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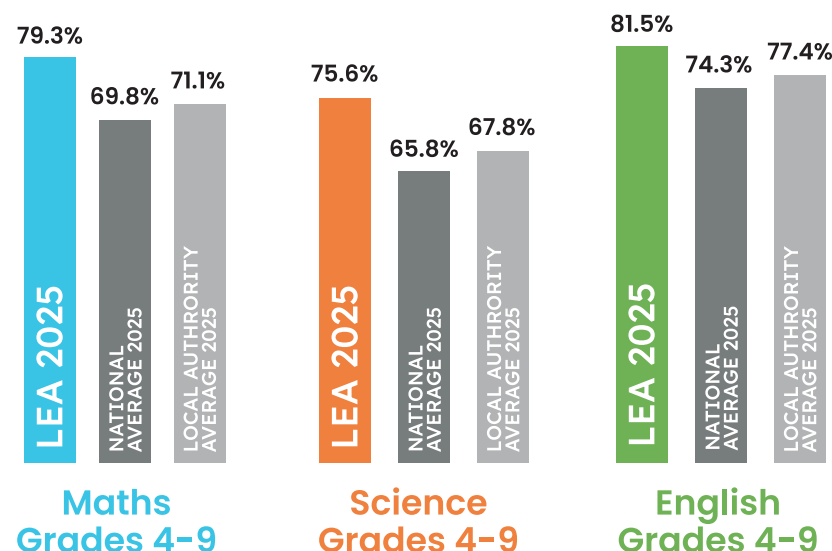
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Our vision is to create a truly outstanding free school that provides the very best educational opportunities for all nurturing academic excellence and fostering ambition in all our pupils. We aim to inspire the next generation of professionals and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

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- 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

**We have achieved some of the best
GCSE results in English, Maths and
Science in Tower Hamlets.**



Udderly good news: farm park lease moo-ves forwards



Some of the animals at the farm

Families can continue enjoying one of London's largest and most cherished urban green spaces after Tower Hamlets Council agreed to a new 30-year lease for Mudchute Park and Farm.

The agreement offers long term security for the 32-acre site until 2055, recognising its significant social, educational and environmental value to the borough.

Mudchute Park and Farm welcomes around 250,000 visitors each year, offering rare countryside in the heart of a densely populated urban area.

The site provides award-winning conservation work, a local nature reserve, outdoor education for more than 10,000 local children annually, year-round childcare, volunteering opportunities and free public access.

The lease gives Mudchute Association

the long-term stability required to plan, fundraise and continue managing the site, which it has successfully operated since 1977.

It follows significant public engagement and a record-breaking petition of 6,583 signatures, the largest in Tower Hamlets' history, demonstrating extraordinary community support for safeguarding the park and farm.

Sue Mortimer, Chair of the Mudchute Association Board of Trustees, said: "We are grateful to see the 30 year lease approved and for the recognition of Mudchute's enormous value to the community.

"The strength of public support - thousands of signatures, donations and messages - has shown how deeply loved this space is.

"A long-term lease gives us the

foundation we need to protect our animals, our green space, and our education programmes for the next generation.

"However, we still face significant financial challenges as a small independent charity that does not charge for entry.

"We rely entirely on the generosity of our supporters, and ongoing funding will be essential to secure our future."

As a Rare Breeds Survival Trust (RBST) Approved Conservation Farm Park and Local Nature Reserve, Mudchute Park and Farm plays a key role in protecting rare breeds, improving biodiversity and maintaining vital habitats.

The proposed agreement aims to ensure these ecological benefits are secured for future generations. Visit mudchute.org for more information.

A message from your Mayor

Thank you to everyone who took part in the local elections to help shape the future of our borough.



I am profoundly grateful to the people of Tower Hamlets for continuing to place your faith in me and my team. It is the honour of my life to serve as your Mayor, and I am determined to build on our strong record of delivery over the past four years.

Together, we have achieved aims that many thought impossible. We became the first council in the country to provide universal free school meals to all primary and secondary school children.

We also became the first council to reverse national government cuts by restoring the Education Maintenance Allowance and bringing back Winter Fuel Payments for pensioners.

We have delivered groundbreaking cost of living support to residents, from universal free homecare for elderly and disabled residents in need and Meals on Wheels, to introducing free swimming for thousands of residents and school uniform grants, as well as opening 20 youth centres and the Nari Women's Centre.

Alongside this, we have introduced unprecedented investment in frontline services, as well as one of the most ambitious programmes of affordable and social homebuilding in the country to tackle the housing crisis.

While I am proud of what we have achieved, I know there is much more to do.

Together, we can continue building a borough that leads the way for the rest of the country and delivers for all who call Tower Hamlets home.

Lutfur Rahman
Executive Mayor

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The Nari Centre is in Vallance Road and offers programmes and support to women in the borough

A safe, welcoming space for women

COUNCIL NEWS

In a borough as fast moving and diverse as Tower Hamlets, finding time and space to focus on your wellbeing, meet new people or build confidence can feel out of reach.

Tucked just off the busy streets of Whitechapel, the new Nari Centre is changing that by offering women a welcoming place to learn, connect and access vital support.

Located on Vallance Road, the fully refurbished building is bright, modern and designed with women's needs at its core.

It features classrooms, an IT suite, a community kitchen, creche facilities and private rooms for one-to-one support.

The aim is simple: to bring essential services together under one roof.

The Nari Centre offers a wide range of programmes, from lifelong learning courses and employment support to digital skills training and parenting workshops.

Women can also access advice on housing, benefits and legal issues, alongside specialist support for domestic abuse, counselling and emotional wellbeing.

Residents got their first look at the centre during an open day in February.

Among them was Dulce Silva,

who joined an exercise session led by instructors from Social Action for Health.

Dulce said: "The Nari Centre is a lovely building, and they've done a great job with the refurbishment.

"I've met some lovely people and had fun doing an exercise session.

"It's close to the tube station and easy to get to.

"I really hope women from all backgrounds come along and make the most of this amazing facility."

Sue Powell, an instructor from Social Action for Health, said the charity is excited to bring its programmes to the centre.

"We'll be running classes like Good Moves, which teaches healthy eating and gentle exercise to help manage diabetes, cardiovascular disease and hypertension," she explained.

"We'll also offer functional fitness sessions to build strength and mobility.

"Come along, have fun, laugh and meet new friends."

Another visitor, LD from Bow, said she was curious to see what a women's centre could offer.

"I think it's a smart idea to bring lots of services together - a creche, employment training, exercise classes and domestic violence advisers," she said.

"It's important to have a safe space where women can socialise, access



Resident Dulce Silva who enjoys taking part in exercise classes

key services and find out how they can volunteer or get a job."

Rukshana Begum, who runs the centre, is keen to hear from as many residents as possible.

"We are a new centre and want to make sure we offer the right mix of services that benefit women," she said.

"Our Chai & Coffee mornings on Wednesdays are a great place to start. We're keen to hear your ideas."

The Nari Centre is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm at 61 Vallance Road, E1 5AB.

Find out what's on offer at the centre at towerhamlets.gov.uk/nari.

Tower Hamlets residents elect mayor and councillors

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On Thursday 7 May 2026, tens of thousands of Tower Hamlets electorate residents flocked to polling stations across the borough to vote in the executive mayor and ward councillor elections.

Throughout polling day, a comprehensive policing plan was in place to reassure residents ensuring transparency and the security of the vote.

The Returning Officer, Stephen Halsey, the borough commander for the Met police and the Electoral Commission collectively visited all of the 76 polling places in the borough with 110 polling stations with 20 officially appointed Polling Station Inspectors and over 330 staff ensuring the polling stations were operating correctly.

Lutfur Rahman has been re-elected as the Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets with 35,679 votes representing 38.75% of the total votes cast.

A total of 92,848 people voted in the mayor elections, a turnout of 42.39% and the accumulated votes recorded for the 20 Borough Wards was 92,780, a turnout of 42.36%

The ward results can be found on the council's website.

The verification of the ballot papers and the mayor count was held at the Platinum Suite in the ExCel Exhibition Centre London on Friday 8 May.

The Mayor Result

- Zami Ali, Tower Hamlets Independents (3,156)
- John Gerald Bullard, Reform UK (7,153)
- Mohammed Abdul Hannan, Liberal Democrats (2,421)
- Sirajul Islam, Labour Party (19,454)
- Hirra Khan Adeogun, Green Party (19,223)
- Terence McGrenera, Independent (524)
- Dominic Aidan Nolan, Conservative (3,818)
- Hugo Pierre, Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition (638)
- Lutfur Rahman, Aspire (35,679)

Voting for the 45 councillors across 20 borough wards took place on the same day, with the counts undertaken and results declared on Saturday 9 May 2026 also in the Excel.

The distribution of councillor seats is as follows:



Mayor Lutfur Rahman, above, and police at the polling stations, below left, and the count, below right



- Aspire - 33 seats
- The Green Party - 5 seats
- Labour Party - 5 seat
- The Conservative Party - 1 seat
- Liberal Democrats - 1 seat

You can view all the councillors on the next page of Our East End and on the council's website.



Stephen Halsey, Returning Officer for Tower Hamlets, said: "Congratulations to the mayor and ward councillors who have been elected and thank you to all candidates who took part. I want to extend my appreciation to everyone involved in delivering these elections. Tower Hamlets continues to set a high standard for election management nationally

and I am proud of how everyone who contributed to the success of both counts over the two days."

The Cabinet members were announced at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 20 May. You can see the Cabinet members on the next page and on the council's website.



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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 Tackling Inequalities and the Cost of Living, Improving Customer Services, and Voluntary Sector Engagement
Cllr Faysal Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Life Chances
Cllr Saied Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Homebuilding and Enhancing Council Homes and Neighbourhoods
Cllr Abu Talha Chowdhury, Cabinet Member for Finance, Assets and Governance
Cllr Sabina Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Healthy, Caring and Inclusive Communities
Cllr Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Safe Communities and Community Cohesion
Cllr Minara Khatun, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism
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Summer of Fun offering jam packed programme for free



From creative gardening, cooking and arts and crafts sessions, to outdoor theatre, sports and fitness sessions and more, Tower Hamlets Council is planning a jam-packed Summer of Fun programme of free activities for children, families and young people to enjoy across the borough during the school holidays.

Residents of all ages will also have a host of free opportunities to make the most of the borough's facilities, discover interesting facts about the borough's history and heritage, and find out what there is to love about Tower Hamlets.

Last year, more than 50,000 residents and visitors flocked to parks, youth and children's centres, Idea Store, libraries, sports venues and leisure centres, to enjoy hundreds of free activities and events hosted by the council during the school summer holidays.

Council departments showed the impact of a partnership approach to delivering the programme and supporting children, young people and their families.

The activities encouraged residents to explore their local environment, try something new and discover what there is to love about Tower Hamlets.

For regular updates and what's on listings, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/summerevents





All Points East, LIDO and In the Neighbourhood will make this summer one to remember

Festivals returning to Vicky Park

**LOVE
TOWER
HAMLETS**

Music and culture fans will Love Tower Hamlets this summer with the return of celebrated All Points East, LIDO and In the Neighbourhood festivals to the award-winning Victoria Park.

BRIT Award-winning British icon Jorja Smith and two-time Grammy Award-winning British Nigerian star Tems will be performing on Friday 21 August as All Points East festival openers and co-headliners.

Closing the festival season, Maribou State and a full support bill will perform on LIDO event day on 31 August.

In between the main festivals, Tower

Hamlets Council and All Points East will host In the Neighbourhood - the ever popular four day, free-to-enter community programme of activities for the whole family.

Running from Monday 24 to Thursday 27 August, In the Neighbourhood will feature arts and crafts workshops, children's theatre, live bands, DJs, cinema, family theatre, a seniors' tea dance, sports activities, street food, bars and much more.

The free midweek festival is another opportunity to Love Tower Hamlets and welcomes everyone, so head down to make the most of everything on offer.

Visit www.allpointseastfestival.com/in-the-neighbourhood for programme updates.

Win a pair of VIP festival tickets

Residents need to keep an eye on the council website, social media channels and newsletters for a chance to win a pair of VIP festival tickets as part of Love Tower Hamlets' celebration of our community's unique history and culture.

The competition will include tickets for the following events:

- Friday 21 August: Jorja Smith + Tems
- Saturday 22 August: Lorde
- Sunday 23 August: Outbreak Fest
- Friday 28 August: Tyler, the Creator
- Saturday 29 August: Tyler, the Creator
- Sunday 30 August: Twenty One Pilots
- Bank Holiday Monday 31 August: Maribou State (LIDO event day)



The new bridge has opened over the Hertford Union Canal

New bridge links Fish Island and Hackney

INVEST IN SERVICES

Residents, businesses and visitors can once again walk and cycle directly between Fish Island and Hackney Wick following the opening of the new Roach

Point Bridge.

The long-awaited bridge over the Hertford Union Canal is now open, providing a safer, wider and more accessible crossing.

The upgraded bridge creates an important link between Fish Island,

Hackney Wick Station and Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, making journeys easier for local people travelling to work, school, shops, parks and community spaces.

Designed for both pedestrians and cyclists, the new crossing includes

improved lighting, accessibility and visibility, helping create a more welcoming route through the canal-side area. The reopening is also expected to support local businesses, cafés and venues by restoring a key walking route.

