove financial barriers for those looking to continue their studies.

Funding is exclusively available to Tower Hamlets residents who have lived in the borough for at least

three years, have completed GCSEs or A-levels, and meet financial eligibility criteria.

Eligible applicants will be able to apply for support with course fees and maintenance costs, with specific award amounts confirmed at launch.



The council is reporting back every quarter to ensure residents can see where progress is being made

How you are shaping housing service

Residents across the borough are helping to drive major improvements to council housing management services through the latest Tenant Satisfaction Measures.

Last November, the council brought its housing management service back in house, marking a renewed commitment to delivering safe, reliable and high-quality homes. As part of this work, the council voluntarily referred itself to the Regulator of Social Housing in April 2024 to understand how well

it meets new national standards.

The findings showed that significant improvements are needed, and your feedback is now playing a vital role in shaping those changes.

Tenant Satisfaction Measures give residents a regular way to tell the council what's working and what needs to be better. The council has committed to being open and transparent, reporting back every quarter so residents can see exactly where progress is being made.

This quarter's results show:

- Overall satisfaction with housing services: 53 per cent (tenants 60 per cent, leaseholders 46 per cent)
- Experience of the repairs service: 67 per cent
- How many calls are answered and how quickly: 74 per cent with an average wait of 8-9 minutes
- Quality and frequency of caretaking services: 89 per cent
- Confidence your home is safe: 61 per cent

- How well the council keeps you informed: 65 per cent
- Handling of anti-social behaviour reports: 59 per cent
- Feeling listened to and having your views acted on: 53 per cent

Regular updates will continue throughout the year so residents can see the changes taking place and how their voices are helping to shape better, safer and more responsive housing management services.

More, better and safer homes

HOUSING

Tackling overcrowding, reducing homelessness and building greener, genuinely affordable homes sit at the heart of the new Tower Hamlets Housing Strategy 2026-2035.

Built around the vision of More Homes, Better Homes, Safer Homes, the strategy sets out commitments to improve conditions for private renters, invest in safer and better-maintained council homes, and deliver more accessible, adaptable and specialist housing to meet the diverse needs of residents.

Developed in partnership with residents and organisations including the Tower Hamlets Housing Forum, the Government's housing department, the Greater London Authority, Public Health, and the voluntary and community sector, the strategy outlines a decade-long plan to create a fairer and more inclusive borough where everyone has a secure place to call home.

David Soothill, National Development Director for Sanctuary, said: "We welcome Tower Hamlets' bold Housing Strategy and share its drive to tackle the housing crisis.

"Blackwall Reach proves what partnership can achieve, with over 1,500 new homes already delivered, including 500 for local people and 44 family homes.

"We are working with the council on Phase 3 of this project and pushing ahead with Iceland Wharf, which will deliver 165 new homes."

The strategy focuses action across seven key priority areas:

- Tackling overcrowding
- Building more homes
- Looking after council homes
- Making private renting better
- Better together

- Preventing homelessness and rough sleeping
- Diverse needs = diverse housing

David Joyce, Corporate Director of Housing and Regeneration, said: "Our new Housing Strategy sets out a clear and ambitious vision to deliver high-quality, sustainable homes that meet the needs of our communities both now and in the future.

"We are committed to working collaboratively with our partners, investing in innovation and ensuring that every decision we make supports long-term social value."

Sign up to our new WhatsApp channel



It is a secure and private way to get helpful advice

More than 1,000 residents have joined the new WhatsApp group for council tenants and leaseholders in the first two months of it starting.

The channel makes it easier for council tenants and leaseholders to stay up to date with what's happening in their home and neighbourhood.

It's a secure and private way to get helpful information in one place. Updates include local events and activities, handy reminders for rent, repairs and recycling, safety tips

to keep your home secure, and opportunities to share your ideas and have your say.

To join, scan the QR code or visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/housingwhatsapp



A-maze-ing new landmark in Bow

Four hundred evergreen heather shrubs have been planted to create a vibrant maze for the community to enjoy.

Tower Hamlets Council's gardening teams planted them opposite the Clara Grant Primary School and the Linc Community Centre in Bow in early February, creating the foundations of what

will soon grow into a landmark to celebrate nature.

The teams work throughout the year to keep neighbourhoods clean, green and welcoming places for everyone to enjoy.

Alongside day-to-day tasks such as grass cutting and shrub maintenance, the team has also been developing a series of creative

planting projects to bring more colour, wildlife and community pride to the borough.

Another project is also underway near Stepney Green station. The well-known "I Love E1" flower bed is being refreshed with a new floral design: a bee shape with the word "Kind" using colourful flowers.

Anca Rusu, Gardening Team

Leader, said: "We design every project with residents in mind.

"It's important that our spaces feel welcoming and uplifting, bringing something unexpected to familiar places. They give us a chance to be creative and are our way of giving something back to the community that residents can interact with and feel proud of."

Planting is underway for the new maze in Bow



Raise issues that need fixing at inspections

Residents are encouraged to take part in a new round of estate inspections that are underway to help raise issues that need fixing in and around their estate.

Estate inspections play an important role in maintaining safe, clean and well managed neighbourhoods. They provide

residents with the opportunity to work directly with their local housing team to identify issues and highlight areas for improvement.

These inspections are more than routine checks. They are a structured way for the council to assess the condition of communal areas, address concerns promptly,

and ensure estates remain places where residents feel safe, supported and proud to live.

By attending, you can:

- Raise concerns about your estate
- Contribute local insight that helps the council prioritise actions
- Work with staff to ensure issues are resolved effectively

- Support long-term improvements that benefit all residents

All residents can join their upcoming inspections as your presence and feedback make a meaningful difference. Visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/estateinspections to find out the dates and times for your estate.



Anti-social behaviour policy

A new policy setting out how the council will tackle anti-social behaviour has been passed.

Anti-social behaviour continues to be one of the top concerns for Tower Hamlets residents, according to the latest Annual Residents Survey.

Therefore, the council has created an Anti-Social Behaviour Policy, in which it will detail how it will tackle anti-social-behaviour (ASB) and gives information to residents about how they can report different forms of ASB.

ASB is described as behaviour causing, or likely to cause,

harassment, alarm or distress to any person.

This includes nuisance, noisy, rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour, verbal abuse, harassment, intimidation or threatening behaviour, drug or substance misuse, alcohol related nuisance, vandalism and damage to property, misuse of communal areas, public space or loitering, environmental damage including littering, dumping of rubbish and fly tipping, curb crawling, aggressive begging, fireworks misuse and vehicle nuisance.

As set out in the policy, the

council will make it easy for residents to report ASB with a dedicated ASB hotline, use mediation to prevent escalation of ASB, conduct ASB case reviews when residents are not happy with the outcome of the investigation into ASB, and respond to reports of ASB in a timely manner.

If you are a resident, who isn't a council tenant or leaseholder, you can report using the ASB reporting form on the council's website or by emailing AntiSocial.Behaviour@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Council tenants and leaseholders can also phone to report urgent on-estate ASB incidents via 020

7364 2332 at any time, use the Find It Fix It app to submit evidence, or email Neighbourhoods.ASB@towerhamlets.gov.uk.

Every report is risk assessed and high risk cases will be responded to within one working day.

All reported cases of ASB will be formally logged on the council's case management system and assigned to a designated ASB Officer for further investigation.

The full policy will soon be available on the council website for residents to use and refer to when needed.

Supporting victims of domestic abuse

The council's Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Women's Safety Team has undertaken 142 training and outreach activities this financial year.

These have taken place at a number of events across the borough, including local schools, community organisations, Family Hubs and East London Mosque.

The team talks to professionals and residents about how to spot signs of domestic abuse and Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), what they should do if they experience or see it, and what support is available.

Menara Ahmed, Senior Violence Against Women and Girls, Domestic Abuse and Women's Safety Team Manager, said: "On average, 50 incidents of domestic abuse occur before effective help is provided.

"We want to make sure that all victims do not suffer in silence, they know they are not alone and help is available.

"Support is also available for perpetrators who wish to change their behaviour.

"We want to educate the community on bystander action, challenging misogyny and how everyone has a role to play in

tackling VAWG.

"The team can help you identify how you can get involved by becoming a VAWG Champion or signing our male allyship pledge.

"Thank you to everyone who has engaged with us so far this year."

If you need specialist domestic abuse support please call Solace on 0203 795 5064, or visit our Domestic Abuse One Stop Shop on Mondays 10am-12noon at the Nari Centre, in Vallance Road.

You can also visit the council's website for information about further support services offered in the borough. Visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/domesticabuse



One of the events

Multi-agency approach tackling hate crimes

Did you know Tower Hamlets is one of the only boroughs in the country to have a Hate Incident Panel?

The Hate Incident Panel is a multi-agency approach to tackling hate crimes, where representatives from the council, housing, police and other organisations meet privately every month to discuss current and ongoing reports of hate crimes.

Residents are encouraged to report all hate crimes to the police on 101, or 999 if it is an emergency.

Reports of hate crimes will then be discussed at the panel to ensure a multi-agency approach to

supporting the victim and bringing the perpetrators to justice.

Additionally, any agency representing a visitor, worker or resident in Tower Hamlets can refer cases to the panel.

Cases can be referred on the following basis:

- Serious/critical hate crime incidents such as sexual violence, serious violence, multiple victims and perpetrators and any organised hate element
- Repeat victims - victims who have more than one incident in last 12 months

- Clients with high support needs which are not being met.
- Clients facing barriers to accessing services
- Cases which raise child protection concerns
- Cases in which existing policies appear not to apply, or where there is no policy
- Cases which have potential to cause community unrest
- Cases where there is a press involvement and interest
- Vulnerable victims / perpetrators i.e. those with mental health needs

- All premises-related hate incidents/crime cases as there is likely to be more than one victim and repeat incidents (premises includes faith buildings, shops, community centres, libraries, businesses etc).

The referring agency must ensure that the victim is over the age of 16 and resides in Tower Hamlets. However, if the incident took place in Tower Hamlets, a referral can be made for information sharing purposes.

To refer someone, please email hatecrime@towerhamlets.gov.uk



The centre is open from every Monday from 10am to 12noon

New domestic abuse support centre

A new domestic abuse one-stop shop is bringing together multiple agencies and support services under one roof to ensure survivors get the right support they need.

Supporting victims of domestic abuse by offering advice and information and signposting to essential services is most effective when delivered through a single, accessible service.