£230,000 upgrade to Mile End Park Leisure centre

More than £230,000 has been invested in recent upgrades at Mile End Park Leisure Centre, including the transformation of the former tennis courts into a new multi-sports court and the creation of a revamped hospitality area at Mile End Park Stadium, bringing total investment across Be Well centres to £6.3 million.

£130,000 has been used to convert the tennis courts into a versatile, new pitch with a 2G surface, new nets, hockey goals and fencing.

The upgraded space can be used for tennis, hockey and netball, offering Be Well members and local sports teams improved playing experiences than the previous concrete courts.

The multi-use design also increases capacity, supporting a wider range of sporting activity.

Further improvements at Mile End Stadium have been delivered through an investment of more than £100,000, supported by part grant funding from the Football Foundation's Premier League Stadium Support Fund and the council as a majority match funding partner.

Enhancements include a new player walkway, perimeter fencing cover, a

turnstile and a brand-new hospitality area, created from previously unused changing rooms.

This new space will improve matchday experiences for clubs and spectators, while also providing a flexible venue for activities such as school holiday programmes, community sports training, coach education space and the Mayor's Cup.

Following Sporting Bengal's promotion in 2024 to Step 4 of the football pyramid - a club that plays its home games at Mile End Stadium - these upgrades ensure the stadium now meets the Football Foundation's stadium grading requirements.

This enables Sporting Bengal, and other local clubs, to continue competing at higher levels without facing penalties for not meeting grading requirements.

The council continues to prioritise investment in leisure facilities across the borough as part of its commitment to improving service delivery, expanding access to sport and supporting healthier communities.

The council has recently invested in improvements to the football pitches at

Mile End, and two new bespoke Aspen saunas at Whitechapel Sports Centre, enhancing leisure facilities for Be Well members.

Work is currently underway to create a women's-only gym with changing facilities at Poplar Baths, due for completion later this year.

Further improvements, including equipment upgrades across leisure centres, are also being planned.

Cllr Minara Khatun, Cabinet Member for Leisure, Culture and Tourism, said: "These investments demonstrate our commitment to providing high-quality,

accessible leisure facilities for everyone in Tower Hamlets.

"By improving our centres, expanding the range of activities available and upgrading key sports infrastructure, we are supporting residents to lead healthier, more active lives and helping local clubs thrive."

To book the multi-courts for tennis, please visit the Be Well website at be-well.org.uk.

If you want to make a hockey or netball booking, email bewell-mileend@towerhamlets.gov.uk.



Thousands more residents to benefit from free swimming

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Thousands more residents will be able to enjoy free swimming after the offer was extended to include two children per adult during family swim sessions, and men aged over 35.

After bringing leisure centres in Tower Hamlets into public hands under the banner Be Well, the council introduced free swimming for all women and girls in the borough aged over 16 and men aged over 55.

Adults over the age of 55 have the lowest rate of physical activity in the borough and women residents are more likely to be inactive than male residents.

The latest extension of this programme to men aged over 35 and two children per adult, supports the council's commitment to removing barriers to physical activity and tackling the health inequalities faced by our community and increasing family activity time.

Since it was launched by the council, 20,583 residents have taken up the free swimming scheme. Of those, more than 18,000 are women and girls aged 16 and over, and nearly 3,900 residents aged 55 or over.

Swimming is a vital life skill, and with Tower Hamlets experiencing high levels of poor health, including half of adults being overweight or obese and a quarter reporting poor mental health, making swimming free helps open up an activity that strengthens every major muscle group, boosts mental wellbeing, builds water confidence and improves water



Free swimming has been extended to two children per adult during family swimming sessions and men aged over 35

safety skills.

Around the country, more than 1,000 swimming pools have closed in the past year as they are among the most expensive public buildings to operate.

However, Tower Hamlets is investing in its leisure offer to promote healthier communities to support residents' journeys to healthier lifestyles.

Lesley Bryant, Engagement Manager, Swim England, said: "Swimming is a fantastic way for people to look after both their physical and mental health.

"Spending time in the water can help improve fitness, reduce stress and build confidence, and it's something people of any age or ability can enjoy.

"Opportunities like this can make a

real difference by helping remove some of the barriers that stop people being active.

"Being able to swim regularly, whether that's individually or with family, can support healthier, happier communities and help more people experience the lifelong benefits that being active in the water can bring."

Be Well The Spa celebrates first birthday



Be Well The Spa - London's oldest spa and one of the last remaining traditional Turkish baths in London - celebrates its first anniversary following a major £500,000 refurbishment by the council last year.

Located in the historic York Hall, the newly renovated and rebranded spa is

one of the few council-operated facilities of its kind in the country, offering an affordable yet elevated wellbeing experience for the community. Unlike privately run facilities, all income is reinvested directly into local services, ensuring residents benefit from affordable wellbeing options.

To mark its first year, Be Well The Spa hosted a series of celebratory thermal spa sessions on 26 March.

Mary Kennedy, resident and spa member, said: "I come to the spa because it's a great way to relax after a busy day at work. It makes me feel balanced, it helps me sleep better and it's such a nice community environment.

"It's my favourite way to self-care and take a step away from anything stressful going on. The facilities are so stunning and it's definitely the nicest spa and sauna in the area as its new and clean. They have delicious tea and the staff are wonderful here – it's really beautiful."

In its first 12 months, Be Well The Spa has:

- Welcomed more than 4,000 people,

generating more than 17,000 visits

- Reached 393 memberships (65% women, 35% men)
- Delivered 2,316 treatments
- Offered a range of monthly seasonal promotions to support community wellbeing

The spa forms part of the council's wider commitment to improving the health of residents. Tower Hamlets has some of the highest levels of poor health in London, with half of adults overweight or obese and one in four experiencing poor mental health.

Treatments start from £30, with advanced options such as HydraFacial also available.

Visit be-well.org.uk/spa.

Simple tips to help you reduce risk of getting Type 2 diabetes

HEALTH

One in nine adults are now living with Type 2 Diabetes in Tower Hamlets.

While anyone can develop diabetes, some groups face a higher risk including people who are older, overweight, have a family history of the condition, or experienced high blood sugar levels during pregnancy.

Ethnicity also plays a significant role: South Asian communities are at higher risk because they tend to develop insulin resistance at lower body weights and store fat differently, particularly around the abdomen, which increases the likelihood of Type 2 Diabetes.

The good news is that, even if diabetes runs in your family, it's often possible to prevent or delay it.

That's the focus of In Our Hands; a new healthy-eating campaign designed to make everyday changes feel achievable.

The campaign is being launched from 8 June for Diabetes Awareness Week and features a series of short, practical

videos covering portion sizes, oils and simple swaps that make a big difference to long-term health.

Some of the tips highlighted in the videos include:

- Keep cooking traditional favourites, but try lighter cooking methods such as air frying or baking.
- Measure, don't pour: using a tablespoon for oils or ghee helps keep track of how much you're using.
- Use your hand as a guide for portion sizes to avoid over eating without needing scales or measuring cups.

The campaign also connects residents to local support services, whether they're at risk of developing diabetes or already managing the condition. Watch the videos by scanning the code below:



Group of residents working to improve health of Tower Hamlets residents



Some of the new members of the HDRC who are helping improve the health of the community

Eight residents have joined the HDRC, a Tower Hamlets programme that uses research to inform decision's shaping local people's health and wellbeing.

They bring local knowledge, real-life experience and strong links to the community. Their role is to help make sure information about the HDRC programme is clear, simple and useful for everyone in Tower Hamlets.

The HDRC looks at the bigger things

that affect our health. This includes everyday issues like housing, jobs and income, the environment, transport and community support.

By understanding these, the HDRC aims to improve health and wellbeing across Tower Hamlets. For this work to succeed, residents need to know what is happening and have a chance to take part.

The Resident Communications Panel

is helping make this happen. They are working together to create lots of new resources, including the latest HDRC resident newsletter that will explain what the HDRC does and how people can get involved.

The panel includes people from different backgrounds and communities across Tower Hamlets. Many are already involved in local groups and services.

You can sign up to the newsletter by

scanning the QR code below:





The Care Quality Commission rated the service after an inspection

Adult social care rated good

COUNCIL NEWS

Tower Hamlets Council's Health and Adult Social Care service has been rated 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission (CQC).

The report highlights the council's commitment to providing high-quality care and support to residents across the borough.

Chris Badger, the CQC's Chief Inspector, has said that the council has 'risen to meet the challenges that come with a densely populated borough with significant deprivation'.

He was also quoted saying: "We saw staff were well trained and carried out assessments focusing on what mattered to people, including their cultural background and communication needs."

"Around 98 per cent of people could discuss their needs in their preferred language, which is particularly important given the diversity of the local population."

The inspection found that people had access to a diverse range of local

support services that were "safe, effective, affordable and high-quality", with strengths-based practice embedded across the service.

Key points from the report include:

- **Committed workforce:** Staff are "well trained", "dedicated to the community", and work collaboratively with partners, providers and local people "in person-centred ways"
- **Leadership:** The council has "visible, capable and compassionate" leadership and "an inclusive and positive culture of continuous learning and improvement"
- **Partnership working:** Voluntary, community, faith and social enterprise organisations were valued and involved in strategic discussions and supported shared knowledge across organisations to meet needs. Residents' voices were central to planning of future services. Partners told inspectors that "relationships were mature and strong at a practitioner level which supported joint working to provide the best outcomes for people"
- **Reducing inequalities:** The council "prioritised equity within strategic plans and partnerships" and "proactively engaged with the people and groups where inequalities had been identified, to understand and address the specific risks and issues experienced by them"
- **Positive experiences:** Overall, people had positive experiences. "People's experiences of care and support ensured their human rights were respected and protected" and they were "involved throughout in decisions". People were assessed in a timely way, with minimal waits for Care Act assessments
- **Safeguarding:** "Safeguarding processes worked well" and "risks were identified and managed proactively"
- **Support for unpaid carers:** There were "robust support options" for unpaid carers, with significantly more carers accessing support than across England.

The rating follows a recent 'Good' outcome for the council's Shared Lives

service in 2025.

Lutfur Rahman, Executive Mayor of Tower Hamlets, said: "I'm delighted that our Health and Adult Social Care service has been rated 'Good' by the Care Quality Commission."

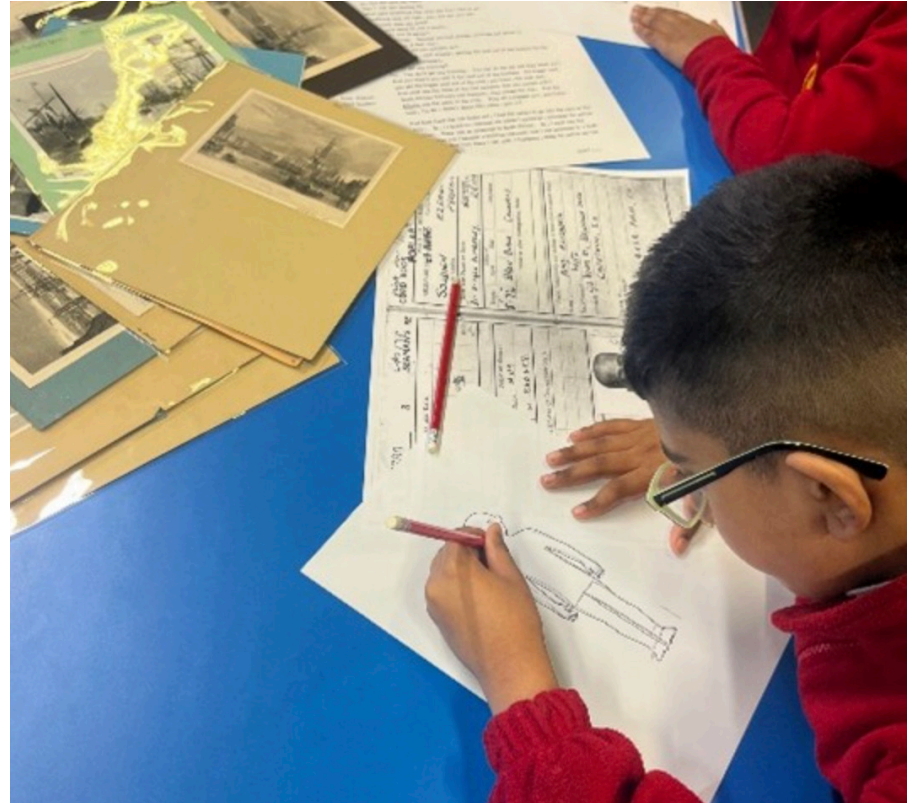
"This recognition reflects the dedication, compassion and professionalism of our staff, who work tirelessly to support our residents."

"We are committed to ensuring that everyone in Tower Hamlets can access high quality support that helps them live with dignity, independence and choice."

Cllr Sabina Akhtar, Cabinet Member for Jobs, Enterprise, Skills and Growth, said: "This is a fantastic result for the borough and a testament to the hard work of our teams across Health and Adult Social Care."

"I'm especially proud that the CQC recognised our strong partnerships and our focus on reducing inequalities."

"We will continue to build on this foundation, working closely with partners, carers and residents, to further improve the support we provide."



Workshop themes can include Victorian East End life, migrant communities and the history of the pupils' schools

Children explore history of the East End with themed workshops

COUNCIL NEWS

More than 1,600 pupils from ten schools have enjoyed learning more about the history of the local area thanks to workshops by Tower Hamlets Local History and Archives.

Welcoming classes from Reception to Sixth Form, the educational workshops offer pupils the chance to explore and engage with original archive records,

maps, photographs, newspapers and oral histories that tell the story of Tower Hamlets' communities, industries and everyday life, across many centuries of history.

Themes range from Victorian East End life, the experiences of specific migrant communities, the Blitz and wartime experiences and many more.

Particularly popular are sessions about the history of the pupils' schools, the past and present of its location, and what

local children in times past experienced.

Pupils are guided to connect historical sources to their own family history and domestic or local environment.

Each workshop encourages hands-on learning, critical thinking and an appreciation of how archives preserve our shared heritage.

The sessions have proved popular with young learners in the borough.

A Year Six pupil from Stepney Greencoat said: "I know so much more

about my local area. My school is 300 years old!"

A Year Five pupil from Culloden School added: "I've learnt a lot about old and new and the changes over time. I wanted more time to learn more!"

For further information and to organise a workshop for your school, please contact the Engagement & Learning Officer by emailing localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk. Find out more about the archives at ideastore.co.uk/local-history

Share your views and be in a prize draw for £200 restaurant voucher

Residents are being asked to share their thoughts to help shape the ongoing development of Canary Wharf and community initiatives organised by CWG (formerly Canary Wharf Group).

Everyone who responds will be entered into a competition to win a £200 voucher for one of the restaurants in Canary Wharf.

CWG hosted the first Community Matters session of 2026 in March at the Art Pavilion, Mile End, building on the first event held in late 2025.

These sessions are designed to put community voices at the centre. Creating open, trusted space for conversations that matter to local people enabling CWG to listen directly to feedback, reflect it in decision-making, and take meaningful action. Alongside listening, the sessions provide an opportunity for CWG to share

how community insight is shaping the ongoing development of Canary Wharf and CWG-led community initiatives.

The March Community Matters session focused on Creating a Place for All, with discussion centred on employment opportunities, the cost of living, accessibility, events and community awareness.

The session was attended by more than 50 community representatives. Feedback from the session has been carefully considered and is being actively used to inform next steps and programme delivery.

The next Community Matters session will take place in July. Any community groups or individuals who feel they would benefit from attending future sessions should contact communities@cwg.com for further information.



CWG is committed to ensuring Canary Wharf evolves in partnership with the local community and would welcome feedback from residents.

How do you think CWG can create

a place for all? Email your thoughts to communities@cwg.com by 30 June 2026 and one entry will be selected to win a £200 voucher to a Canary Wharf restaurant of your choice.

Free council tax to thank our hero foster carers

ACCELERATE EDUCATION

Foster carers in Tower Hamlets will benefit from free council tax as a thank you to them for helping change the life of a young person.

The announcement came at the start of Foster Care Fortnight, a national awareness campaign which aims to show how important fostering is and to encourage more people to become foster carers.

Anyone can foster, regardless of religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or personal circumstances – you just need to be able to provide a child with a loving and stable environment for them to grow and develop.

As a thank you to those who register as foster carers, they will receive a 100 per cent tax reduction for the 2026–27 financial year. Foster carers will be reimbursed retrospectively at the end of their first year of approval. The council tax reduction is in addition to the allowances that foster carers are paid. Tower Hamlets offers foster carers generous financial support and training opportunities to support parenting skills which includes therapeutic support.

Alongside this, Tower Hamlets Council held two weeks of activities to highlight the important role of foster carers within the community.

This included a launch event with stalls throughout the borough to give information about how to sign up to be a foster carer, a fostering walk, leafletting and a community event.

Foster carer Afia said: "The best thing about fostering is seeing the children grow in confidence.

"Some of my children have been so anxious and tearful when they first came



Anyone can foster - visit the website for more information

to live with us, but with lots of patience, reassurance and kindness, you see them transform. It really makes me feel proud to know that I have made a difference."

Executive Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "I would encourage everyone who

would be able to provide a safe, loving environment for a child to consider it. It is an amazing way of giving back to your community and changing the life of a young person.

"Our foster carers are heroes and vital

pillars of our community and the least we can do is to thank them by giving them free council tax."

For more information about becoming a foster carer, visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/fostering

Apply for grants to support further education

There is still time to apply for a grant worth up to £5,900 for further education.

The programme, supported by Tower Hamlets Council and CWG, will offer £250,000 in financial support for residents who face financial barriers to pursuing further or higher education, postgraduate study, or professional and vocational training.

Eligible residents can apply for grants between £2,800 and £5,900, depending on the course.

Established in 1990, the partnership has already supported more than 4,500

residents to gain qualifications that improve career prospects and open new opportunities. This year's relaunch reinforces the borough's ongoing commitment to removing financial barriers for local people to continue their education.

Shobi Khan, Chief Executive Officer of CWG, said: "Programmes like this reflect our commitment to our purpose of bringing people together to enhance lives now and in the future to create lasting, positive change - not just within Canary Wharf, but across the wider

community we are proud to be part of."

Who can apply

THCWFET grant applications close on 26 June. Grants are available to residents who:

- Have lived in Tower Hamlets for at least three years
- Have finished GCSEs or A-Levels
- Meet financial eligibility criteria (including means-testing based on total household income)
- Cannot otherwise access financial support, such as the council's

Education Maintenance Allowance or University Bursaries, or government support under student finance regulations.

There is no upper age limit for applicants.

For more information, visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/further.

Residents who live on the Ocean Estate can also apply for a grant of up to £3,000 for a higher education course in 2026/27.

Visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/ocean-estate for more information.

Project looking into teen relationships

Five youth council members undertook an independent research project taking a deeper look into teen relationships. The project was influenced by their Anti-Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG) training. This training equipped the young people with the tools on how to be VAWG champions, noticing the signs and knowing where to signpost people for support. Over nine months, the young people conducted consultations, focus groups

and surveys gathering insight into teen relationships. The findings from their research were presented at an interactive forum at the Town Hall on Wednesday 1 April. The research aimed to study influences on teen relationships, highlight teen awareness on VAWG issues and share findings with Youth Practitioners. Find out all about the Youth Truth survey and full report at youngtowerhamlets.org.uk/



Meet the Young Mayor team

The new Young Mayor Team was elected earlier this year, and they are already hard at work representing the young people in Tower Hamlets. The Young Mayor Team represents

young people locally, regionally and nationally, working with councillors, decision-makers, and the Youth Council to ensure the voice of young people in Tower Hamlets is heard.

- They aim to:
- strengthen community relations
 - influence decisions
 - speak for young people
 - run projects, campaigns and events.
- You can find out more about each of the newly elected team below and on the official website youngtowerhamlets.org.uk



Musa Noor, Young Mayor, said: "I've always been someone who cared deeply for our community and wellbeing of the youth around our borough. "A big concern of mine was affordability of a young person's lifestyle; currently, job markets are built to ensure those with experience thrive, making it extremely difficult for young people just starting to build their portfolios to break in. As well as this, many of our young people, ages 16-18, no longer fall into the Free School Meal scheme that they did in secondary. These are just two issues that I plan to tackle throughout the next two years, alongside my team of wonderful Deputy Young Mayors, and hope to tackle even more of the problems that our young people face."



Eliyah Rahman said: "Every voice deserves to be heard, and every dream deserves a chance. Together, we can turn vision into reality. "I applied to become a member of the Young Mayor Team because I believe every young person deserves the chance to build a better future no matter who they are, or where they come from. "For too long, too many have struggled with poor housing and overcrowded homes. No one should have to grow up worrying about where they'll sleep next. "I'll fight for safe, secure, and sustainable homes. Homes that give young people stability, dignity, and a sense of belonging."



Salena Miah said: "My overarching goal within my role is to bring young people together which can be done through the responsibilities given to me such as diversity and inclusion, safety, and culture. "Young people are increasingly feeling out of place within their own borough causing a reluctance in the participation of the youth. I want to aim to change that."



Amaira Khan said: "I have first-hand experience of life as a teenager living in Tower Hamlets. This experience paves the way for me to see what's going wrong and what is affecting the youth of our borough. My involvement in my school community also allows me to ask other students about their experiences and problems. "Passion for helping people is another thing that I believe I have and is the exact thing that motivated me to apply for the Young Mayor Team and grab the opportunity to bring about a change in our society. In the end, I only wish that the situation for the students who are going through difficult times gets better."



Nikol Rahman said: "I believe every young person deserves opportunity, empowerment and unity. "As part of the Young Mayor team, I want to expand extracurricular activities across the borough so everyone can explore their passions. "I aim to introduce more career workshops and work experience available from age 11 so that everyone who craves certainty will be certain, and we can enjoy our youth worry free. "Lastly, I will organise fun and inclusive community events that celebrate our diversity and bring us together. "We can create a borough where every voice is heard, every talent is nurtured, and every young person matters."



Latisha Ojo said: "I believe every young person deserves the confidence, opportunity, and support to step into their future with purpose. "I want to build a borough where young people can earn, learn and grow at the same time with their time and effort respected. "I want every young person to leave education with a clear plan, strong CV and the confidence to manage their future. I want to create accessible, youth-friendly spaces where everyone can get active, stay healthy, and build confidence together. "Together, we can create a borough that invests in its young people, values their voices, and celebrates their success."



The new hub has opened at Haileybury Youth Centre

New hub giving young people access to help and support

The first Young Futures Hub in London has opened in Tower Hamlets.

The hub, based at Haileybury Youth Centre, aims to remove barriers in access to employability and careers advice, health and wellbeing professionals, and early prevention support for vulnerable young people.

It brings together partner organisations

including Young WorkPath, Docklands Outreach, Step Forward, and many others all under one roof, so young people can access a range of support.

It has opened alongside seven other early adopter sites across the country. The new Young Futures Hub is part of a wider UK Government initiative to support young people in England.

Since officially opening in March, the Young Futures Hub has welcomed 10 partners and hosted a visit from the Department of Culture Media and Sport, following a series of upgrades to the centre.

The building now boasts study spaces, workshops rooms, a chillout cafe area and upgraded 1-1 meeting rooms.

The Young Futures Hub is open to young people aged 10-19 (up to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)) and is open from 12pm to 8.30pm every Wednesday to Friday.

For more information about the new hub, visit youngtowerhamlets.org.uk/about-us/young-future-hubs-opening-this-march

Get a free gym pass at our youth centres

Get free access to multiple Be Well Leisure gyms with the Young Tower Hamlets gym pass.

If you're signed up to our youth centres and attend five times or more, you'll be eligible to get a free gym pass.

Our youth centres are open to all young people aged 11-19 (up to 25 with special education needs and disabilities).

Signing up is free, quick and easy on our website, or visit one of our centres to sign up in person.

Sporting achievements for our young people

32 young athletes gathered at Mile End Stadium bright and early to represent Tower Hamlets in this year's Mini London Marathon. The marathon began at the iconic Horse Guards Parade and consisted of a 2.6km stretch to the finish line.

Four brilliant athletes representing Tower Hamlets obtained finishes in the top 12 runners. Many other surpassed their personal bests, showing impressive resilience and determination.

Separately, a big congratulations to Kali and Aofie on their fantastic achievements this football season.

Both girls joined Tower Hamlets

Girls District Football Team in October 2025, and have shown outstanding commitment, consistency and improvement in the sport.

Their attitude and efforts have led both players to earn opportunities with Charlton Athletic Women Emerging Talent Centre (ETC) where they have been selected to become a part of the club's women's pathway programme.

Tower Hamlets Girls District Football Team is excited and proud to see Kali and Aofie continue their football journeys.

For more info visit www.youngtowerhamlets.org.uk/get-involved/girls-district-football-team



Entries now open for Tower Hamlets in Bloom 2026

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 our natural environment.

Judges will visit gardens and growing spaces and view balconies and window boxes this summer when they are in full bloom.

There are lots of categories so there is something for everyone.

Enter by 22 June at forms.towerhamlets.gov.uk/service/tower-hamlets_in_bloom_application



School clothing grants now open for applications for 2026/27

ACCELERATE EDUCATION

The return of school clothing grants and the scrapping of the 'two-child benefits cap' means more local families can receive extra financial support.

Tower Hamlets residents with household incomes of up to £50,350 and a child starting primary or secondary school this September can apply for a £50 (primary) or £150 (secondary) grant towards the cost of school clothes and uniforms.

Cllr Maium Talukdar, Cabinet Member for Tackling Inequality and the Cost of Living, Improving Customer Services and Voluntary Sector Engagement, said: "No-one should be worrying about the cost of a uniform. Our grant scheme offers families on incomes up to £50,350 a helping hand.

"This support is here to ease the pressure and help children begin the school year with confidence."

Applications are now open until 30 September 2026. Some parents have been contacted by the council with details where records show that their child may qualify for a grant.

However, all local families who feel that they may meet the criteria are encouraged to find out more and to consider making a claim.

Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/SCG for full details on the application process, including who can apply, what proof of income is required, and the form itself. Families can also contact the Benefits Contact Centre on 020 7364 5000 for further information.



Make sure you apply for a school uniform grant if you are eligible

Update on the Universal Credit two-child limit

Since April 2026, the government has scrapped the 'two-child limit' on Universal Credit (UC). The limit meant families could only receive the Child Element (a per-child financial support) for the first two children. This is separate from Child Benefit, which works differently and is

not affected by this change.