The opening of this new service will ensure victims don't suffer

in silence and are encouraged to speak in confidence to the services and people who can get them the personalised help they need.

Statistics show that victims from the Asian Bangladeshi community are disproportionately affected by domestic abuse due to a combination of factors including barriers to accessing support.

The new domestic abuse one stop-shop will open in the newly re-launched Nari Centre, at the

Women's Resource Centre, 61 Vallance Road, E1 5AB.

The domestic abuse service will be available every Monday from 10am to 12noon.

It brings together a number of partners, including:

- Metropolitan Police Service (MPS)
- The council's Violence Against Women, Domestic Abuse and Women's Safety Team
- the council's Homelessness Service

- Legal firms (Bowling and Co, TV Edwards and Copperstones)
- Nour (specialist Sylheti-speaking counsellors)
- MIND (mental health support)
- Solace Women's Aid (with Hopscotch providing specialist support for Bangladeshi women)
- SHEWISE (trauma-informed support for South Asian and Middle Eastern women)

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There is one sauna in the male and one in the female changing rooms at Whitechapel Sports Centre

Saunas now open

Two new saunas are now available at Whitechapel Sports Centre.

The council invested £80,000 for the two Aspen saunas in the male and female changing rooms following the successful refurbishment and upgrade of the historic spa at York Hall.

As part of the new investment, the council has installed controlled access doors to ensure the saunas are safely managed, fully licensed and available to Be Well members.

The saunas are the first project delivered as part of an additional £1.5 million funding allocated in 2024 to tackle health inequalities and expand leisure provision.

Upgrades taking place across Be Well leisure centres

INVEST IN SERVICES

Work is underway to develop a new women's only gym at Poplar Baths Leisure Centre.

As part of the council's continued investment in leisure facilities across Tower Hamlets, the former café space is being transformed into a dedicated training area designed to create more inclusive spaces for

women.

The new facility will include 25 workout stations, a stretching area and a free weights zone, along with newly refurbished nearby changing facilities.

The layout of the swim viewing gallery is also being redesigned to make better use of the space.

Later this year, improvement works will begin to refresh the women's gym at Mile End Park

Leisure Centre.

Visit be-well.org.uk to learn more about investment projects across Be Well centres, latest news and offers and more.

Residents have shared their thoughts on the Be Well leisure centres.

Fateha, 39, said: "I really like that Whitechapel Sports Centre is so family and community orientated, it's very child friendly.

"I also love that there's a women's only gym.

"I enjoy coming and playing badminton with my kids - it feels very welcoming for families.

"The centre's often decorated for different events like Eid and Halloween which is good fun!"

Read more from other users of Be Well gyms below:



Feel confident

Samira said: "I work out four times a week and enjoy swimming. What motivates me to keep active is looking at myself in the mirror and feeling confident. I've integrated going to the gym and walking into my life.

"If I had some advice for people thinking about starting their wellness journey, I would say no one really cares about what you do, so feel confident so you can feel your best."



No judgement

Toby said: "I would say don't hesitate to join. They always say getting there is the hardest part, but once you're there, you enjoy it. And I find that within the Be Well community, there's no judgy people around. Everyone just sort of gets on with their own thing.

"In Whitechapel, we've got a women's only gym, so it's really helpful and you can just see a lot of women more comfortable to be in that environment."

Don't be shy

Valentin said: "I like to combine weightlifting with cardio, and I run, I climb, I boulder and I also do weightlifting.

"I think the main motivator is feeling good about myself and that means being healthy and feeling well in moving. We all have office, sedentary lifestyles so getting up and moving is important to being healthy."

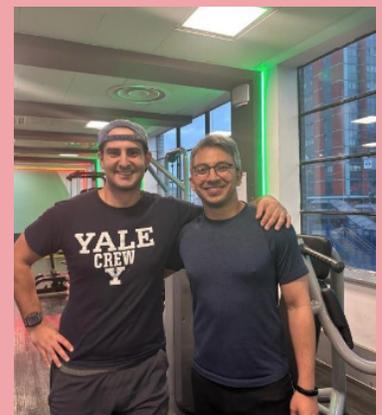
Rittick said: "It's about being fit as you get older - you've got to make sure we're in good shape to keep going and to have mobility."

"I like to attend classes, like yoga, just to get the mobility going. These days I'm picking up running and the aim is to run a half marathon by the end of the year.

"We signed up together because having a friend really makes a difference. This centre is sort of in between both of us in distance and having a friend here gets you to become more active. It's a commitment and you're promising someone that you'll be here.

"At Be Well I have found that people are very friendly and there are helpful staff.

"So, just come over and if you don't know something just ask the person who's doing the exercise and then people will help you out. Don't be shy!"



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39 trees planted in Millwall

CLEAN AND GREEN

One hundred residents helped plant 39 trees in Millwall as part of a campaign to introduce more trees to Tower Hamlets.

Led by environmental charity Trees for Cities, 91 adults and 41 children worked hard to transform parts of Millwall Park into a future canopy of shade, habitat and natural beauty.

Among them was lifelong E14 resident Kevin Payne, who, at 62, was planting a tree for the very first time.

He said: "I've lived in E14 all my life. I've seen the community grow, but I'm pleasantly surprised by how many people have come out today. You see children volunteering with their families."

Millwall Park holds a special place in Kevin's daily life as he regularly visits with his daughter and watches his granddaughter play there after school.

"It's going to be nice for me to say to my granddaughter, in years to come, that I helped plant that tree when it's all grown up," he added.

A wider project will see 40 standard trees and 1,000 hedge whips take root across the area, supported by school workshops and community groups.

The event formed part of Trees



Kevin, who has lived in E14 his whole life, took part in the tree planting

for Cities' wider mission to bring communities together through urban greening projects, helping improve air quality, support wildlife

and create welcoming spaces for residents.

The initiative also aims to build long-term environmental awareness

by involving schools and families, ensuring the next generation understands the value of the natural environment around them.

First community and peer research report



Tower Hamlets' Health Determinants Research Collaboration (HDRC) brought together partners from across sectors to celebrate the launch of its first Community and Peer Research report.

Harnessing Collective Power shares insights from an HDRC-commissioned project exploring how community-led

research can meaningfully and sustainably shape local policy.

The event marked an important milestone for the programme and for local research more widely, highlighting the value of lived experience, collaboration and shared learning in tackling health inequalities.

Loubna Bijdiguen, Community Researcher, said: "I became involved

in community research because I have seen decisions made about communities without communities being meaningfully involved or valued.

"Community research, for me, is about shifting that balance of power dynamics, privilege and norms, recognising lived experience as expertise, not just input or consultation.

"I am passionate about the focus on culture change, challenging hierarchy, structural racism and exclusion within research and policy spaces, and supporting each other in building shared values across sectors."

- You can find out more about the HDRC and community and peer research at towerhamlets.gov.uk/CommunityResearch

Healthy Tower Hamlets promoting better habits

HEALTHIER LIVES

A new campaign called Healthy Tower Hamlets is shining a light on the risk factors that have the biggest impact on adults' health: smoking, alcohol use, mental wellbeing, checking your blood pressure, moving more and eating well.

The campaign was officially launched at the Community Champions summit at the Town Hall on Thursday 22 January, alongside more than 100 members of the community and volunteers. The day celebrated the impact that local health advocates have made across the borough, offering further training on how they can continue to spread these important preventative messages.

The campaign encourages residents to take small, manageable steps toward healthier habits, supported by real stories from local people. Healthy Tower Hamlets

features case studies from across the borough, sharing how they made little changes with help from local services.

Robert shared his quitting smoking journey and how Quit Right Tower Hamlets finally helped him kick the habit for good after smoking for over 40 years.

Mumtaz shared her story about how she struggled with her mental health postpartum and how reaching out to her GP was incredibly helpful, and led her to finding a women-only boxing class that she now attends weekly.

It can be hard to know where to turn or where to start when you're making changes to your health. Taking that one small step can make all the difference. Whether it's reaching out for help, trying a new class, getting support in stopping smoking, adding more vegetables to your plate or getting your blood pressure checked, these actions create healthy habits over the long-term.

- Visit towerhamletsconnect.org/healthy-tower-hamlets



Mumtaz with her banner about sharing her story



Above: Poplar today, with Jennifer Worth, bottom right

The real midwives of Poplar

CELEBRATING OUR BOROUGH

The Call the Midwife books are far more than the origin of a popular television show. Written by Jennifer Worth, they chronicle her work as a district nurse and midwife in Poplar during the 1950s, capturing a slice of post-war East End life. Through stories of birth, illness and hardship, Worth captures a community held together by traditional East End values: resilience, faith and mutual care.

The Poplar she describes was heavily bombed during the blitz. Families lived in overcrowded housing, often without indoor bathrooms or hot water, and bomb sites littered the area. Home births were common and the midwives became central to the community.

Change was already reshaping Poplar during Worth's years there. Poplar's Lansbury Estate was built for the 1951 Festival of Britain. Designed to replace slums with clean, modern council housing, with its indoor plumbing, green spaces, and a vision of healthier living. Worth describes the change as complicated. While families welcomed better conditions, demolishing the old streets

disrupted close-knit communities and long-established ways of life.

At the heart of this new estate was Chrisp Street Market. Opened in 1950, it was also part of the Festival of Britain and the nation's first purpose-built pedestrianised shopping area. The prominent clock tower is Grade Two listed and an example of post-war architecture that is known as the "Festival Style".

In the early 2000s, Chrisp St Library closed and was replaced with the larger 'Idea Store' designed by David Adjay as a place for lifelong learning.

The local parish church, All Saints, is Grade Two listed, and was restored in the 1950s, repairing significant bomb damage. Even more directly connected is St Frideswide's Mission House, the inspiration for Nonnatus House in the television series.

The real sisters and nurses were the Religious Sisters of Saint John the Divine who lived and worked at the Mission House in Lodore Street, Poplar, which still stands today.

London Museum Docklands has regular local history walks and events, including a Call The Midwife walk.

• Visit londonmuseum.org.uk/docklands



DID YOU RECEIVE YOUR FIRST CHOICE SCHOOL OFFER?

If not, we still have limited places available for Year 7 in 2026



LONDON ENTERPRISE ACADEMY



“Behaviour and attitudes are rated good, with pupils described as polite, courteous, and welcoming.”