Families are now entitled to the full Child Element of UC for every child, not just the first two. Payments for families already receiving UC should have been automatically adjusted from April, but if they have not been received by May, families should get in touch through the UC helpline or on their online account.

With the two-child limit ending, some families may now receive more support than they would have before so make sure you check your benefits entitlement using our calculator.

Visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/costofliving and click the 'benefits calculator' link to make sure you are getting the benefits you are entitled to.

Food waste collections roll out

INVEST IN SERVICES

Tower Hamlets Council is expanding food waste collections across the borough, with new services being rolled out to all properties over the coming financial year.

Did you know around 30 per cent of the rubbish thrown away in Tower Hamlets is food waste?

That includes leftovers, fruit and

vegetable peelings, bones, tea bags, coffee grounds and more. By recycling food waste separately, the amount of rubbish sent for disposal can be reduced and more renewable energy and fertiliser can be produced.

Food waste collected by the council is taken to specialist processing facilities, where it is turned into renewable energy, and nutrient rich fertiliser for agriculture.

All kerbside households in the

borough already have access to a weekly food waste collection service, while collections for blocks of flats and other properties will be introduced in phases over the next two years. Some flatted properties already receive the service as part of ongoing trials.

As the rollout continues, the council will work with landlords and managing agents to introduce communal food waste bins to estates and residential blocks. Households will also receive a

starter pack containing a kitchen food waste caddy, liners and information on how to use the service.

Residents will be able to recycle a wide range of food waste. Packaging, liquids, oils and plastic bags should not be placed in food waste bins.

The best ways to reduce food waste are to plan meals carefully, store food properly and making use of leftovers where possible. Doing this will save you money and reduce your food waste.

Cleaner and more efficient service thanks to new fleet

Tower Hamlets Council's Underground Refuse System (URS) fleet has been upgraded with four brand-new specialist vehicles now in service across the borough.

The new vehicles replace the council's older URS trucks and form part of a wider fleet replacement programme designed to improve reliability and strengthen day-to-day waste collection services for residents.

Built by leading UK manufacturer Dennis Eagle, the narrow-chassis vehicles are specially designed to access estates and streets where standard refuse trucks can struggle to operate.

While the replacement programme originally involved replacing three older URS vehicles, the introduction of four new trucks has significantly improved operational resilience and increased available service capacity across the fleet.

Council representatives visited Dennis Eagle's manufacturing site in Warwick last year to see the vehicles being built and meet the engineers behind them, highlighting how investment in frontline services is also supporting skilled jobs and British manufacturing.

The investment will help deliver more reliable waste and recycling collections while supporting cleaner and more



Cllr Shafi Ahmed, centre left, with the new vehicles

Hire new electric cargo bike for help with shopping, school runs, deliveries and more



Residents and businesses can now borrow electric cargo bikes for everyday journeys thanks to Tower Hamlets Council's growing community bike share scheme.

The council has partnered with OurBike and the Zero Emissions Network (ZEN) to launch the borough's first shared e-cargo bike scheme, giving people a practical and affordable way to transport heavier loads without needing a car or van.

The scheme now operates from two locations: Oxford House, a community arts venue in Bethnal Green, and Poplar Union in Poplar.

The electrically assisted cargo bikes

are designed to help with everyday tasks such as school runs, shopping trips, deliveries, moving items or days out with family. Each bike features a large open-top box capable of carrying bulky items or passengers, including two children or one adult weighing up to 100kg.

Users can hire the bikes through the OurBike app, with pricing set at £5 per hour. New business users can claim three hours of free use and new resident users can receive one hour of free use. The Zero Emissions Network is also offering free cargo bike training sessions to help you get familiar with them. Register through their website.

Anti social behaviour week events and info

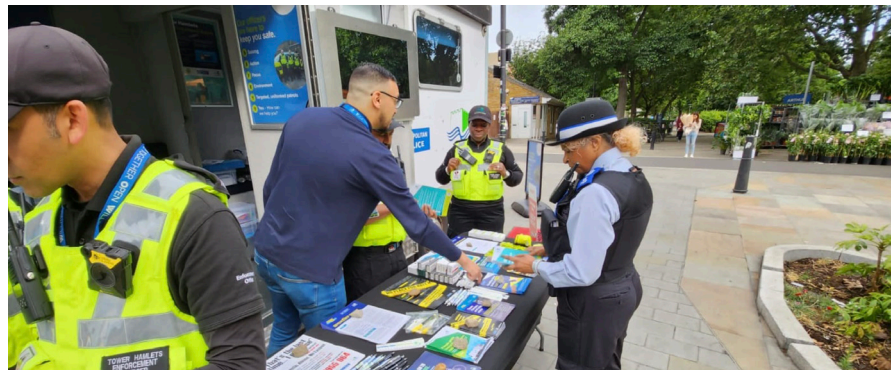
Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) Awareness Week 2026 takes place from Monday 29 June to Sunday 5 July.

The national event aims to raise awareness of what ASB is, how residents can report it, and show how councils are working with police and other authorities to tackle the issue..

The council is aware that ASB is one of the biggest concerns of residents, and it organises events every year during ASB awareness week.

Events such as stalls, ward walkabouts and more has been planned by Tower Hamlets Council, police, and Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers.

Last year, hundreds of residents were engaged with and supported to report ASB. More information about the events for this year's activities will be released on the council's website, towerhamlets.gov.uk, and the council's social media channels, including X, Facebook and Nextdoor.



£3.4m invested into further CCTV updates across borough

FIGHT CRIME

614 people have been arrested thanks to the work of Tower Hamlets' Council's CCTV operators since the new control room opened in May 2024.

The new CCTV Command and Control Centre opened as part of a £895,000 investment by the council two years ago to ensure it had the latest equipment including a bespoke, state of the art LED Video Wall Display Unit capable of monitoring 42 cameras at any time.

The room is now going to be upgraded once again, with £155,499 investment meaning the unit can now monitor as many cameras as needed.

Alongside this, there has been a £3.45m investment to install 650 cameras across estates, blocks, Be Well Leisure Centres and strategic points in the borough, as well as an upgrade to the automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) cameras to reduce anti-social behaviour, reassure residents and deter criminals.

Executive Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "We know that safety is a priority for our residents and we are committed to making Tower Hamlets one of the safest boroughs in London.

"This investment into our CCTV is just one step we are taking for our residents and comes after significant funding during our previous tenure, including the establishment of a dedicated Drugs Squad and an increase in the number of Tower Hamlets Enforcement Officers."

Cllr Kabir Ahmed, Cabinet Member for Safe Communities and Community Cohesion, said: "We are building on our work to improve the CCTV network across the borough.

"Thank you to our hard working CCTV operators who work tirelessly 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to keep our residents safe and bring perpetrators to justice."



Cllr Kabir Ahmed with one of the borough's CCTV cameras



The council has a number of campaigns and measures in place to support victims of hate crimes

Showing Tower Hamlets is no place for hate of any kind

More than 6,000 people have shown that Tower Hamlets is no place for hate by signing the No Place for Hate pledge against hate crimes.

The pledge highlights that we all have a roll in stopping hate and encourages signers to combat prejudice, challenge their own prejudices, speak out against hate crimes, support victims, and think of ways their community can help stop hate crimes.

Tower Hamlets has a proud history of diversity and inclusion, which is evident in our bustling and vibrant borough, with our rich history of cultures.

Following recent anti-Semitic attacks on the Jewish community within Tower Hamlets and London, the council has worked closely with the police and local community to reassure residents.

Support for residents

Tower Hamlets Council has a Hate Crime Team who work to keep the community safe and free from hate crime. They bring together local partners to:

- Respond to hate crime in a joined-up way
- Facilitate the Tower Hamlets No Place for Hate Forum
- Deliver hate crime training, including recruiting No Place for Hate Champions
- Coordinate campaigns.

What you can do:

Did you know that Tower Hamlets has a No Place for Hate (NPFH) Campaign? This aims to send clear and consistent

messages that hate will not be tolerated in our borough. It encourages positive messages of support and encourages communities to challenge hate, when safe to do so.

All people have a role to play in tackling hate and discrimination and promoting community safety.

The Hate Crime Team also works together with partners and other council teams, and it also marks key hate crime-related awareness events, including Islamophobia Awareness Month, Holocaust Memorial Day, Disability Awareness Day, Altab Ali Day, UN Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, National Hate Crime Awareness Week, LGBTQ+ History Month, and many others.

The council also has a Hate Incident

Panel which is a multi-agency approach, with representatives from housing, police and other organisations working together to support victims and bringing perpetrators to justice.

If you would like more information about any of the above, reach out to the team at hatecrime@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Report a hate crime

Anyone can report a hate crime.

In an emergency you should always call 999. If it is not an emergency call 101 or make a report online.

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use the MPS Text Phone Service.

For emergencies text 18000 to 999. For non-emergencies text 18001 to 101.

Poplar Iceland fined £300,000 for mice

Iceland has been fined £300,000 after an inspection revealed ready-to-eat food which had been gnawed by mice and contaminated by mice droppings.

Environmental Health Officers from Tower Hamlets Council's Regulatory Services visited the Poplar store, in Vessey Path, E14, on 8 January 2024 after a customer complained about crisp packets that had been gnawed by mice.

Officers issued a Hygiene Emergency

Prohibition Notice which forced the store to close immediately after seeing evidence of the mouse infestation, including a live mouse running around the store during the inspection.

The council's Legal Services Department prosecuted the company for four offences contrary to the Food Safety and Hygiene (England) Regulations 2013. On 24th February 2026, Iceland pleaded guilty to three charges, including

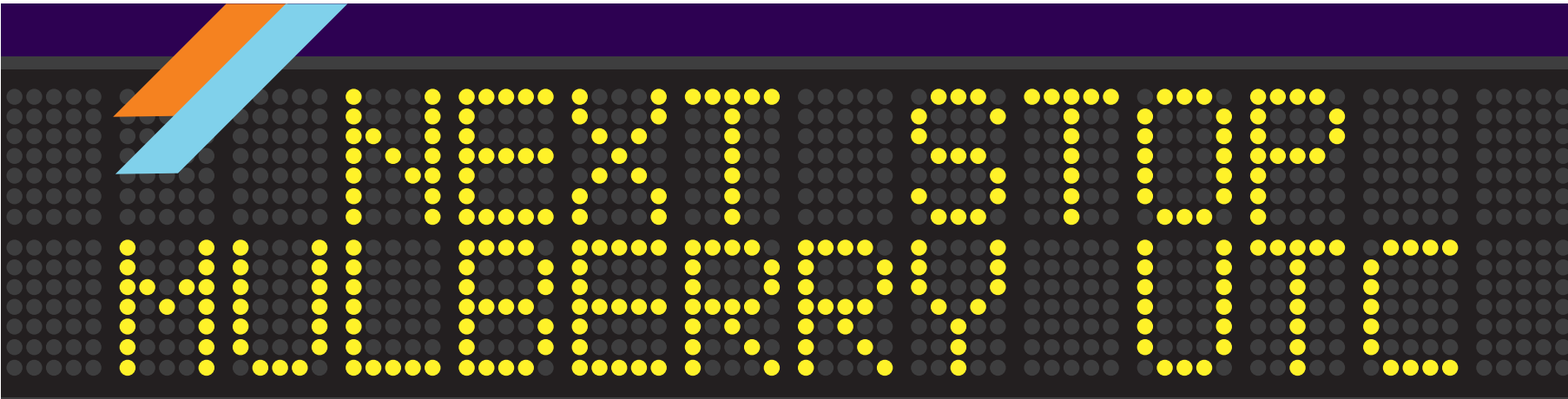
failing to keep the premises clean and in good repair, and failing to have adequate procedures in place to control pests.

At Thames Magistrates' Court on 10 March 2026, District Judge Buttar imposed a £300,000 fine, plus a £2,000 victim surcharge and £5,997 in costs, payable by 17 April 2026.

After extensive pest proofing and cleaning, the store was allowed to reopen on 18 January 2024. A follow up

inspection on 23 April 2024 resulted in a Food Hygiene Rating of 5.





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Tenants awarded rent repayments

HOUSING

Five tenants living in a shared flat in Bethnal Green have been awarded substantial rent repayments after a First-tier Tribunal concluded that the property was operated as an unlicensed House in Multiple Occupation (HMO).

The ruling, handed down on 6 March 2026, found that Mio Real Estate Ltd committed an offence under the Housing Act 2004 by managing a six-bedroom shared flat without the licence required under Tower Hamlets' additional HMO licensing scheme.

The tribunal ordered the company to repay 70 per cent of the rent paid by each tenant, reflecting the seriousness of the breach and the landlord's conduct. A further £777 in tribunal fees must also be reimbursed.

The case concerned Flat 5, Paris House, Old Bethnal Green Road, E2, a self-contained ground-floor flat where

at least six unrelated people lived and shared facilities over a sustained period.

Tower Hamlets introduced additional HMO licensing in April 2019, requiring properties with three or more people from two or more households to be licensed. Despite admitting the property required a licence, the landlord failed to apply for one until September 2024, after the tenants had moved out and enforcement action was already under way.

The tribunal did not accept submissions that the company's role was limited to acting on behalf of the freeholder. It found that Mio Real Estate Ltd was the tenants' immediate landlord, having taken over the lease, granted the tenancies and collected the rent.

While the tribunal accepted that the landlord had not acted deliberately, it made clear this did not amount to a "reasonable excuse". The judge noted that anyone operating a lettings business should be aware of licensing

duties, particularly in a borough with well-established additional licensing schemes.

The tribunal also considered poor landlord conduct, including evidence that tenant deposits were not properly protected, when determining the level of repayment.

The ruling confirms that responsibility for licensing rests with those who control and manage occupied properties, not solely with freeholders. Landlords and rent-to-rent operators who grant tenancies and collect rent can be held responsible for compliance, regardless of how their arrangements are described.

For tenants, the decision shows that rent repayment orders remain a powerful tool where landlords fail to meet basic legal standards.

A rent repayment order (RRO) allows tenants and local authorities to reclaim rent where a landlord has committed certain housing-related offences, including operating an unlicensed HMO.

Tribunals can order the repayment of up to two years' rent, making RROs an important enforcement tool.

In Tower Hamlets, the council provides direct support to tenants to pursue rent repayment orders, helping residents navigate the tribunal process and present cases effectively. Since the council began assisting tenants with RRO claims, more than £1.3 million has been secured for renters across mandatory, additional and selective licensing schemes.

Tower Hamlets is among a small number of councils that provide this level of hands-on support to tenants bringing RRO claims, with many other authorities referring cases to external advice services.

The ruling comes as the government prepares to implement the Renters' Rights Act, which aims to strengthen enforcement, improve standards in the private rented sector and give tenants clearer routes to redress when landlords break the law.

Work begins on 407 new homes



Work has started on the council's largest redevelopment project, providing 407 new homes.

Tower Hamlets Council has signed a Development Agreement and Phase 1 Construction Contract with Vistry for the redevelopment of Harriott, Apsley & Pattison House.

Alongside the homes, there will also be a new community centre (mosque) to replace the existing mosque currently on the site.

The signing was completed on 7 April 2026 and marks the start of the redevelopment.

The agreement secures the development partnership and external investment needed to transform the estate and deliver long-term improvements for residents.

Phase 1 of the regeneration will deliver 109 new council homes, including 59 replacement homes, four wheelchair-accessible homes, and 22 homes dedicated to overcrowded families on the estate.

Phase 2 will deliver a further 298 homes, including a further 66 council homes and 30 wheelchair-accessible homes. Two new landscaped courtyards will provide secure resident amenity, while a new pedestrian street will connect the estate to Stepney Green Park.

The scheme also commits to significant social value outcomes, including local jobs, skills and employment opportunities for residents.



Borough once again a Tree City of the World

Tower Hamlets has once again been recognised as a Tree City of the World – marking its fifth consecutive year receiving the prestigious accolade from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation and the Arbor Day Foundation.

The borough has also been recognised as the leading Tree City in the UK after being awarded 5 stars in the inaugural Growth Awards and will be recognised as a Global Leadership City for going above and beyond the foundational standards of Tree Cities of the World.

The Tree City of the World status shows the council's ongoing commitment to expanding urban greenery, boosting biodiversity, and improving air quality through its ambitious tree-planting programme and dedication to managing and safeguarding its tree stock against a

changing climate.

Since first earning the title in 2022, Tower Hamlets has planted more than 6,241 trees across the borough, including 1,389 trees on public highways and streets, 3,935 across parks and open spaces and 917 in housing estates.

Council tenants and

It is important that you, as our council tenants and leaseholders, are kept informed about the latest news and updates. You can find the latest information specifically for you on these pages. Please note that this content does not apply to private renters or homeowners.

Listening, learning and improving housing services

Satisfaction with the quality and frequency of the council's caretaking services has reached a high of 92 per cent, according to the latest tenant satisfaction measures.

Tenant Satisfaction Measures provide a consistent way for tenants and leaseholders to share their experiences of council housing services, what's going well and where things need to improve.

The council has committed to being open about performance and to reporting progress every quarter, so residents can clearly see how feedback is being used to drive change.

Matus Holecko, head of estates, said: "We are absolutely delighted that satisfaction with our caretaking service has exceeded 90% over the past year.

"That level of feedback is unprecedented for a frontline service, and it's a real testament to the hard work and commitment of our caretaking teams.

"At the same time, we know there is always more we can do.

"We remain focused on listening to residents, understanding their concerns, and being approachable and accessible, especially when we don't get things right first time.

"If you see your caretaker on your estate, please say hello and feel free to ask them anything you need, even if it is not related to caretaking, as those everyday conversations and your input really matter."

This quarter's results show how residents feel about:

- Overall satisfaction with housing services: 57% (tenants 68% and leaseholders 46%)
- Experience of the repairs service: 67%
- How many calls are answered and how quickly: 69% with an average wait of 10 minutes
- Quality and frequency of caretaking services: 92%
- Confidence your home is safe: 69%
- How well the council keeps you informed: 73%
- Handling of antisocial behaviour reports: 64%
- Feeling listened to and having your views acted on: 60%

Tewfik, caretaker at Trinidad House in Westferry, said



I've worked in this job for six years now and I enjoy it. My favourite part of it are my residents. I want to give my best for them.



Remember to sign up to our new housing Whatsapp channel

Have you seen our new question and answer feature on our Housing WhatsApp channel, giving residents the chance to ask questions directly about their home and estate?.

Launched in March, the Q&A lets residents ask about a wide range of topics, including repairs, building safety, housing management and pest control. In response, clear, straightforward

answers that would be most useful to everyone on the channel were shared, helping keep information relevant and easy to understand.

The Housing WhatsApp channel offers a simple way for council tenants and leaseholders to stay informed about what's happening in their home and neighbourhood.

It's a secure and private space where

you can receive useful updates all in one place.

Messages include information about local events and activities, reminders about rent, repairs and recycling, practical safety tips, and opportunities to share your views and get involved.

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



Leaseholder updates



Your voice, our action: shaping future home improvements

Leaseholders now have more options when it comes to room layouts and hard floorings after their feedback was adopted by the council.

Listening to residents and acting on what matters is central to Your Voice, Our Action, the council's service improvement programme.

Feedback from leaseholders has fed directly into the updated Leaseholder Alterations and Improvements Policy to

make it clearer, fairer and more practical.

The policy sets out how leaseholders can apply for permission to make changes to their homes, while ensuring buildings remain safe, well managed and comfortable for everyone.

New changes include:

Room layouts

Residents told us that proposed restrictions on bedroom locations were

too rigid. We updated the policy to relax rules around certain layouts to ensure leaseholders can position their rooms more freely without causing noise nuisance to others.

Hard flooring

Leaseholders raised concerns about blanket restrictions on hard floors. We updated the policy to take a more flexible approach, allowing hard flooring where

it doesn't cause noise problems and recognising modern flooring materials allow for more considerate installations.

Richard Hards, head of leaseholder services, said: "These improvements show how resident voices are shaping housing policies that work in real homes, not just on paper."

"By listening carefully and acting transparently, we're building better services and stronger trust."

Your voice matters: get involved

Residents across the borough are helping to shape better housing services by sharing their views and getting involved. Nearly 400 residents joined our involvement opportunities last year which included co-creating the online repairs portal and helping design the damp and mould leaflets. This shows that tenants and leaseholders care deeply about their homes and neighbourhoods.

Resident feedback is already shaping services like repairs, estate management and communication. We don't just want to listen to residents but ensure their feedback results in real outcomes.

There are lots of flexible options including ongoing quick surveys and consultations, estate inspections, resident panels and groups, and neighbourhood ambassador roles.

No experience is needed, and free

training is available. We want to hear from residents of all backgrounds, including people who haven't been involved before. Support is available to remove barriers such as childcare or travel costs.

Joining the Getting Involved Register is the easiest way to start. You'll receive information about opportunities that match your interests and availability, with no obligation to take part every time. Scan the QR code to find out more or contact the team at Resident.Engagement@towerhamlets.gov.uk



Firefighters urge no BBQs on balconies

Ahead of the summer months, London firefighters are reminding people to make sure they barbecue safely.

Borough Commander for Tower Hamlets, Richard Tapp, said: "As the weather improves, there's nothing better than having a barbecue. And while we want you to have a good time, we also want you to stay safe. Luckily there are simple steps you can take to stop a fire ruining your barbecues."

"If you're using an old barbecue, check that it's still in good condition. If you suspect that the barbecue might be damaged or faulty, don't use it. It's also vital that you place them on level ground, away from things like sheds, fences or trees and out of the reach of children and pets."

The Brigade is also reminding people to never use a barbecue on balconies or

in public parks, including disposable BBQs.

Top tips for safe barbecuing:

Never use a barbecue, including disposables, indoors or on your balcony.

Be careful where you position your barbecue: we suggest on level ground, well away from anything flammable.

Do not use petrol, paraffin, or any flammable liquids on your barbecue. Store bought firelighters are much safer.

Never leave a barbecue unattended, even for a few minutes, as that is all it takes for a dangerous fire to take hold.

Always extinguish a barbecue properly after you have finished using them, especially disposable ones, which can smoulder for hours after being put out.

Change gas barbecue cylinders outdoors and make sure you turn off all controls and valves beforehand.

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Celebrating our female heroes

CELEBRATING OUR BOROUGH

Women from across Tower Hamlets came together on 23 March for the annual Tower Hamlets Women's Awards, an event dedicated to uplifting, celebrating and recognising the remarkable contributions women make to society.

Hosted by Tower Hamlets Council, the awards ceremony shines a spotlight on the borough's unsung heroines. Eight awards were presented at the event.

Mahfuza Chowdhury was named Young Woman of the Year for her work as an independent domestic violence advocate, supporting women facing domestic abuse, coercive control, honour-based violence, stalking and family breakdown.

Her nominee praised her extraordinary impact: "Mahfuza is an exceptional young woman whose work has created meaningful and lasting change for women and girls in Tower Hamlets. Despite being under 30, she has already shown remarkable leadership, compassion, and resilience."

Women's basketball initiative Khawlah's Warriors was honoured for its role in increasing physical activity among women in the borough.

Co-founder Rukiyah Khatun said: "What began as a safe space for women to engage in sport has grown into a supportive sisterhood that promotes physical wellbeing, confidence, leadership and belonging."

"By providing a welcoming, low-cost, women-led initiative, we have removed



Women were celebrated at the awards ceremony

financial, cultural, and psychological barriers that often prevent participation."

Businessowner Excellence of the Year

Winner: Lesley Green

Highly commended: Rukayat Alabi

Carer of the Year

Winner: Lynnette Smith

Highly commended: Zarah Salam

Civic Contribution of the Year

Winner: Laura Williams

Community Group of the Year

Winner: Khawlah's Warriors

Highly commended: Beautiful Ladies Group

Highly commended: Muhtarma

Elderly Women's Group, Maryam Centre

Gender Equity Champion of the Year

Winner: Woman's Trust

Highly commended: Manisha Devki Makwana-Mehmi

Lifetime Achievement Award

Winner: Lucky Nessa

Highly commended: Ferdous Ahmed

Sector Impact of the Year

Winner: Prof. Yui Shikakura

Highly commended: Kate Richards-Gross (Central Foundation Girls' School)

Young Woman of the Year (aged under 30)

Winner: Mahfuza Chowdhury

Highly commended: Diya Mary Selastin

Celebrating the best from our local communities



Celebration and recognition were the themes at the recent Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Awards hosted by the council at Whitechapel Town Hall.

The annual awards pay tribute to the

outstanding contribution made by the borough's more than 1,300 Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations, which support communities and make Tower Hamlets a great place to live.

Awards were presented across six categories.

This year's event included performances and presentations from local people and community organisations, including a special performance from the Half Moon Theatre, and speeches from the Young Mayor and Deputy Young Mayor of Tower Hamlets.

Large voluntary group of the year (income of over £1m):

Winner: Kitchen Volunteer Team at Providence Row

Medium voluntary group of the year (income of £150k to £1m):

Joint winners: Leaders in Community and Women's Inclusive Team

Small voluntary group of the year (income up to £150k):

Winner: Glamis Adventure Playground

Highly commended: Bromley by Bow Community Organisation

Highly commended: Papa Young CIC

Young volunteer of the year:

Winner: Nadia Boksh, Future Kidz Development

Highly commended: Ihsanul Hoque, Limehouse Project

Highly commended: Nafis Meah, Trapped in Zone One

Volunteer of the year:

Winner: Nasima Islam, Wish Foundation

Highly commended: Abdul Hussain, Inner London Football League

Highly commended: Maya Zahra Li-Rahman, Half Moon Theatre

Lifetime Achievement award:

Winner: Farida Yesmin, Limehouse Project

Highly commended: Naz Hussain, Bromley By Bow Community Organisation

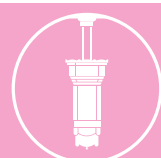
Highly commended: Sufia Alam, Maryam Centre

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The Good Shepherd Mission is benefiting from the council's Carbon Reduction Community Grants Programme

Carbon grants helping community

CLEAN AND GREEN

On a quiet street in Bethnal Green stands the Good Shepherd Mission, a former Ragged School that continues to serve local people in many different ways. Today, it is also one of the community spaces benefiting from Tower Hamlets Council's Carbon Reduction Community Grants Programme.