Ofsted Oct 2024



FREE Laptop



Small class sizes



FREE Train Transport within Miles



Work experience opportunities



International Trips



Excellent GCSE results



Duke of Edinburgh



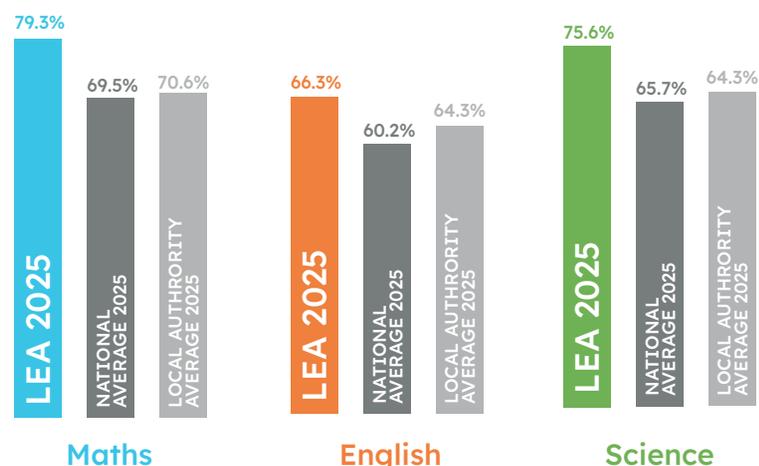
FREE daily breakfast

Outstanding Education for all

Our vision is to create a truly outstanding free school that provides the very best educational opportunities for all nurturing academic excellence and fostering ambition in all our pupils. We aim to inspire the next generation of professionals and entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds.

- Every child receives an outstanding education taught by highly qualified teachers.
- Pupils achieve their full potential in a safe environment built on strong and fair discipline and mutual respect.
- We follow a nationally recognised curriculum that is broad, balanced and ambitious.
- Active involvement in a wide range of extracurricular activities and social enterprise opportunities is encouraged.
- We achieve the top GCSE results in English, Maths and Science in Tower Hamlets.
- Every parent will have a strong voice in shaping the future of the school

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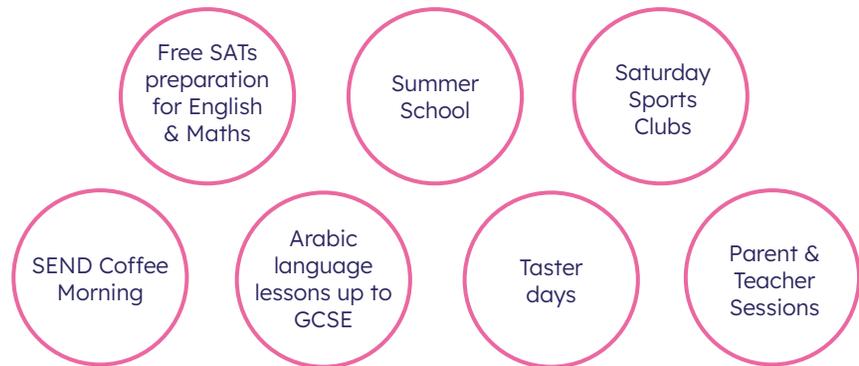
Our Curriculum

Our children are equipped with the knowledge and skills required to help them succeed in their adult life hence our motto: 'learning for life'.

Our curriculum is designed to meet the needs of the 21st century learner. All our subjects meet and exceed the requirements of the national curriculum.

In addition to this, key skills and concepts are delivered through a creative, cross curricular approach with strong emphasis on literacy, numeracy, oracy and enterprise.

Transition to Year 7A



"Leaders ensure that pupils' well-being is given a high priority" and "pupils feel safe and well cared for" Ofsted Oct 2024



Some of our achievements are:

- Excellent GCSE results.
- Leading Parental partnership Award.
- Duke of Edinburgh Awards for pupils in Year 10.
- Several students represented Tower Hamlets in athletics.
- Several of our students have been accepted on MENSA.
- Several students achieved Gold, Silver and Bronze in the National Maths Challenge.
- Tower Hamlets Badminton champion 2025/2026.
- International Schools Gold Award.
- Eco Schools Silver Award.
- Supported an Olympian at Tokyo Games.
- Published author
- All pupils go on to college or post 16.
- Most pupils progress to university including Oxbridge.
- International trips to Barcelona, Seville, Brussels, Bosnia and Bangladesh.

Facilities

The school has fantastic facilities which enables us to deliver a broad and balanced curriculum as well as provide a rich programme of enrichment activities.

Join us this March to discover how London Enterprise Academy inspires excellence and ambition in every child.

We welcome Year 6 families for school tours, Monday to Friday, between 9:15am and 11:30am.



LONDON ENTERPRISE ACADEMY

APPLY HERE



Mulberry

Academy Shoreditch



We offer academic excellence in a fun and exciting school



STEM Workshop
Building a wind turbine



Outdoor Adventure
Skiing in Italy



Creativity
Ceramic sculpture

Amazing enrichment opportunities

Our students enjoy memorable cultural experiences linked to a rich, vibrant and creative curriculum that extends their learning beyond the classroom.



Enrichment Activities
Ice skating

JOIN OUR SIXTH FORM

COME AND VISIT US

Saturday 7th March
9:00-10:00am

Get to Know You
Afternoons

5th March, 19th March and
16th April 4.00-5.00pm



APPLY NOW



Work Experience
and careers programmes

Sixth Form students participate in workshops, visits to universities, lectures, trips and arts events as well as a wide range of activities during their Wednesday afternoon enrichment sessions.

For more information about our amazing school follow the QR code or visit www.mulberryacademyshoreditch.org

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Schools Trust

Council continues to work with envoys

The council has welcomed proposals by the Government to help increase the pace of improvement within its new collaboration model with local government.

The council is pleased that the Government has recognised its willingness 'to work closely with the envoys' and 'early signs of progress'.

As the Secretary of State has

directed, the council's Improvement Plan includes Cultural Change, Political Mentoring and addressing the auditor's statutory recommendations.

Some of the issues raised date back to 2017, and the council is proud to have taken action to address many historic issues including the independent approval of six years

of accounts; delivering 17 of 18 improvement recommendations by the Local Government Association (LGA) and insourcing and then self-referring the management of its housing stock after uncovering historic issues.

At the same time, it has continued to deliver groundbreaking services including being awarded an

outstanding Ofsted rating for Children's Services; having works on site for 4,590 affordable homes; and being the only local authority in the country to offer universal free school meals to all primary and secondary school children.

The council has set aside £8m to deliver these improvements with Government-appointed envoys.

Parking made simpler

COUNCIL NEWS

Tower Hamlets joined the National Parking Platform (NPP), becoming the first London borough to do so and the latest local authority to offer drivers flexibility in how they pay for parking.

From today, drivers can pay for parking across the borough using their preferred app, including

RingGo, PayByPhone, JustPark and others, creating a simpler system for everyone.

The NPP is not another app for you to download; it's a database that works in the background to connect the apps drivers already use to council parking services.

Here's how it works for residents: Imagine you're parking near Victoria Park for a family day out.

Instead of downloading and

signing up for another parking app, you simply open the one you already use - for example, RingGo - enter the location code displayed on the relevant sign, and pay as normal.

Behind the scenes, the National Parking Platform connects your chosen app to Tower Hamlets' parking system which gives you a seamless experience without extra steps.

Sarah Randall, interim CEO of

National Parking Platform, said: "Tower Hamlets joining the National Parking Platform is a clear signal of how parking is evolving."

"The NPP enables councils to move away from single-provider models and offer drivers genuine choice, creating a more flexible and customer-focused parking system."

"We are delighted to have them join the NPP."



Young people can learn heritage languages such as Cantonese, Mandarin, Bangla, Arabic and Somali

Young Community Languages launches

Free language service 'Young Community Languages' celebrated its official launch in January.

The new service offers young learners aged 6-16 the opportunity

to learn heritage languages including Cantonese, Mandarin, Bangla, Arabic and Somali as part of its initial curriculum.

These sessions will offer young

people the chance to build and develop multilingual skills up to the stage of accreditation. Language sessions will be held at Ideas Stores, youth centres, schools and other

community spaces.

Sessions are free and open to all young learners in Tower Hamlets.

Visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/YoungCommunityLanguages

Art gallery celebrating 125 years

A multi-disciplinary arts festival will provide one of the centre-pieces as Whitechapel Gallery marks its 125th year this year.

Founded in 1901 to bring 'the finest art of the world to the people of East London', Whitechapel Gallery has been responsible for championing some of the most radical and influential artists, art and ideas of our times.

Over the years, the gallery has pushed the boundaries of what a locally embedded arts institution could do, leading sector development through its pioneering learning and community outreach programmes, and giving voice and platform to local, national and international artists and issues, while being at the forefront of the global cultural scene.

Programme highlights of the anniversary event include Backyard Biennial, a new, cross-venue arts festival, celebrating the East End's unique historic, creative and cultural identity.

Running from 15 July to 13 September 2026, the free festival includes a summer party.

Jointly presented at the gallery as well as across a range of local partner venues including cultural and grassroots organisations, art

galleries, places of worship and other public spaces, Backyard Biennial will feature a series of exhibitions, installations, residencies, participatory projects and live events.

Participating organisations include Artsadmin, Auto Italia, Bevis Marks Synagogue Heritage Foundation, Bow Arts, Counterpoints Arts, Four Corners, House of Annetta, London Parks and Gardens, Mile End Community Project, Nicoletti, Somali Museum UK, OITI-JO Collective, Oxford House, Raven Row, Soanes Centre, St Margaret's House, Tower of London Historic Royal Palaces, Trapped in Zone One and many more.

Gilane Tawadros, Director, said: "It is an honour and a privilege to be leading Whitechapel Gallery at this moment in time. It holds such a unique and important position as a place of artistic experimentation and radical thinking, bridging the local and the global.

"Our 125th anniversary comes at a particularly significant moment in the wider cultural, socio-political and economic landscape. In the face of such widespread division and uncertainty, it seems more important than ever to continue



Laisul Hoque ELO MELO, 2023. Courtesy of the artist

our legacy as a place of connection and principle, reaffirming our founding commitment to our local community while ensuring our ongoing relevance and influence around the world."



New museum opens April

V&A East Museum opens this April on East Bank in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Co-created with young people, creatives and those living, working and studying in east London, the venue includes galleries exhibitions, creative commissions and events spotlighting the people, ideas and creativity shaping global culture

right now.

V&A East Museum's first landmark exhibition, The Music is Black: A British Story reveals how Black British music has shaped British culture - and its global impact - to tell a long-overdue story of Black excellence, struggle, resilience and joy.

Celebrating 125 years of Black

music in Britain from jazz to reggae, 2 tone, drum & bass, trip hop, UK garage, grime and beyond, it unveils hidden stories behind early 20th Century pioneers, international music makers and today's groundbreaking artists.

The Music is Black: A British Story is on from 18 April to 18 June 2026.

Wallace and Gromit at Young V&A

Young V&A's third exhibition, Inside Aardman: Wallace & Gromit and Friends, unpacks the making of some of the most well known and loved animated characters of all time.

Coinciding with the studio's 50th anniversary year, the exhibition

invites visitors to explore the familiar and fantastical worlds of Aardman Animations, creators of Wallace & Gromit, Chicken Run, Shaun the Sheep, Morph, and more. Created primarily for children and families, interactive activities enable visitors to go

behind the scenes of the animation process. More than 150 objects are on display, including never-before-seen models, sets, and storyboards from Aardman's archives. The exhibition runs until mid-November. Charges apply, but free to people on Universal Credit. Visit vam.ac.uk/young



Workshops and classes

Art4U2 Art classes

These are mixed media art workshops where you will be using oil painting, printmaking, collage, watercolours, pastels and acrylics. Do your own thing or join in with techniques demonstrated. Students will have the opportunity to exhibit their work in local cafes and galleries.

Workshops take place from 1.30pm- 3.30pm on: March 11, 18 & 25; April 15, 22 & 29; May 6; June 17 & 24; July 1 & 8

Brady Centre art room, 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel E1 5HU

Classes cost £8 (cash) and you can drop-in or sign-up in advance by email ginnyhawke5@hotmail.co.uk

Explore: Saturday Creative Studio

Targeted at young people aged 11 to 19 years who may need support with GCSE and A level coursework or may just wish to explore and develop their art skills.

There will be a wide range of free activities and workshops focused on sustainably repurposing old fabrics, setting up a new youth enterprise scheme, embroidery and textiles for mindfulness, and more.

Saturdays until 21 March Brady Arts Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel E1 5HU

Registration is essential. Contact Sarbjit Natt on 07956377537 or email: ateamartseducation@gmail.com

Watercolour and drawing classes



Watercolour classes

Watercolour painting and drawing class for all levels. Beginners welcome. Materials will be provided but you are welcome to bring your own. Carol will set projects and show you demonstrations and exercises, but you are welcome to work on your own projects. **£10 per two-hour session. £8 concession.**

Drop-in classes from 6.30-8.30pm on: April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 17, 24; July 1 Brady Arts and Community Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel E1 5HU. For more information email: johnston.carol@outlook.com

Creative Mix

Are you aged over 50? Live locally? Want to connect with others in the community? Creative Mix with Magic Me is an intergenerational arts program which brings together older residents and young people from Tower Hamlets to work together on a creative project. This year, they will work with a puppeteer and movement director to explore footprints, hopes and dreams for Tower Hamlets.

18 March, 1:30pm-3:30pm 26 Pott Street, Bethnal Green, E2 OEF

Contact 07517890506 or aminali@magicme.co.uk to sign up



Creative Mix

Tea Dance

The St George's Day Tea Dance is back. Residents aged 50 and over are invited to don their dancing shoes for a free afternoon of live music and song. Refreshments will be served. Free but booking essential.

29 April

The Art Pavilion, Clinton Road, Mile End Park E3 4QY

Please go to www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/arts for more information.



Tea dance

Altab Ali Day

Altab Ali was murdered in a racially motivated attack in 1978. There will be a commemoration and wreath laying ceremony to mark his life and death.

4 May

Altab Ali Park, Adler Street, Whitechapel E1 1FD

Please go to towerhamlets.gov.uk/Altabali for more info.

East London Vintage Furniture and Flea

The Vintage Furniture Flea and Judy's Vintage Fair combines for one huge event with more than 70 thrift and flea stalls mixed in with creators selling their wardrobes, and vintage sellers from all over the UK. One ticket gets you into both events.

Sunday 7 June

The Art and Ecology Pavilions, Mile End Park E3.

Find out more at judysvintagefair.com/



Vintage Flea

Exhibitions

The Way We Art

An exhibition of artworks involving 32 individual artists from the East End of London. They work in a variety of media including sculpture, photographs, prints, painting and video.

12-22 March, open daily 11am-6pm. Free entry

The Art Pavilion, Clinton Road, Mile End Park, E3 4QY

The Experienced Eye

A collective show of 12 artists, all very experienced in life as well as in different medias. From painting, etching, monotypes, oil painting and drawing.

3-12 April, open daily 11am-6pm Free entry

The Art Pavilion, Clinton Road, Mile End Park E3 4QY



Experienced Eye

The Ground Beneath Me

Bow Arts presents a solo exhibition by Laisul Hoque, winner of the 2025 East London Art Prize. Hoque premieres a new installation, film, and works on paper, each exploring micro-histories and personal memory in the context of political

unrest and turmoil in Bangladesh. The exhibition positions the viewer as an observer in the artist's bedroom, which has been relocated in its entirety to the centre of the gallery. Laid out to the exact footprint of the original bedroom, the installation forms an exposed room within a room, seemingly suspended in time. The room is made conspicuous by the artist's absence, raising questions of where he is, and when he will return. **Until 12 April Nunnery Gallery, 181 Bow Road, E3 2SJ**

Dictionary

The International Prism Textiles Group returns with its latest exhibition, Dictionary. This year's exhibition explores the hidden meanings embedded in words: their origins, their shifting forms across centuries, their misunderstandings, transformations, and cultural echoes. Prism members will also be offering free workshops throughout the exhibition.

17-26 April, 11am-6pm daily

The Art Pavilion, Clinton Road, Mile End Park E3 4QY

Find out more at www.prismtextiles.co.uk and @prismtextiles.



Dictionary

Art4U2 summer exhibition: All Creatures Great and Small

The annual summer exhibition of the Brady Art Centre's Art4U2 painting classes. The theme of this year's exhibition is the animal kingdom. Work on show will feature both the artist's cherished pets as well as fauna native to the UK and beyond.

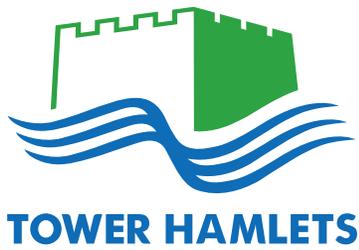
5-27 June (Monday-Friday 9am to 7pm, Saturday 10am to 4pm, Sunday closed)

Brady Arts and Community Centre, 192-196 Hanbury Street, Whitechapel E1 5HU



Art 4 U2

THERE ARE 45 COUNCILLORS IN 20 WARDS: 22 ASPIRE, 16 LABOUR PARTY, 1 GREEN, 1 CONSERVAT



KNOW YOUR COUNCIL

These roles are correct up to Thursday 7 May election

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IVE, 5 INDEPENDENT

Tower Hamlets Council has a system of governance in which the elected mayor, **Lutfur Rahman** (Aspire, right), has personal responsibility and executive powers. Mayor Rahman is responsible for determining and delivering a wide range of policies and priorities. He is advised by his cabinet of councillors and by council officers.



The members of the Cabinet are:

Cllr Maium Talukdar, Statutory Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Youth and Lifelong Learning
 Cllr Saied Ahmed, Resources and the Cost of Living
 Cllr Kabir Ahmed, Regeneration, Inclusive Development and Housebuilding
 Cllr Abu Talha Chowdhury, Safer Communities
 Cllr Shafi Ahmed, Environment and the Climate Emergency
 Cllr Sabina Akhtar, Health, Wellbeing and Social Care
 Cllr Musthak Ahmed, Jobs, Enterprise, Skills and Growth
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নতুন কনসালটেশন প্ল্যাটফর্মে আপনার মতামত জানান

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consultation platform - page 10

HARMONY
BANGLA NEWS

নতুন কনসালটেশন হাব 'Talk Tower Hamlets'-এ নীতি ও পরিকল্পনা সম্পর্কে বাসিন্দাদের মতামত জানানোর জন্য আমন্ত্রণ জানানো হচ্ছে। এই নতুন প্ল্যাটফর্মটি আগের 'Let's Talk Tower Hamlets'-এর পরিবর্তে চালু হয়েছে। নতুন কনসালটেশন প্ল্যাটফর্মটি টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে বসবাসকারী, কর্মরত বা ভ্রমণকারী ব্যক্তিদের স্থানীয় সিদ্ধান্ত গ্রহণ প্রক্রিয়ায় সক্রিয়ভাবে অংশ নেওয়ার সুযোগ করে দেয়। এখানে বিভিন্ন ধরনের অংশগ্রহণ ও সম্পৃক্ততার সুযোগ রয়েছে, যার মাধ্যমে আপনি আপনার কমিউনিটি এবং এটিকে প্রভাবিত করে এমন সিদ্ধান্তগুলোতে অবদান রাখতে পারবেন।

অংশ নেওয়ার জন্য থাকবে নানা উপায় ও সুযোগ, যেমন জরিপ, ভোট, সভা এবং আলোচনা। আপনি যে অংশগ্রহণ ও সম্পৃক্ততা প্রকল্পগুলোতে আগ্রহী, সেগুলোর অগ্রগতি অনুসরণ করতে পারবেন, ফলাফল দেখতে পারবেন এবং অনলাইন ও সরাসরি আয়োজিত নতুন ইভেন্ট সম্পর্কে আপডেট পেতে পারবেন।

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- আপনি যেসব কনসালটেশনে অংশ নিচ্ছেন, সেগুলোর অবস্থার পরিবর্তন সম্পর্কে ইমেইল নোটিফিকেশন
- যেসব বিষয়ে আপনি আগ্রহ দেখিয়েছেন, সে বিষয়ের নতুন কনসালটেশন সম্পর্কে ইমেইল নোটিফিকেশন
- আপনার জমা দেওয়া মতামতের একটি কপি পেতে এবং পরবর্তীতে সম্পূর্ণ করার জন্য জমা দেওয়ার অগ্রগতি সংরক্ষণ করতে

নিবন্ধন ছাড়াও আপনি এই প্ল্যাটফর্মের সব তথ্য পড়তে পারবেন এবং কিছু কার্যক্রমে অংশ নিতে পারবেন। শুধু আপনার ইমেইল ব্যবহার করেও কনসালটেশন অনুসরণ করা সম্ভব।