The Mission used the funding to install heat pumps and new radiators, improve insulation and upgrade lighting. These changes will cut nearly ten tonnes of carbon emissions each year.

For volunteer Mike Mitchell, the need was immediate.

"Our gas boiler packed up last year," he says. "We had no heating at all. So when we heard about the council's programme, it came at exactly the right time."

Mike has been involved in youth and community work since 1980. Now retired, he still spends much of his week at the Mission, helping wherever he can.

"The space is used constantly," he explains. "On Mondays we host a food bank for around 40 people. We run a women's group and ESOL classes twice a week, recovery groups like Alcoholics Anonymous, youth sessions on Fridays, church activities on Sundays and in winter, a night shelter where 15 people sleep in the main hall. The main thing

is, everyone is welcome."

That welcome is perhaps most visible in the ESOL classes. On Wednesdays, the volunteer team, led by Jackie, delivers mixed-ability lessons attended by learners from across the world including Ukraine, Syria, Bangladesh and Uzbekistan.

Sally, one of the team, says: "You can have eight or nine nationalities in one room, some of whom, in their own countries, wouldn't necessarily mix. What's wonderful is watching friendships form and continue outside the class."

The sessions go beyond language learning. Students share tea and coffee, take part in local outings, and support one another with everyday tasks, from filling in forms to navigating the neighbourhood.

Another familiar face in the building is Carol, who first became involved through the Mission's food bank and later began running a weekly Zumba class.

"I originally came to help set up the food bank," she says. "Then people realised I was a Zumba instructor, and it just grew from there."

Carol, who grew up locally and now lives nearby, helps with food distribution, exercise sessions, film nights and church activities.

"It feels like God's brought me full circle," she says. "This place is so



multicultural - everyone's welcome. I just feel comfortable here."

Speaking in his office, Evangelism and Discipleship Pastor Ryan gestures to a wall covered end-to-end with printed photographs of people Mission workers have supported.

"For centuries, the UK has been a place of refuge," he says. "We want this building to reflect that, to be a sanctuary."

Although the Mission is a Christian space, its doors are open to people of all backgrounds.

The building is looked after by Marie, a dedicated caretaker and problem solver. Volunteers and service users alike describe it as somewhere they feel safe, valued and included.

Thanks to the Carbon Reduction Community Grant, the Mission can focus less on rising energy costs and more on the people it serves, protecting both a historic building and the vital role it plays in community life.

For more information, visit www.goodshepherdmission.org.uk



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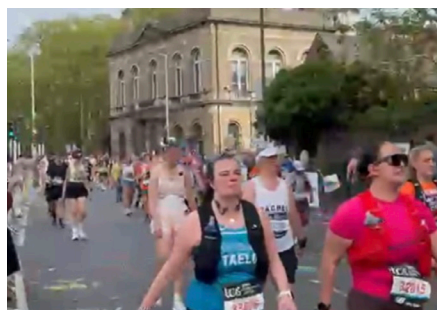
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London Marathon once again shows off best of Tower Hamlets



Runners pounded the pavement for this year's London Marathon in April.

This year, 59,000 runners laced up to take on the challenge on the route, which passes through Tower Hamlets more than any other borough.

The official world record was set at the London Marathon by Kenyan runner Sebastian Sawe, who won the race in an astonishing time of 1:59:30, becoming

the first man in history to run a sub-two-hour marathon in an official, competitive race.

Alongside the pros, famous faces included singer Cynthia Erivo, former Arsenal and England Captain Tony Adams and cycling royalty Dame Laura Kenny.

It is expected to have raised around £90million for charities.

New museum opens

CELEBRATING OUR BOROUGH

A new museum has officially opened as part of the East Bank, the new cultural quarter in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

Co-created with young people, creatives and those living, working and studying in east London, V&A East Museum celebrates making and creativity's power to bring change around the world.

Two free, permanent Why We Make galleries showcase global culture, featuring more than 500 objects from the V&A's collection.

Objects are brought together across different times, cultures and countries, with a design inspired by east London, to address topical issues from representation, identity and wellbeing to social justice and environmental action.

Highlights include new acquisitions, alongside a range of objects from Renaissance portraits and historic scent cases. Gems on show include an 1830s sketch of Victoria Park.

The galleries also showcase a series of co-produced projects created with east London based residents, artists and creatives, drawing on the V&A's collection.

Tracing 125 years of Black British music, V&A East Museum's first landmark multisensory exhibition, *The Music is Black: A British Story* is the largest ever exhibition on the impact of Black British music on the UK and around the world.

Featuring more than 200 objects from the V&A's collection and important loans,

at its heart it celebrates the emergence of eight distinct Black British genres from 2 tone to lovers rock, Brit funk, jungle, drum & bass, trip hop, UK garage and grime.

Displays include a photo of aspiring MCs engaged in a battle rhyme at Lansbury Youth Club where many young grime fans became involved in the genre; and a billboard promoting Bow-born Grime artist Dizze Rascal's second album *Showtime*.

V&A East Museum also opens with *New Work*, a twice-yearly rotating programme of creative commissions. The inaugural edition unveils works responding to the theme 'Making East London', an exploration of the area's histories, communities and possible futures.

A new temporary display, *Dispersal*, showcases photographs by Marion Davies and Debra Rapp, who documented the people and workplaces of east London-based businesses at threat of closure or relocation due to the development of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Gus Casely-Hayford, V&A East Director, said: "Over 10 years in the making, we're delighted to open V&A East Museum, a space created with and for our audiences, including young people and east Londoners, in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

"Sister site to V&A East Storehouse, it's part of East Bank and the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic legacy. Everyone is welcome at V&A East Museum.

"From *The Music is Black: A British*



The new museum features two free permanent Why We Make galleries

Story to our Why We Make galleries, New Work commissions and live events and activities, we hope you see yourself, your stories, and experiences represented here."

Black Taverns: Bold stories of change, resistance and community

A talk by author S.I. Martin on Thursday 18 June will introduce audiences to the forgotten world of London's Black pubs in the 1700s and 1800s.

Starting in Whitechapel and East Smithfield and ending in Leicester Square and Wigmore Street, Martin will explore how pubs with Black clientele or Black 'guvnors' were sites of change, resistance and community.

Taking place at Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives, the talk follows on from the launch of the newest phase of the exhibition *Communities of Liberation: African Peoples in London's East End, 1567-1802*, which is on show at the archives until 17 October.

The exhibition is based on the research and creative work of six residents who have used Tower Hamlets' archive

collections to tell stories of the lives of Africans who lived in the East End between 1567 and 1802.

Previously exhibited at Tower Hamlets Town Hall a year ago, the groundbreaking display now features additional content including original archives from the collections.

A display of archaeological finds from Whitechapel, courtesy of UCL

Archaeology South-East illustrates community life in Georgian London in an area where many Black people lived at or close to the White Raven pub, Whitechapel. This was the scene of a rebellion by Black residents against local sheriffs, which features in the exhibition.

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Shopfronts from yesteryear

HISTORY

Lost shopfronts of the East End is a new display of photographs at Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives curated by Engagement and Learning Officer and local resident Genova.

All of the photographs featured in the exhibition can be found in the collections at Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives on Bancroft Road.

Included are a selection from the Island History Trust Collection, a community archive.

The exhibition showcases shopfronts as depicted in early Victorian photography until the 21st century.

The evolution of the shopfront has helped to transform the East End, from the first local corner-shops and newsagents to the international high street brands such as Woolworths and Safeway.

It includes department stores such as Wickhams in Mile End and local chains such as the much-loved Percy Ingle bakers.

There are landmark shops too - Malins was one of the first ever fish and chip shops in the UK and Gardiners' clothing store gave its name to a road junction in Aldgate East.

Many of shops featured served communities for generations until their eventual closure.

Curator Genova recalls: "While exploring boxes of photographs from the 'street scenes' collection, coming across pictures of shopfronts from Mile End Road to Whitechapel High Street, I couldn't stop reminiscing.

"All these shops have long gone, but vivid images of my childhood were conjured up. I thought this would probably be the same for many locals if they saw these photos too."

Images of past shopfronts often spark powerful feelings of nostalgia, reminding us of places that shaped daily routines and community identity.

These photographs have ended up in the collections at Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives for a variety of reasons - they may have been taken by residents as a snapshot of daily life; or they were taken deliberately to be preserved as a historical record, before the shops were shuttered forever.

Lost Shopfronts of the East End opens on 20 June.

There is a launch event on Saturday 4 July, 2-4pm, for people of all ages to explore their memories in a creative workshop.

For more information about the exhibition and the archives visit www.ideastore.co.uk/local-history



From top to bottom: J.T. Line's corn chandlers at 87 Westferry Road, c1910 from the Island History Trust Collection, ref. 393_03; Roman Road, corner of Parnell Road, 1981. Ref. P21419; Mile End Road, 1994 (formerly Wickhams department store). Ref. P0459

South Asian Heritage Month programme

A borough-wide cultural programme will take place this summer, as part of the national South Asian Heritage Month (SAHM), celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of South Asian communities in Tower Hamlets through performance, comedy, music, heritage walks, talks, and community activity.

South Asia is made up of eight countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, The Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka.

People of South Asian heritage make up a significant part of the Tower Hamlets population, with the borough's Bangladeshi-born population alone being the largest in England and Wales, both in absolute numbers and as a proportion of the population, according to the latest census figures.

The heritage, identities, and culture of the borough's South Asian communities will be celebrated, as part of a programme of activities supported by Tower Hamlets



Cockney Sikh Walk

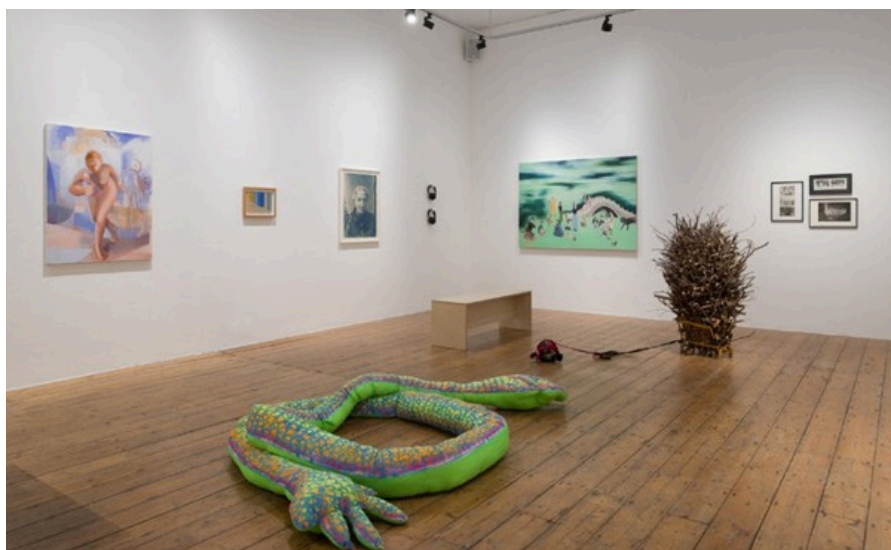
Council to mark South Asian Heritage Month which runs throughout July.

The 2026 theme is Unity in Diversity,

highlighting the shared cultures, histories, and communities of South Asia and its diaspora.

Visit towerhamlets.gov.uk/SAHM for full programme details and more information.

Young curators delivering dynamic show



Bow Arts has announced a collaboration with Mile End Community Project for the 2026 Bow Open show at their Nunnery Gallery.

The Bow Open platforms work from Bow Arts artists, showing new and innovative work selected from an open call by different guest curators each year.

For the first time in the Open's 25-year history, Bow Arts are handing the reins to young curators to deliver a multi-perspective and dynamic show.

The multi-media show is a chance to explore the plethora of media used in Bow Arts spaces – from painting, print, sculpture and fashion design to photography, installation and film.

This year will explore the multi-

faceted outputs of creatives through the innovative lens of the young people who live locally to the Bow Open studios.

A panel of curators and event programmers from award-winning youth and community organisation, the Mile End Community Project (MCP), have selected the artists for this year's exhibition and have also commissioned the accompanying event programme.

The event programme includes chances to make, learn and discover alongside Bow Arts artists through a series of workshops, talks and performance evenings.

The project runs until 30 August. Admission is free. Visit www.bowarts.org or call 020 8980 7774

Celebrating cultural identity of the East End

The unique historic, cultural and creative identity of the East End will be celebrated as part of an eight week, free summer arts festival initiated by Whitechapel Gallery in collaboration with more than 40 local partners and collaborators across East London.

Backyard Biennial: East will feature exhibitions, installations, screenings, performances, workshops, residencies, walks, open studios and special events.

The festival will celebrate and pay tribute to East London's many diverse communities and industries.

A flagship of Whitechapel Gallery's 125th anniversary year, this innovative pilot project is designed to reframe what an arts biennial is and who it is for.

It proposes a vibrant and evolving model for community participation and audience engagement, continuing the gallery's commitment to working with

local stakeholders to create sustainable cultural and social infrastructures.

The biennial will take place across a range of local venues, including art galleries, cultural and grassroots organisations, educational centres, places of worship and other public arenas.

The programme will embrace East London's past, present and future: from stories of migration and journeying,

ecology and land use to walking practices, music and song and community archives and utopian imaginings.

Audiences will be offered new ways to encounter works – both within and beyond traditional gallery spaces, while also exploring the East End through diverse perspectives.