সম্প্রতি যেসকল কনসালটেশন হয়েছে, সেগুলোর মধ্যে রয়েছে বাজেট, হাউজিং কৌশল, বন্যা ঝুঁকি ব্যবস্থাপনা, রিভার লায়ার ওপর একটি সেতু এবং নতুন বাড়ি নির্মাণের প্রস্তাবিত স্থানসমূহ।

নতুন প্ল্যাটফর্মে সাইন আপ করতে talk.towerhamlets.gov.uk ভিজিট করুন এবং উপরের ডান পাশে থাকা সবুজ 'sign up' বোতাম ব্যবহার করে নিবন্ধন করুন।

'হেলদি টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস' ক্যাম্পেইন

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"হেলদি টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস" নামে নতুন একটি প্রচারণা প্রাণবন্তদের স্বাস্থ্যের ওপর বড় প্রভাব ফেলে এমন বিষয়গুলোকে গুরুত্ব দিচ্ছে। এর মধ্যে রয়েছে ধূমপান, অ্যালকোহল গ্রহণ, মানসিক সুস্থতা, রক্তচাপ পরীক্ষা, শারীরিকভাবে সক্রিয় থাকা এবং স্বাস্থ্যকর খাবার গ্রহণ। টাউন হলে আয়োজিত কমিউনিটি চ্যাম্পিয়নস সন্নিবেশ এই প্রচারণার আনুষ্ঠানিক উদ্বোধন হয়, যেখানে ১০০-এর বেশি

কমিউনিটি সদস্য ও স্বেচ্ছাসেবী অংশ নেন। এই উদ্যোগ বাসিন্দাদের ছোট কিন্তু নিয়মিত পদক্ষেপ নিতে উৎসাহিত করে। অনুষ্ঠানে স্থানীয় মানুষের বাস্তব অভিজ্ঞতার গল্প তুলে ধরা হয়েছে, যারা স্থানীয় সেবার সহায়তায় জীবনযাপনে ইতিবাচক পরিবর্তন এনেছেন।

রবার্ট ৪০ বছরের বেশি সময় ধূমপান করার পর অবশেষে "ফুইট রাইট টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস" - এর সহায়তায় ধূমপান ছাড়ার অভিজ্ঞতা শেয়ার করেছেন। মুমতাজ সন্তান জন্মের পর মানসিক চাপে ভোগার অভিজ্ঞতা তুলে ধরেছেন এবং কীভাবে জিপির সহায়তা ও নারীদের জন্য বিশেষ বক্সিং ক্লাসে অংশ নেওয়া তাকে উপকার করেছে তা জানিয়েছেন।

স্বাস্থ্য পরিবর্তনের শুরুটা কখনো কখনো কঠিন মনে হতে পারে। কিন্তু একটি ছোট পদক্ষেপই বড় পরিবর্তনের সূচনা করতে পারে।

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কাউন্সিলের ভাষা শিক্ষা কোর্সে অংশ নিচ্ছে ৩০০ শিশু



টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিলের উদ্যোগে শুরু হলো ইয়াং কমিউনিটি ল্যাঙ্গুয়েজেস (ওয়াইসিএল) সার্ভিস। বর্তমানে ৮টি কেন্দ্রে ২২টি ক্লাসে প্রায় ৩০০ শিশু বাংলা, আরবি, ক্যান্টনিজ, ম্যান্ডারিন ও সোমালি ভাষা শিখছে। বহুভাষিক শিক্ষার মাধ্যমে শিশুদের আত্মবিশ্বাস, সাফল্য ও শিকড়ের সঙ্গে সংযোগ আরও মজবুত করাই এই উদ্যোগের লক্ষ্য। কাউন্সিল ডবিষ্যতে আরও বেশি স্কুল ও কমিউনিটি সেন্টারে ক্লাস চালুর পরিকল্পনা করছে। ২০২৬ সালের মে মাস থেকে বাংলা ও অন্যান্য কমিউনিটি ভাষায় জিসিএসই এবং এ-লেভেল পর্যায়ে পাঠদান চালুরও প্রস্তুতি চলছে।

কাউন্সিলের নতুন বাজেট অনুমোদনঃ হাউজিং ও সোশ্যাল কেয়ারে বড় বিনিয়োগ New three year budget approved - page 7

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিলের আগামী তিন বছরের পূর্ণ ব্যয় নির্ধারিত বাজেট অনুমোদন করা হয়েছে। এই বাজেটের মূল লক্ষ্য হচ্ছে হাউজিং সংকট মোকাবিলা করা। সাথে নতুন পদক্ষেপ হিসেবে রয়েছে ফস্টার কেয়ারারদের জন্য ১০০% কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স ছাড়।

বাজেটে আগামী পাঁচ বছরে কাউন্সিল মালিকানাধীন বাড়ি-ঘরের উন্নয়নে অতিরিক্ত ১০০ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড বরাদ্দ রাখা হয়েছে। এতে মোট বিনিয়োগ দাঁড়াবে ৩৪৫ মিলিয়ন, যা আগামী ১০ বছরে কাউন্সিলের আবাসন সম্পদের উন্নয়নে অতিরিক্ত ৬০৯ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ডের অংশ।

গত বছর কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স রিডাকশন স্কিমের মাধ্যমে ২৮,০০০ পরিবার ৩৬.৫ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড সশ্রয় করেছে। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস এখনও সবচেয়ে উদার স্থানীয় কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স রিডাকশন স্কিমগুলোর একটি চালু রেখেছে, যার ফলে সবচেয়ে দরিদ্র

পরিবারগুলোকে কোনো কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স দিতে হয় না।

এছাড়া টেম্পোরারি হাউজিং ভাড়া ব্যয় ৪৪% বৃদ্ধির পর বাড়তি চাহিদা মোকাবেলায় ৪৫ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড বরাদ্দ রাখা হয়েছে এবং যেসব ভাড়াটিয়ার ভাড়া বৃদ্ধি বিদ্যমান হাউজিং বেনিফিট বা ইউনিভার্সাল ক্রেডিট দ্বারা পূরণ হয় না, তাদের জন্য নতুন রেন্ট হার্ডশিপ ফান্ডে ৪ লাখ পাউন্ড বরাদ্দ দেওয়া হয়েছে।

কাউন্সিলের বিস্তৃত আবাসন পরিকল্পনার মধ্যে রয়েছে মে ২০২৬ সালের মধ্যে ৪,০০০টি নতুন সশ্রয়ী ও সামাজিক ভাড়ার বাসা (সোশ্যাল রেন্ট হোমস) নির্মাণ এবং মেয়রের এক্সেলারেটেড হাউজিং প্রোগ্রাম - এর মাধ্যমে আরও ৩,৩৩২টি নতুন ঘর নির্মাণের সুযোগ সৃষ্টি।

বারার শিশু ও তরুণদের সহায়তায় নতুন পদক্ষেপের মধ্যে রয়েছে ফস্টার কেয়ারারদের জন্য কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স বাতিল

(৭৮০,০০০ পাউন্ড) এবং ঘরে পড়াশোনার বাড়তি চাহিদা মোকাবেলায় একটি বিশেষ দল গঠন (৪৫৩,০০০ পাউন্ড)। এর পাশাপাশি প্রাইমারি ও সেকেন্ডারি স্কুলে সর্বজনীন স্ট্রি খাবার, স্কুল ইউনিফর্ম, কলেজ ও বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষার্থীদের জন্য অনুদান এবং ২০২২ সাল থেকে চালু হওয়া ২০টি 'ইয়ং টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস' ইয়ুথ সেন্টার পরিচালনা অব্যাহত থাকবে। গত মাসে ২০তম ইয়ুথ সেন্টারটি আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে উদ্বোধন করা হয়েছে।

এডাল্ট সোশ্যাল কেয়ার প্রোগ্রাম সামাজিক সেবা) এর ক্ষেত্রে বাড়তি চাহিদা মোকাবেলায় ২২.৫ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড বরাদ্দ রাখা হয়েছে, পাশাপাশি বয়স্ক ও অসহায় বাসিন্দাদের ঘরে গরম খাবার পৌঁছে দেয়ার সার্ভিস 'মিলস অন হুইলস' এবং বিনামূল্যে হোমকেয়ার চালু রাখার কর্মসূচিসহ সবমিলিয়ে মোট বরাদ্দ

দাঁড়াবে ২৮.৪ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড।

নতুন বাজেটে বারার রিসাইক্লিং হার বৃদ্ধির ধারাবাহিকতায় ১ লাখ ২৪ হাজার ফুয়াটে সাপ্তাহিক খাদ্য বর্জ্য সংগ্রহ সেবা সম্প্রসারণে ২.৫৮ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড বরাদ্দ রাখা হয়েছে।

নিম্ন আয়ের পরিবারগুলোর জন্য সাধারণ কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স স্থগিত রাখা হয়েছে এবং সবচেয়ে উদার 'লকাল কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স রিডাকশন স্কীম' চালু রয়েছে, যার ফলে সবচেয়ে দরিদ্র পরিবারগুলোকে কোনো কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স দিতে হয় না। বর্তমানে লন্ডনে ষষ্ঠ সর্বনিম্ন কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স হার টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের এবং জীবনযাত্রার ব্যয় সহায়তা স্কিমের মাধ্যমে যোগ্য পরিবারগুলোকে কাউন্সিল ট্যাক্স বৃদ্ধির প্রভাব থেকে সুরক্ষা দেওয়া হবে।

এই বাজেট ২৫ ফেব্রুয়ারি ফুল কাউন্সিলের বাজেট সভায় চূড়ান্ত অনুমোদন পায়।

শুধুমাত্র মেয়েদের জন্য চালু হলো ইয়ুথ সেন্টার

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শুধুমাত্র মেয়েদের জন্য একটি নতুন, নির্দিষ্ট ইয়ুথ সেন্টার আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে চালু হয়েছে।

বো এলাকার সেন্ট পলস ওয়ে-তে অবস্থিত এই কেন্দ্রটি বারার তরুণী ও কিশোরীদের মতামত ও পরামর্শের ভিত্তিতে গড়ে তোলা হয়েছে। এর মাধ্যমে নিশ্চিত করা হয়েছে যে মেয়েদের প্রয়োজন ও প্রত্যাশা কাউন্সিলের সেবায় যথেষ্টভাবে প্রতিফলিত হচ্ছে।

কাউন্সিলের যুব কার্যক্রম ইয়াং টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস-এ ১৩.৭ মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড বিনিয়োগের পর এই নতুন কেন্দ্র চালু হওয়ায় এখন

মোট ইয়ুথ সেন্টারের সংখ্যা দাঁড়াল ২০টিতে।

উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠান অনুষ্ঠিত হয় ২৯ জানুয়ারি। অনুষ্ঠানে ছিল নিনটেনডো গেমিং, রেড্রো আর্কেড গেমস, সাংস্কৃতিক পরিবেশনা, শিল্প ও কারুশিল্প কার্যক্রম এবং গ্রাফিটি আর্ট তৈরির বিশেষ স্টেশনসহ নানা আকর্ষণীয় আয়োজন।

এই কেন্দ্রটি ১১ থেকে ১৯ বছর বয়সী তরুণী ও কিশোরীদের জন্য (এবং বিশেষ শিক্ষাগত চাহিদা ও প্রতিবন্ধিতা, সেভ-সহ ২৫ বছর পর্যন্ত) প্রতি বুধবার, বৃহস্পতিবার ও শুক্রবার বিকাল ৩টা ৩০ মিনিট



থেকে রাত ৮টা ৩০ মিনিট পর্যন্ত খোলা থাকবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের ইয়াং ডেপুটি মেয়র এবং শিক্ষা বিষয়ক ক্যাবিনেট প্রধান আমাইরা কাটয়াল বলেন, "মেয়েদের জন্য আলাদা একটি ইয়ুথ সেন্টার বা যুবকেন্দ্র চালু হতে দেখে সত্যিই দারুণ লাগছে, যেখানে মেয়েরা নিজেদের মতো করে সময় কাটাতে ও স্বস্তি

পেতে পারে। সবার মুখে যে আনন্দ আর উচ্ছ্বাস দেখছি, তা সত্যিই অসাধারণ। এই ইয়ুথ সেন্টারটি এমন একটি জায়গা, যাকে আমরা মেয়েরা নিজেদের জায়গা বলতে পারি। কোন সেশন, কার্যক্রম বা ভ্রমণ আমরা দেখতে এবং অভিজ্ঞতা অর্জন করতে চাই, সে ব্যাপারে আমরাই সিদ্ধান্ত নিতে পারবো।"

আবাসন সংকট মোকাবিলায় টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের উচ্চাভিলাষী পরিকল্পনা সবার জন্য নিরাপদ, সাশ্রয়ী ও টেকসই আবাসনের অঙ্গীকার

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ওভারক্রাউডিং বা গাদাগাদি পরিবেশে বসবাসকারী পরিবারগুলোর সমস্যা সমাধান, হোমলেসনেস বা গৃহহীনতার সংখ্যা কমানো এবং পরিবেশবান্ধব ও সত্যিকার অর্থে সাশ্রয়ী আবাসন নির্মাণ - এই লক্ষ্যগুলোকে কেন্দ্র করেই প্রণয়ন করা হয়েছে নতুন টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল হাউজিং স্ট্র্যাটেজি ২০২৬-২০৩৫।

“মোর হোমস্, বেটার হোমস্, সেইফার হোমস্” এই লক্ষ্যকে সামনে রেখে কৌশলটিতে বেসরকারি ভাড়াটিয়াদের অবস্থার উন্নতি নিশ্চিত করা, কাউন্সিলের বাড়িগুলো আরও নিরাপদ ও ভালোভাবে রক্ষণাবেক্ষণে বিনিয়োগ বৃদ্ধি করা

এবং বাসিন্দাদের বহুমুখী চাহিদা পূরণে আরও সহজপ্রাপ্য, পরিবর্তনযোগ্য ও বিশেষ ধরনের আবাসন নির্মাণের প্রতিশ্রুতি দেওয়া হয়েছে।

এই কৌশলটি বাসিন্দা এবং বিভিন্ন অংশীদার সংস্থার সহযোগিতায় তৈরি হয়েছে। এর মধ্যে রয়েছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস হাউজিং ফোরাম, যুক্তরাজ্য সরকারের হাউজিং বিভাগ, গ্রেটার লন্ডন অথরিটি, পাবলিক হেলথ বিভাগ এবং স্বেচ্ছাসেবী ও কমিউনিটি খাত। পরিকল্পনাটি আগামী দশ বছরে একটি আরও ন্যায়সঙ্গত ও অন্তর্ভুক্তিমূলক বারা গড়ে তোলার রূপরেখা তুলে ধরেছে, যেখানে প্রত্যেকের জন্য নিরাপদ আবাসন নিশ্চিত হবে।

স্যানকচুয়ারির ন্যাশনাল ডেভেলপমেন্ট ডিরেক্টর ডেভিড সুখিল বলেন, “টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের সাহসী হাউজিং কৌশলকে আমরা স্বাগত জানাই এবং আবাসন সংকট মোকাবিলায় তাদের প্রচেষ্টার সঙ্গে একমত।”

তিনি আরও বলেন, ব্র্যাকওয়াল রীচ প্রকল্পটি অংশীদারিত্বের সাফল্যের উদাহরণ। এখানে

ইতিমধ্যে ১,৫০০-এর বেশি নতুন আবাসন নির্মিত হয়েছে, যার মধ্যে ৫০০টি স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাদের জন্য এবং ৪৪টি পরিবারভিত্তিক বাড়ি। বর্তমানে কাউন্সিলের সঙ্গে তৃতীয় ধাপের কাজ চলছে এবং আইসল্যান্ড ওয়ার্ক প্রকল্পে আরও ১৬৫টি নতুন আবাসন নির্মাণ করা হবে।

কৌশলটি সাংগঠনিক অগ্রাধিকারভিত্তিক ক্ষেত্রে কাজ করবে:

- অতিরিক্ত জনসংখ্যার চাপ মোকাবিলা
- আরও বেশি আবাসন নির্মাণ
- কাউন্সিলের বাড়িগুলোর রক্ষণাবেক্ষণ
- বেসরকারি ভাড়া খাতের উন্নয়ন
- সমন্বিতভাবে কাজ করা
- গৃহহীনতা ও রাস্তায় বসবাস প্রতিরোধ
- বৈচিত্রময় চাহিদার জন্য বৈচিত্রময় আবাসন

হাউজিং ও রিজেনারেশনের করপোরেট ডিরেক্টর ডেভিড জয়েস বলেন, “আমাদের নতুন হাউজিং কৌশল বর্তমান ও ভবিষ্যৎ-দুই সময়ের চাহিদা পূরণে উচ্চমানের ও টেকসই আবাসন নিশ্চিত করার একটি স্পষ্ট ও উচ্চাভিলাষী পরিকল্পনা।”



ভ্যালেন্স রোডে চালু হলো ‘নারী সেন্টার’: নারীদের ক্ষমতায়ন, সুস্থতা ও অগ্রগতির নতুন ঠিকানা

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টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে নারীদের ক্ষমতায়ন, সুস্থতা ও সামাজিক সম্পৃক্ততা জোরদার করতে আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে উদ্বোধন করা হয়েছে নতুন ‘নারী সেন্টার’। ১১ ফেব্রুয়ারি বুধবার ভ্যালেন্স রোডে কাউন্সিলের নিজস্ব ভবনে এই আধুনিকায়িত কেন্দ্রটি উদ্বোধন করা হয়। দিনব্যাপী আয়োজিত ওপেন ডে’তে স্থানীয় নারীরা অংশ নেন এবং কেন্দ্রের বিভিন্ন সেবা ও

কার্যক্রম সম্পর্কে জানার সুযোগ পান। এই নারী সেন্টার স্থানীয় নারীদের জন্য একটি নিরাপদ স্থান, যেখানে তারা বিভিন্ন সেবা গ্রহণের পাশাপাশি আত্মবিশ্বাস, দক্ষতা ও সামাজিক যোগাযোগ গড়ে তুলতে পারবেন।

কর্পোরেট ডিরেক্টর ফর সোশ্যাল সার্ভিস জর্জিয়া চিমবানী বলেন, “নারীদের আত্মবিশ্বাস বাড়াণো ও তাদের সামগ্রিক উন্নয়নে সহায়তা

করার জন্য একটি আলাদা সেন্টার প্রতিষ্ঠা নিঃসন্দেহে আনন্দের বিষয়। এই সেন্টার নারীদের বিভিন্ন প্রতিবন্ধকতা দূর করতে গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা রাখবে।”

৬১ ভ্যালেন্স রোডে অবস্থিত নারী সেন্টারে রয়েছে শ্রেণিকক্ষ, আইটি সুট, ক্র্যাশ সুবিধা, কমিউনিটি কিচেন এবং একান্ত পরামর্শের জন্য নির্ধারিত কক্ষ। এখানে আজীবন শিক্ষাকোর্স, কর্মসংস্থান সহায়তা,

ডিজিটাল দক্ষতা প্রশিক্ষণ, প্যারেন্টিং কর্মশালা, হাউজিং ও বেনিফিট সংক্রান্ত পরামর্শ, আইনি সহায়তা, গার্হস্থ্য সহিংসতা সহায়তা, কাউন্সেলিং ও মানসিক সুস্থতা সেবা প্রদান করা হবে। এছাড়াও থাকবে নারীদের জন্য বিশেষ ক্রীড়া, সৃজনশীল কার্যক্রম এবং অনলাইন শিশু যত্ন সুবিধা। আরও তথ্যের জন্য ভিজিট করুন: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/nari

আপনার অংশগ্রহণে গড়ে উঠছে উন্নত হাউজিং সেবা

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সর্বশেষ ভাড়াটে সস্তা জরিপের ফলাফলের ভিত্তিতে বারার বাসিন্দারাই এখন কাউন্সিলের হাউজিং ব্যবস্থাপনা সার্ভিসে বড় ধরনের উন্নতি ঘটতে পথ দেখাচ্ছেন। গত নভেম্বরে কাউন্সিল তাদের হাউজিং ম্যানেজমেন্ট সার্ভিসেস আবার নিজেদের তত্ত্বাবধানে ফিরিয়ে আনে। এর মাধ্যমে নিরাপদ, নির্ভরযোগ্য এবং উচ্চমানের আবাসন নিশ্চিত করার অঙ্গীকার নতুনভাবে জোরদার করা হয়। এই প্রক্রিয়ার অংশ হিসেবে,