The festival will run from 15 July to 6 September. Visit whitechapelgallery.org/exhibitions/backyard-biennial-east/

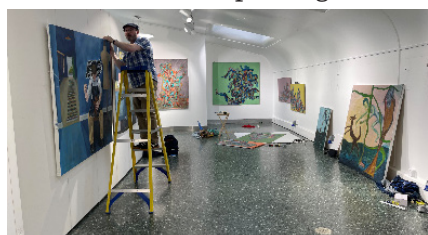
Exhibitions

Essential School of Painting End of Year Shows

Three end of year shows by artists and students of the Essential School of Painting (ESOP) will be on display. 'Esop's Fables' is the final exhibition of work by artists from the two year post graduate course Advanced Painting. 'Paint Matters 1 and 2' showcases work by artists on the part-time year-long programmes. The exhibitions are free to attend, and all are welcome.

Esop's Fables: 10-14 June, Paint Matters 1: 18-21 June and Paint Matters 2: 25-28 June.

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



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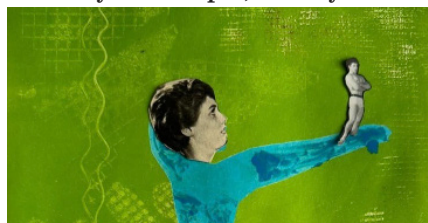
Shadwell Printmakers

The exhibition showcases work across a variety of printmaking methods and media, created throughout the year during classes and workshops run by Idea Store Learning at Shadwell Print Studio.

4 July -29 August

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

Open Monday – Friday 9am -7pm, Saturday 10am- 4pm, Sunday closed



Shadwell Show

East of the Aldgate Pump

The title of the exhibition takes its inspiration from the historic water pump at the edge of the City of London which, for centuries, marked an informal boundary to the East End. Spanning painting, sculpture, photography, film and installation, the exhibition will respond to the rich and distinctive historic, cultural and creative identity of East London. Recognising East London's history as a place of creative cross-cultural dialogues, the presentation will bring 12 local, national and international artists together across three galleries.

15 July – 6 September

Whitechapel Gallery, 77-82 Whitechapel High St, E1 7QX

The Ropery

This participatory exhibition takes inspiration from the unique histories of rope making in East London, a vital industry driven from shipping and docks between the 18th and 20th centuries. In collaboration with designer Sanne Visser, visitors of all ages will be invited to drop in to engage in the hands-on processes of making rope, string, braiding and knot-tying which will contribute to a growing installation.

15 July – 6 September 2026

Whitechapel Gallery, 77-82 Whitechapel High St, E1 7QX (Assembly Room)

Events and workshops

Creative Mix

Are you aged 50+? Live in Tower Hamlets? Ready to try something new? Creative Mix is a chance to connect with others in the borough through food, creativity and conversation.

17 and 24 June

Pott Street, Bethnal Green, E2 OEF.

To learn more or register, contact info@magicme.co.uk

Festival of Britain archive workshops

Free hands-on workshops exploring Poplar's role in the 1951 Festival of Britain, facilitated by Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives. By looking at a wide range of archive material you'll get to find out why Poplar was chosen as the site of the Live Architecture, and its significance today.

19 - 20 June

Friday 19 June, 10am-12pm, Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives, 277 Bancroft Road, Mile End, E1 4DQ

Saturday 20 June, 11am-1pm, Stroudley Walk Cafe, E3

Booking is essential.

Visit book.plinth.org.uk/ or 7ygiPAV6XpkwGNvZHdDY

An Intervention

A two-hander about friendship, its responsibilities, and the roles it forces us to play.

The play follows the breakdown of a friendship as the two come to blows over whether the UK should get involved in a humanitarian disaster of a war.

"All conflict is personal. The war has taken many casualties. Will this friendship be the latest?" asks star and producer Tom Zachar.

23-27 June

The Space, 269 Westferry Road, Isle of Dogs, E14 3RS.

For tickets, visit space.org.uk/

event/an-intervention

Tots at the docks

Dive deep in the river, stack cargo, put on a puppet show or build the tallest tower! A free, drop-in play session inspired by the history of London's Docklands.

The upcoming theme is transport.

24 June

London Museum Docklands, No 1, West India Quay, Hertsme Rd, E14 4AL

www.londonmuseum.org.uk/docklands/

Draped Seated Woman Story makers workshop

A free interactive storytelling, music and drama workshop inspired by the life of Old Flo, led by Suzie Pope. This workshop is tailored for our younger audiences, of a recommended age of five and under.

27 June (11am-12noon and 2-3pm)

Cabot Square, Canary Wharf E14 4QZ

canarywharf.com/whats-on/draped-seated-woman-old-flo-by-henry-moore/



Draped Seated Woman

Pride Picnic

Join Tower Hamlets LGBT+ Community Forum in Pride Month for the Pride Picnic Summer Bandstand Celebration 2026.

This year, the picnic will be accompanied by dazzling entertainment and fabulous performances!

28 June (12-5pm)

The Bandstand, Victoria Park, Grove Road, E3 5TB.



Pride in the Park

Love's Labour's Lost

Celebrate summer with Love's Labour's Lost, as Shakespeare in the Squares returns for its 10th anniversary season. The production is filled with music, dancing and mischief, creating a lively and engaging evening for all ages.

Sunday 28 June

Bring your picnic from 3.30pm ready for the performance to start at 5pm.

Tredegar Square, Bow E3

5AE Buy tickets in advance at shakespeareinthesquares.co.uk/venue/tredegar-square-e3/

Art Friend's Art Fair

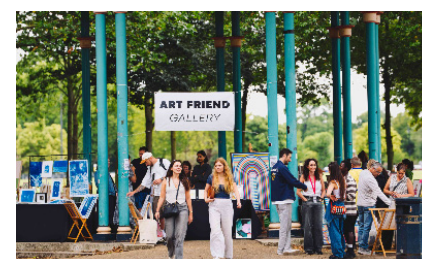
Art Friend's Art Fair is popping up for one day only and you won't want to miss it! Some of London's most talented illustrators, painters, print makers, ceramists, sign writers, and even dog photographers will be bringing their best work to the historic bandstand in the heart of the community.

Whether you're after a fun new piece for your wall or just fancy a wander with a coffee and some inspiration, this is your chance to snap up incredible art and meet the people who made it. Plus, there'll be live art happening on the day so you can see creativity in action.

19 July (10am – 5pm)

The Bandstand, Victoria Park, Grove Road, E3 5TB.

Free tickets available at www.ticketsource.com/art-friend/artfriendsartfriend.co.uk



Art Friend

Festivals

Spitalfields Music Festival

The 50th anniversary Spitalfields Music Festival brings together national and international artists from a range of styles, traditions and art forms to perform in London's vibrant East End.

Expect cutting-edge contemporary music – including eighteen world, UK, and London premieres – thrilling opera, rarely performed classical works, and a display of the power of music to move, inspire, and reflect the world we live in.

26 June- 8 July

spitalfieldsmusic.org.uk/season/festival-2026/

Coldfire Festival

The festival commemorates the legacy of Thomas Crosbie aka Pace through the arts and sport - his great passions. Alongside celebrating his memory, the event raises awareness of mental health issues affecting young people and supports their well-being by providing information and opportunities for creative expression. Come along and enjoy live music, spoken word and dance performances, demonstrations and workshops, art, Pilates, meditation, braiding and graffiti art. There will also be a Listening Place run by trained staff, offering a safe space for young people and attendees.

4 July (12-8pm)

Wennington Green, Mile End Park, E3 4SN

Free. No tickets required. www.pacecoldfire.com

স্টেপনীতে ৪০৭টি নতুন ঘর, মসজিদ ও কমিউনিটি সেন্টার নির্মাণ করা হবে

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কাউন্সিলের সবচেয়ে বড় পুনঃউন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের কাজ শুরু হয়েছে, যে প্রকল্পের আওতায় ৪০৭টি নতুন বাড়ি তৈরি হবে।

ব্রিটেনের অন্যতম শীর্ষ হাউজিং ডেভেলপার ভিস্টার সজে ডেভেলপমেন্ট এগ্রিমেন্ট এবং ফেইজ ১ এর নির্মাণ চুক্তি স্বাক্ষর করেছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল। এই চুক্তির অংশ হিসেবে হারিয়ার্ট, অ্যাপসলে ও প্যাটিসন হাউজ পূর্ণনির্মাণ করবে ভিস্টার।

এটি কাউন্সিলের সবচেয়ে বৃহৎ রিজেনারেশন

প্রকল্প। যেখানে পর্যায়ক্রমে মোট ৪০৭টি নতুন ঘর নির্মাণ করা হবে। পাশাপাশি একটি নতুন কমিউনিটি সেন্টার এবং বর্তমানে সাইটে থাকা মসজিদের পরিবর্তে একটি নতুন মসজিদ নির্মাণ করা হবে। চুক্তি গত ৭ এপ্রিল স্বাক্ষর হয়।

প্রকল্পটির প্রথম ধাপে ১০৯টি নতুন কাউন্সিল হাউজ নির্মাণ করা হবে। এর মধ্যে রয়েছে ৫৯টি রিপ্রেসেন্ট হাউজ, ৪টি হুইলচেয়ার-সুবিধাসম্পন্ন ঘর এবং এস্টেটের

ওভারল্যান্ড ডেড পরিবারগুলোর জন্য ২২টি ঘর।

দ্বিতীয় ধাপে আরও ২৯৮টি নতুন ঘর নির্মাণ করা হবে, যার মধ্যে ৬৬টি কাউন্সিল ঘর এবং ৩০টি হুইলচেয়ার-সুবিধাসম্পন্ন ঘর থাকবে। এছাড়া দুটি নতুন ল্যান্ডস্কেপড কোর্টইয়ার্ড বাসিন্দাদের জন্য নিরাপদ পরিবেশ প্রদান করবে এবং একটি নতুন পায়ে চলার রাস্তা এস্টেটকে স্টেপনি গ্রিন পার্কের সঙ্গে সংযুক্ত করবে। এই প্রকল্পের মাধ্যমে স্থানীয় বাসিন্দাদের জন্য চাকরি, প্রশিক্ষণ ও কর্মসংস্থানের সুযোগ তৈরি করা হবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের নির্বাহী মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, “এই প্রকল্পটি আমাদের প্রতিশ্রুতির একটি বড় মাইলস্টোন। যেখানে আমরা স্থানীয় মানুষের জন্য নতুন ও সাশ্রয়ী ঘর নির্মাণ করছি এবং স্টেপনীতে অবস্থিত হারিয়ার্ট, অ্যাপসলে ও প্যাটিসন হাউজ এস্টেটের বাসিন্দাদের জীবনমান উন্নত করছি।”

বর্তমানে প্রকল্পটিতে সাইট প্রস্তুতির কাজ চূড়ান্ত হচ্ছে। প্রয়োজনীয় অনুমোদন প্রক্রিয়া এগিয়ে নিচ্ছে। বিস্তৃত সেফটি রেগুলেটরের ‘গেটওয়ে ২’ অনুমোদন পাওয়ার সঙ্গে সঙ্গে পূর্ণাঙ্গ নির্মাণ কাজ শুরু হবে, যা ২০২৬ সালের আগস্ট মাসের মাঝামাঝি সময়ে পাওয়া যাবে বলে পূর্বাভাস দেওয়া হয়েছে।

ফ্রি সাঁতারের সুবিধা পাবেন আরও হাজার হাজার বাসিন্দা



Thousands more residents to benefit from free swimming - page 11

পারিবারিক সাঁতার সেশনে প্রতি প্রাপ্তবয়স্কের সাথে দুটি শিশু এবং ৩৫ বছরের বেশি বয়সী পুরুষদের জন্য বিনামূল্যে সাঁতারের সুবিধা বাড়ানো হয়েছে।

বি ওয়েল ব্যানারে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের লেজার সেন্টারগুলো সরাসরি কাউন্সিলের ব্যবস্থাপনায় আনার পর কাউন্সিল বরোর ১৬ বছর ও তার বেশি বয়সী সব নারী ও মেয়ে এবং ৫৫ বছরের বেশি

বয়সী পুরুষদের জন্য বিনামূল্যে সাঁতারের ব্যবস্থা চালু করেছিল।

এই কর্মসূচি চালু হওয়ার পর থেকে ২০,৫৮৩ জন বাসিন্দা বিনামূল্যে সাঁতারের সুবিধা নিয়েছেন। এর মধ্যে ১৮,০০০-এরও বেশি হলেন ১৬ বা তার বেশি বয়সী নারী ও মেয়ে, এবং প্রায় ৩,৯০০ জন হলেন ৫৫ বছর বা তার বেশি বয়সী বাসিন্দা।

পরিচালনা ব্যয় অত্যন্ত বেশি হওয়ায় সারা দেশে বছরে হাজারেরও বেশি সুইমিং পুল বন্ধ হচ্ছে। তবে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস বাসিন্দাদের স্বাস্থ্যকর জীবনযাপনে সহায়তার জন্য লেজার সুবিধায় বিনিয়োগ অব্যাহত রেখেছে।