২০২৪ সালের এপ্রিল মাসে কাউন্সিল স্বেচ্ছায় নিজেদেরকে রেগুলেটর অব সোশ্যাল হাউজিং - এর কাছে রেফার করে, যাতে নতুন জাতীয় মানদণ্ড অনুযায়ী তারা কতটা ভালোভাবে সেবা দিচ্ছে তা মূল্যায়ন করা যায়। মূল্যায়নের ফলাফলে দেখা যায়, বেশ কিছু ক্ষেত্রে উল্লেখযোগ্য উন্নয়ন প্রয়োজন। আর এই পরিবর্তনগুলো গড়ে তুলতে আপনার মতামত এখন গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা রাখছে।

বাসিন্দাদের জন্য একটি নিয়মিত সুযোগ তৈরি করেছে, যাতে তারা জানাতে পারেন কোন বিষয়গুলো ভালো কাজ করছে এবং কোথায় আরও উন্নতি দরকার। এই ত্রৈমাসিক ফলাফলে দেখা গেছে:

- হাউজিং সেবায় সামগ্রিক সন্তুষ্টি: ৫৩ শতাংশ (ভাড়াটিয়া ৬০ শতাংশ, লিজহোল্ডার ৪৬ শতাংশ)
- মেরামত সেবার অভিজ্ঞতা: ৬৭ শতাংশ
- ফোনকল গ্রহণের হার ও

অপেক্ষার সময়: ৭৪ শতাংশ কলের উত্তর দেওয়া হয়েছে, গড় অপেক্ষার সময় ৮-৯ মিনিট

- কেয়ারটেকিং সেবার মান ও সময়মতো প্রদান: ৮৯ শতাংশ
- নিজের বাসা নিরাপদ বলে আস্থা: ৬১ শতাংশ
- কাউন্সিল কতটা ভালোভাবে তথ্য প্রদান করছে: ৬৫ শতাংশ
- অসামাজিক আচরণের অভিযোগ নিষ্পত্তি: ৫৯ শতাংশ
- নিজের মতামত শোনা হচ্ছে এবং তার ভিত্তিতে পদক্ষেপ নেওয়া হচ্ছে বলে অনুভব: ৫৩ শতাংশ



নতুন হোয়াটসঅ্যাপ চ্যানেলে যোগ দিন Sign up to our new WhatsApp channel - p 17

শুরু হওয়ার প্রথম দুই মাসেই ১,০০০-এর বেশি বাসিন্দা কাউন্সিলের ভাড়াটিয়া ও লিজহোল্ডারদের জন্য চালু করা নতুন হোয়াটসঅ্যাপ গ্রুপে যোগ দিয়েছেন।

এই চ্যানেলটি বাসিন্দাদের তাদের বাসা ও আশপাশের এলাকার সর্বশেষ খবর সহজে জানার সুযোগ দিচ্ছে। এটি একটি

নিরাপদ ও ব্যক্তিগত প্ল্যাটফর্ম, যেখানে এক জায়গায় প্রয়োজনীয় তথ্য পাওয়া যায়।

এখানে স্থানীয় অনুষ্ঠান ও কার্যক্রমের খবর, ভাড়া, মেরামত ও রিসাইক্লিং সংক্রান্ত স্মরণিকা, বাসা নিরাপদ রাখার পরামর্শ এবং নিজের মতামত জানানোর সুযোগ দেওয়া হয়।

যোগ দিতে কিউআর কোড স্ক্যান করুন অথবা ভিজিট করুন: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/housingwhatsapp

উচ্চশিক্ষার জন্য অর্থায়ন সহায়তা

Funding offered for further education - p 15

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ এন্ড ক্যানেরি ওয়ার্ক ট্রাস্ট (টিএইচটিএফ) মার্চ মাসের শেষ দিকে তাদের শিক্ষা অর্থায়ন কর্মসূচি পুনরায় চালু করতে যাচ্ছে। এর মাধ্যমে যেসব বাসিন্দা আরও উচ্চতর বা উচ্চশিক্ষায় অগ্রসর হতে চান, তাদের জন্য নতুন সুযোগ তৈরি হবে।

১৯৯০ সালে এই যৌথ উদ্যোগ শুরু হওয়ার পর থেকে ট্রাস্ট ফান্ডটি ৪,৫০০ জনেরও বেশি বাসিন্দাকে উচ্চতর শিক্ষা, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় পর্যায়ের পড়াশোনা এবং পেশাগত প্রশিক্ষণের সুযোগ পেতে সহায়তা করেছে।

চলতি বছরের পুনরায় চালুর অংশ হিসেবে মোট ২ লাখ ৫০ হাজার পাউন্ড অনুদান প্রদান করা হবে, যাতে তারা পড়াশোনা

চালিয়ে যেতে চান তাদের আর্থিক বাধা কমানো যায়।

এই অর্থায়ন কেবলমাত্র টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের বাসিন্দাদের জন্য প্রযোজ্য, যারা অন্তত তিন বছর ধরে এই বরোতে বসবাস করছেন, জিসিএসই অথবা এ-লেভেল সম্পন্ন করেছেন এবং নির্ধারিত আর্থিক যোগ্যতার মানদণ্ড পূরণ করেন।

সহায়তা পাওয়ার উপযুক্তরা কোর্স ফি এবং শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা ব্যয়ের জন্য আর্থিক অনুদান চেয়ে আবেদন করতে পারবেন। অনুদানের পরিমাণ কর্মসূচি আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে চালুর সময় ঘোষণা করা হবে।

কর্মসূচি সম্পর্কে আরও জানতে এবং আবেদন প্রক্রিয়া শুরু হলে আবেদন করতে ভিজিট করুন: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/CanaryWharfTrust

নতুন গৃহ নির্যাতন সহায়তা কেন্দ্র

New domestic abuse support centre - p 19

ডমেস্টিক এবিউজ বা ঘরে নির্যাতনের শিকার ব্যক্তিদের জন্য একটি নতুন ওয়ান-স্টপ সাপোর্ট সেন্টার চালু করা হয়েছে, যেখানে এক ছাদের নিচে বিভিন্ন সংস্থা ও সহায়তা সেবা একত্রিত হয়েছে।

একটি সহজপ্রাপ্য একক সেবার মাধ্যমে পরামর্শ, তথ্য ও প্রয়োজনীয় সেবায় রেফার করা হলে ভুক্তভোগীরা সবচেয়ে কার্যকর সহায়তা পান। কেউ যাতে নীরবে কষ্ট না পান এবং গোপনীয়ভাবে প্রয়োজনীয় সহায়তা নিতে পারেন, তা নিশ্চিত করবে নতুন এই সেবা।

পরিসংখ্যানে দেখা গেছে, এশীয় বাংলাদেশি কমিউনিটির ভুক্তভোগীরা বিভিন্ন কারণে সহায়তা পেতে বেশি বাধার সম্মুখীন হন।

এই সেবা চালু হয়েছে পুনরায় চালু হওয়া নারী সেন্টারে



(উইমেনস রিসোর্স সেন্টার, ৬১ ভ্যালেন্স রোড, ই১ ৫এবি)। প্রতি সোমবার সকাল ১০টা থেকে দুপুর ১২টা পর্যন্ত সেবা পাওয়া যাবে।

অংশীদার সংস্থাগুলোর মধ্যে রয়েছে:

- মট্রেপলিটান পুলিশ সার্ভিস
- কাউন্সিলের ভায়োলেন্স এগেইনস্ট উইমেন ও ডোমেস্টিক অ্যাবিউজ টিম
- কাউন্সিলের হোমলেসনেস সার্ভিস
- সোল্যাস উইমেন’স এইড মাইন্ড

এছাড়াও বিশেষায়িত আইনগত ও কাউন্সেলিং সহায়তা প্রদানকারী অন্যান্য সংস্থা।

Miisaaniyad lagu bixiyo wax ku habboon qof kasta

HARMONY SOMALI NEWS

Ka caawinta wax ka qabashada dhibaataada guryaha ee London ayaa ah udub-dhexaadka miisaaniyadda saddexda sano ee golaha, iyadoo ay la socoto tallaabooyin cusub sida qiimo-dhimis 100 boqolkiiba ah oo cashuurta golaha ah loogu sameeyo daryeelasha korsada carruurta.

Miisaaniyaddu waxay u qoondeyneysaa £100 milyan oo dheeraad ah 5 sano ee soo socota si loo hagaajiyo guryaha golaha, taasoo wadarta maalgelinta ka dhigaysa £345 milyan; £45 milyan si looga caawiyo daboollidda baahida sii kordheysa ee hoyga ku-meelgaarka ah kadib koror 44 boqolkiiba ah oo ku yimid kharashaadka kirada hoyga ku-meelgaarka ah; iyo £400,000 oo loogu talagalay sanduuq cusub oo kaalmada dhibaataada kirada ah oo loogu talagalay kiraystayaasha marka kordhinta aan lagu daboolin faa'iidooyinka guryaha ee jira ama universal credit.

Ballanqaadyada ballaaran ee golaha ee dhinaca guryaha waxaa ka mid ah in la dhiso 4,000 guri cusub oo la awoodi karo iyo kuwo kirada bulshada ah ka hor Maajo 2026, iyo ilaa 3,332 guri oo cusub oo lagu furi doono Barnaamijka Guryeynta La Dardargeliyey ee Duqa Magaalada (Mayor's Accelerated Housing Programme).

Taageerada carruurta iyo dhallinyarada ayaa la kordhiyey iyadoo la soo bandhigayo tallaabooyin cusub sida in waalidiinta korsada carruurta laga dhaaf cashuurta golaha (£780,000) iyo in la dhiso koox taageerta baahida sii kordheysa ee waxbarashada guriga lagu qaato (£453,000).

Waxay barbar socdaan sii wadista cuntada iskuulka ee bilaashka ah ee guud ahaan iskuulada hoose iyo sare, deeqaha loogu talagalay dharka iskuulka, kulliyadaha iyo jaamacadaha, iyo maamulidda 20 xarumood oo dhalinyaro oo Young Tower Hamlets ah oo la furay tan iyo 2022.

Marka ay timaaddo Daryeelka Bulshada ee Dadka Waaweyn, £22.5 milyan ayaa loo qoondeeyey in lagu bixiyo taageerada la xiriirta baahida sii kordheysa, iyo sidoo kale sii wadista hirgelinta adeegga cunto gaarsiinta guriga iyo daryeelka guriga ee bilaashka ah.

Miisaaniyadda la soo jeediyay waxay sidoo kale ku dhisan tahay kororka heerka dib-u-warshadaynta degmada, iyadoo £2.58 milyan loo qoondeeyey si loo ballaariyo ururinta qashinka cuntada loona gaarsiyo 124,000 guri dabaqyo ah.

Goluhu wuxuu wajahaa caqabadda dib-u-warshadaynta ee ugu adag marka loo eego maamul kasta oo deegaan, maadaama uu



yahay meesha ugu dadka badan dalka, iyadoo ku dhowaad 87 boqolkiiba guryaha ay yihiin dabaqyo.

Miisaaniyadda waxaa ansixiyay Golaha Wasiirrada ee golaha Arbacadii 28 Janaayo, iyadoo

qayb ka ah miisaaniyad si buuxda loo qiimeeyey oo loogu talagalay saddexda sano ee soo socota. Kadibna waxaa si kama dambeys ah loo ansixiyey kulankii Golaha Guud ee dejinta miisaaniyadda ee Arbacadii 25 Febraayo.

Doorashooyinka

Hubi inaad ka codsatay isdiiwaangelinta codbixinta adigoo maraya bogga rasmiga ah (eeg gov.uk/register-to-vote) oo xusuusnow inaad qaadata Aqoonsiga Codbixiyaha (Voter ID) marka aad tagayso xarunta codbixinta (eeg electoralcommission.org.uk/voting-and-elections).

Taariikhaha muhiimka ah ayaa

hoos ku qoran waxaana laga heli karaa bogga internetka ee golaha:

- Waqtiga kama dambaysta ah ee lagu helayo codsiyada isdiiwaangelinta: Isniin 20 Abriil 2026
- Waqtiga kama dambaysta ah ee lagu helayo codsiyada cusub ee codbixinta boostada iyo

wakiilka boostada, iyo sidoo kale isbeddelka codbixinta boostada ama wakiilka ee jira: 5pm Talaado 21 Abriil 2026

- Waqtiga kama dambaysta ah ee lagu helayo codsiyada cusub ee codbixinta wakiilka (ma aha wakiil boosto ama wakiil degdeg ah): 5pm Talaado 28 Abriil 2026

• Maalinta ugu dambeysa ee lagu codsan karo Shahaadada Awoodda Codbixiyaha: 5pm Talaado 28 Abriil 2026

• Waqtiga kama dambaysta ah ee codbixinta qof ahaan: 10pm Khamiis 7 Maajo

La wadaag aragtidaada madasha wadatashiga cusub

Deganeyaasha waxaa lagu casuumayaa inay aragtidooda ka dhiibtaan siyaasadaha iyo qorshayaasha ku jira xarunta cusub ee wadatashiga golaha – Talk Tower Hamlets.

Madasha cusub waxay beddeshay Let's Talk Tower Hamlets.

Madasha cusub ee wadatashiga waxay bixisaa meel ay si firfircoon uga qayb qaadan karaan go'aan-qaadashada deegaanka dadka ku nool, ka shaqeyaa, ama booqda

Tower Hamlets.

Deganeyaasha waxaa lagu dhiirrigelinayaa inay iska diiwaangeliyaan bogga cusub, kaas oo kuu oggolaanaya inaad:

- Hel ogeysiiso iimayl ah oo ku saabsan isbeddellada ku yimaada xaaladda wadatashiyada aad ka qaybqaadanayso
- Hel ogeysiiso iimayl ah oo ku saabsan wadatashiyo cusub oo ku saabsan mowduucyada aad xiisaha u muujisay

• Hel nuqul ka mid ah soo gudbintaada oo aad kaydiso horumarka soo gudbintaada si aad mar dambe u dhammaystirto.

Waxaad akhrisan kartaa dhammaan macluumaadka ku yaal madashan, isla markaana waxaad ka qayb qaadan kartaa qaar ka mid ah hawlaha adigoo isdiiwaangelin.

Waxaad sidoo kale ku la socon kartaa wadatashiyada adigoo isticmaalaya kaliya iimaylkaaga.

Wadatashiyadii u dambeeyay

waxaa ka mid ah miisaaniyadda, istaraatiijiyadda guryaha, maaraynta khatarta daadadka, buundada dulmaraysa Rivre Lea, iyo goobaha la soo jeediyay ee guryaha cusub.

Si aad isu diiwaangeliso madasha cusub, booqo talk.towerhamlets.gov.uk/ oo iska diiwaangeli adigoo isticmaalaya badhanka cagaaran ee "sign up" ee ku yaal geeska kore ee midig.

USEFUL INFORMATION SERVICES AND CONTACTS

Advice

Account 3 (welfare and debt advice)

3 Birkbeck Street, E2.
020 7739 7720
www.account3.org.uk

Age UK East London

82 Russia Lane, E2.
Caxton Hall, Caxton
Grove, E3.
Royal London Hospital
14F Wards.
info@ageukeastlondon.
org.uk
www.ageuk.org.uk/
eastlondon
020 8981 7124

Bromley by Bow Centre

St Leonard's Street, E3.
020 8709 9700

Carers Centre Tower Hamlets

21 Brayford Square, E1
OSG
enquiries@ccth.org.uk
www.ccth.org.uk
020 7790 1765

Citizens Advice Bureau

32 Greatorex Street, E1.
020 7247 1050
towerhamlets@eastend-
cab.org.uk
www.eastendcab.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton
Street, Isle of Dogs, E14.
020 7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre

University House,
104 Roman Road, E2.
020 8980 4205
www.legaladvicecentre.
london

Limehouse Project

789 Commercial Road,
Unit 2, St Anne Street, E14.
020 7538 0075
www.limehouseproject.
org.uk

Praxis (New Residents) Immigration, benefits and general advice

Pott Street, E2.
General Helpline:
020 7729 7985
Immigration advice:
020 7749 7608
www.praxis.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Community Advice Network

thcan@island-advice.org.
uk
www.thcan.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre

Unit 1, St Anne's Street,
E14. 020 7538 4909
www.thlc.co.uk

Careers

Adult education services

Shadwell Centre,
455 The Highway, E1.
020 7364 5665

WorkPath

Employment and Skills
Centre, 55 Upper Bank
Street, E14. 020 7364 3727
workpath@towerhamlets.
gov.uk

Young WorkPath/Tower Hamlets Careers Service

Employment and Skills
Centre, 55 Upper Bank
Street, E14.
youngworkpath@
towerhamlets.gov.uk

Council

Town Hall

160 Whitechapel Road,
London, E1 1BJ.
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk
General enquiries
020 7364 5000

Debt

Fair Money Advice

18 Ashwin Street, E8.
020 3475 8811
www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton
Street Isle of Dogs, E14.
020 7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

Toynbee Hall Advice

Service
28 Commercial Street, E1.
020 7392 2953
advice@toynbeehall.org.
uk
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Health & wellbeing

Alzheimer's Society

Robinson Centre, Mile
End Hospital, Bancroft
Road, E1.
020 8121 5626

BYM Bangladesh Youth Movement Women's Centre of Excellence

Whitechapel Centre, Units
1 & 2, Myrdle Street, E1.
020 7377 8668
www.bym.org.uk

East London Parkinson's Support Group

hello@parkinsons.org.uk
0808 800 0303

Free home fire safety advice

08000 284428

Health hotline

020 7364 5016

Healthwatch Tower Hamlets

Mile End Hospital, Ban-
croft Road, E1.
0800 145 5343
info@healthwatchtower
hamlets.co.uk
www.healthwatchtower
hamlets.co.uk

LinkAge Plus

Toynbee Hall, Commercial
Street, E1.
020 7392 2913

Reset

Tower Hamlets Drug and
Alcohol Service
183 Whitechapel Road, E1.
020 3889 9510
reset.towerhamlets@
cgl.org.uk

Safe East (under-19s)

compass.towerhamlets
yphws@nhs.net
020 3954 0091

Stop Smoking services

www.quitrightth.org
020 7882 8230

Tower Hamlets

Advocacy Real
020 7001 2170
hello@real.org.uk

Housing

Choice-based lettings and housing advice

Phone: 020 7364 7474
Homelessness services
Phone: 020 7364 7474
Out of hours: 020 7364
4079

Homeseekers

www.thhs.org.uk

Housing services, including repairs

Phone: 020 7364 5015
Freephone: 0800 376 1637

Idea Stores and libraries

Bow

Gladstone Place, E3.

Canary Wharf

Churchill Place, E14.

Chrisp Street

Vesey Path, E14.

Whitechapel

321 Whitechapel Road, E1.

Local History Library and Archives

277 Bancroft Road, E1
localhistory@
towerhamlets.gov.uk
Visit www.ideastore.
co.uk/home

Leisure centres

John Orwell Sports Centre

Tench Street, Wapping, E1.
0207 364 5100

Mile End Park Leisure Centre and Stadium

190 Burdett Road, E3.
0207 364 5100

Poplar Baths

170 East India Dock Road,
0207 364 5100

Tiller Leisure Centre

Tiller Road, Isle of Dogs
E14. 0207 364 5100

Whitechapel Sports Centre

55 Durward Street, E1.
0207 364 5100

York Hall Leisure Centre

5-15 Old Ford Road, E2.
0207 364 5100

For the latest information
and updates, including
details of opening hours or
temporary closures, visit
www.towerhamlets.gov.uk
or be-well.org.uk

Parent & child

Family Information Service

30 Greatorex Street, E1.
fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk
020 7364 6495

Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH)

If a child is at risk of harm:
020 7364 5006 (option
3, open Mon to Fri, 9am -
5pm)
020 7364 4079 (out of
hours emergency duty
team)

Tower Hamlets National Childbirth Trust

0300 330 0700
www.nct.org.uk

Report it

Anti-fraud (housing and tenancy related fraud)

0800 528 0294

Childline

0800 1111

Domestic Violence Team

0800 279 5434

Environmental

Protection (Noise) Team
020 7364 5000

Haven Whitechapel (sexual assault referral centre)

020 3299 6900 /
020 3299 1599

Karma Nirvana (honour-based abuse helpline)

0800 5999 247

Men's Advice Helpline

0808 8010 327

National LGBT domestic abuse helpline (Galop)

0800 999 5428 /
0300 999 5428

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