এক্সিকিউটিভ মেয়র পদে আবার নির্বাচিত হলেন লুৎফুর রহমান



নির্বাহী মেয়র হিসেবে নির্বাচিত ঘোষণার পর বক্তব্য রাখছেন লুৎফুর রহমান।

Tower Hamlets residents elect mayor and councillors - page 5

৭ মে বৃহস্পতিবার অনুষ্ঠিত নির্বাচনে এম্পায়ার পার্টির প্রার্থী লুৎফুর রহমান পুনরায় টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের এক্সিকিউটিভ মেয়র হিসেবে নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন। তিনি মোট ৩৫,৬৭৯ ভোট পেয়েছেন।

এই নির্বাচনে মোট ভোটার সংখ্যা ছিল ২,১৯,০৩০, যার মধ্যে ৪২.১ শতাংশ ভোটার তাদের ভোটাধিকার প্রয়োগ করেন। নির্বাচনের ভোট গণনা অনুষ্ঠিত হয় ৮ মে শুক্রবার লন্ডনের এক্সেল সেন্টারে।

মেয়র পদে নির্বাচনের বিস্তারিত ফলাফলঃ

জামি আলী, টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস ইন্ডিপেন্ডেন্টস - ৩,১৫৬ ভোট, জন জেরাল্ড বুলার্ড, রিফর্ম ইউকে - ৭,১৫৩ ভোট, মোহাম্মদ আবদুল হান্নান, লিবারেল ডেমোক্রেটস - ২,৪২১ ভোট, সিরাজুল ইসলাম, লেবার

পার্টি - ১৯,৪৫৪ ভোট, হিরা খান আদেওগুন, গ্রিন পার্টি - ১৯,২২৩ ভোট, টেরেস ম্যাকগ্রেগেরা, স্বতন্ত্র - ৫২৪ ভোট, ডমিনিক আইদান নোলান, কনজারভেটিভ - ৩,৮১৮ ভোট, হুগো পিয়ের, ট্রেড ইউনিয়নিস্ট অ্যান্ড সোশ্যালিস্ট কোয়ালিশন - ৬৩৮ ভোট এবং লুৎফুর রহমান, এম্পায়ার পার্টি - ৩৫,৬৭৯ ভোট।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের রিটার্নিং অফিসার স্টিফেন হ্যালসি নির্বাচনের সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ট সবাই, বিশেষ করে যারা নির্বাচন সফলভাবে সম্পন্ন করতে কঠোর পরিশ্রম করেছেন, তাদেরকে ধন্যবাদ ও অভিনন্দন জানান।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে দেশের অন্যতম সেরা নির্বাচন প্রক্রিয়া পরিচালিত হয়। ভোটকেন্দ্র ও গণনাকেন্দ্রে কাজ করা প্রায় ৮০০ জন কর্মী থেকে শুরু করে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস পুলিশ এবং ইন্সপেক্টরাল কমিশনের মতো অংশীদার-সবাই একসঙ্গে কাজ করে বাসিন্দাদের তাদের গণতান্ত্রিক অধিকার প্রয়োগে সহায়তা করেছেন।”

স্পিকার, ডেপুটি স্পিকার, ক্যাবিনেট মেম্বর ও কমিটির চেয়ার হলেন যাঁরা New Speaker and key appointments confirmed

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিলের বার্ষিক সাধারণ সভা (এজিএম)-এ নতুন স্পিকার, ডেপুটি স্পিকার এবং প্রশাসনের গুরুত্বপূর্ণ দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্তদের নাম আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে ঘোষণা করা হয়েছে। সভাটি বুধবার ২০ মে হোয়াইটচ্যাপেল রোডস্থ টাউন হলে অনুষ্ঠিত হয়।

বেথনাল গ্রিন ওয়েস্ট ওয়ার্ডের কাউন্সিলর মুস্তাক আহমেদ স্পিকার হিসেবে নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন এবং ডেপুটি স্পিকার হিসেবে নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন ল্যান্সবারি ওয়ার্ডের কাউন্সিলর ইকবাল হোসেন। স্পিকার হিসেবে তিনি বারার প্রথম নাগরিক (ফার্স্ট সিটিজেন) হিসেবে বিভিন্ন নাগরিক ও আনুষ্ঠানিক আয়োজনে প্রতিনিধিত্ব করবেন এবং বারার একজন দূত হিসেবে কাজ করবেন। তিনি কাউন্সিল সভায় সভাপতিত্ব করবেন এবং গুরুত্বপূর্ণ অতিথিদের স্বাগত জানাবেন।

এদিকে, গত ৭ মে ২০২৬ অনুষ্ঠিত স্থানীয় নির্বাচনের পর নতুন প্রশাসনের ক্যাবিনেট পোর্টফোলিও ও দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্ত সদস্যদের নামও এই এজিএম-এ চূড়ান্ত করা হয়। কাউন্সিলর মাইউম তালুকদার বিধিবদ্ধ (স্ট্যাটুটরি) ডেপুটি মেয়র এর পাশাপাশি ট্যাকলিং ইনইকুয়ালিটি অ্যান্ড দ্য কস্ট অব লিভিং, ইম্প্রুভিং কাস্টমার সার্ভিসেস, এবং ভলান্টিয়ার সেক্টর এনগেজমেন্ট বিষয়ক ক্যাবিনেট

মেম্বারের দায়িত্ব পালন করবেন। এছাড়া ক্যাবিনেটের অন্যান্য পোর্টফোলিতে যারা দায়িত্ব লাভ করেছেন, তারা হলেনঃ কাউন্সিলর সাইদ আহমেদ - হোমবিল্ডিং অ্যান্ড এনহ্যান্সিং কাউন্সিল হোমস অ্যান্ড নেবারহুডস (গৃহনির্মাণ ও কাউন্সিল আবাসন এবং আশপাশের এলাকার



স্পিকার হিসেবে নির্বাচিত হয়েছেন মুস্তাক আহমেদ

উন্নয়ন), কাউন্সিলর আবু তালহা চৌধুরী - ফাইন্যান্স, অ্যাসেসস অ্যান্ড গভর্নেন্স (অর্থ, সম্পদ ও প্রশাসন), কাউন্সিলর কবির আহমেদ - সেইফ কমিউনিটিজ অ্যান্ড কমিউনিটি কোহিশন (নিরাপদ কমিউনিটি ও কমিউনিটি সংহতির দায়িত্বপ্রাপ্ত), কাউন্সিলর শাফি আহমেদ - এ

ফ্রিন অ্যান্ড গ্রিন (পরিচ্ছন্ন ও সবুজ বার), কাউন্সিলর সাবিনা আক্তার - হেলদি, কেয়ারিং অ্যান্ড ইনক্লুসিভ কমিউনিটিজ (সুস্থ্য, পরিচর্যা ও অন্তর্ভুক্তিমূলক সমাজ), কাউন্সিলর মিনারা খাতুন - লেজার, কালচার অ্যান্ড ট্যুরিজম (অবকাশ, সংস্কৃতি ও পর্যটন), কাউন্সিলর শেনালি মিয়া - জবস, এন্টারপ্রাইজ, স্কিলস অ্যান্ড গ্রোথ (কর্মসংস্থান, উদ্যোক্তা উন্নয়ন, দক্ষতা ও প্রবৃদ্ধি), এবং কাউন্সিলর ফয়সাল আহমেদ - চিলড্রেন, ইয়াং পিপল অ্যান্ড লাইফ চান্সেস (শিশু ও তরুণরা এবং তাদের ভবিষ্যৎ সম্ভাবনা)।

একই সঙ্গে কাউন্সিলের গুরুত্বপূর্ণ কমিটিগুলোর চেয়ারদেবের নামও নিশ্চিত করা হয়েছে এজিএমে। কাউন্সিলর হালিমা ইসলাম - ওভারভিউ অ্যান্ড স্ট্রুটিনি (সার্বিক পর্যালোচনা ও যাচাই) কমিটি, কাউন্সিলর আবদুল ওয়াহিদ - ডেভেলপমেন্ট (উন্নয়ন) কমিটি, কাউন্সিলর আমিন রহমান - স্ট্র্যাটেজিক ডেভেলপমেন্ট (কৌশলগত উন্নয়ন) কমিটি, কাউন্সিলর কামরুল হোসেন - জেনারেল পারমপোসেস (সাধারণ উদ্দেশ্য) কমিটি, কাউন্সিলর সুলুক আহমেদ - পেনশনস্ কমিটি, কাউন্সিলর পিটার গোডস - লাইসেন্সিং কমিটি ও লাইসেন্সিং রেগুলেটরি (লাইসেন্সিং কমিটি ও লাইসেন্সিং নিয়ন্ত্রণ) কমিটি, কাউন্সিলর হারুন মিয়া - হিউম্যান রিসোর্সেস (মানবসম্পদ) কমিটি।

উচ্চশিক্ষার জন্য অনুদান চেয়ে আবেদন করুন

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উচ্চশিক্ষার জন্য সর্বোচ্চ £৫,৯০০ পর্যন্ত অনুদানের জন্য আবেদনের সুযোগ এখনও রয়েছে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল ও সিভিলিউজি (ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ল্ড গ্রুপ)-এর সহায়তায় এই কর্মসূচিতে £২,৫০,০০০ আর্থিক সহায়তা দেওয়া হবে। ১৯৯০ সালে প্রতিষ্ঠার পর থেকে এই অংশীদারিত্ব ইতোমধ্যে ৪,৫০০-এরও বেশি বাসিন্দাকে যোগ্যতা অর্জনে সহায়তা করেছে।

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ভাড়াটেরা পেলেন ভাড়া ফেরতের রায়

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বেথনাল গ্রিনে একটি ফ্ল্যাটে শেয়ার করে বসবাসকারী পাঁচজন ভাড়াটিয়া মোট ৩১ হাজার পাউন্ডেরও বেশি ভাড়া ফেরত পাওয়ার আদেশ পেয়েছেন, কারণ ফাস্ট-ট্রায়ার ট্রাইব্যুনালা সিন্ডিকেটে এসেছে যে দীর্ঘ সময় ধরে ওই সম্পত্তি লাইসেন্সবিহীন হাউস ইন মাল্টিপল অকুপেশন (এইচএমও) হিসেবে পরিচালিত হচ্ছিল।

গত ৬ মার্চ ২০২৬ তারিখে দেওয়া রায়ে ট্রাইব্যুনাল জানায়, হাউজিং এ্যাক্ট ২০০৪-এর অধীনে মিও রিয়েল এস্টেট লিমিটেড অপরাধ করেছে, কারণ তারা টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিলের অতিরিক্ত এইচএমও লাইসেন্সিং স্কিমের আওতায় প্রয়োজনীয় লাইসেন্স ছাড়াই ছয় বেডরুমের একটি শেয়ার করা ফ্ল্যাট পরিচালনা করেছে।

ট্রাইব্যুনাল প্রতিটি ভাড়াটিয়ার পরিশোধিত ভাড়ার ৭০ শতাংশ ফেরত দেওয়ার নির্দেশ দেয়, যা আইনভঙ্গের গুরুত্ব এবং বাড়িওয়ালার আচরণকে প্রতিফলিত করে। এছাড়াও ৭৭৭ পাউন্ড ট্রাইব্যুনাল ফি ফেরত দেওয়ার আদেশ দেওয়া হয়েছে।

মামলাটি সম্পর্কিত ফ্ল্যাট ৫, প্যারিস হাউস, ওল্ড বেথনাল গ্রিন রোড, ই২-এর একটি স্বয়ংসম্পূর্ণ গ্রাউন্ড ফ্লোর ফ্ল্যাটকে ঘিরে, দীর্ঘ সময় ধরে কমপক্ষে ছয়জন অসম্পর্কিত ব্যক্তি একসঙ্গে বসবাস করতেন এবং যৌথ সুবিধা ব্যবহার করতেন।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে এপ্রিল ২০১৯ থেকে অতিরিক্ত এইচএমও লাইসেন্সিং চালু রয়েছে, যার আওতায় দুই বা ততোধিক পরিবারভুক্ত তিন বা তার বেশি ব্যক্তি বসবাস করলে সম্পত্তির লাইসেন্স থাকা আবশ্যিক। যদিও বাড়িওয়ালার স্বীকার করেছেন যে সম্পত্তির লাইসেন্স প্রয়োজন ছিল, তবুও সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৪ পর্যন্ত কোনো আবেদন করা হয়নি, যা ভাড়াটিয়ারা বাসা ছেড়ে যাওয়ার পর এবং কাউন্সিলের এনফোর্সমেন্ট কার্যক্রম শুরুর অনেক পরে।

ট্রাইব্যুনাল সেই দাবি গ্রহণ করেনি যে কোম্পানিটি কেবল স্ক্রি-হোন্ডারের পক্ষে কাজ করছিল। বরং রায়ে বলা হয়, মিও রিয়েল এস্টেট লিঃ-ই ভাড়াটিয়াদের তাৎক্ষণিক বাড়িওয়ালার, কারণ তারা লিজ

গ্রহণ করেছিল, ভাড়াটিয়াদের সঙ্গে চুক্তি করেছিল এবং ভাড়া সংগ্রহ করেছিল।

যদিও ট্রাইব্যুনাল মেনে নেয় যে কোম্পানিটি ইচ্ছাকৃতভাবে আইন ভাঙেনি, তবুও বিচারক স্পষ্ট করেন যে এটি কোনোভাবেই “যৌক্তিক অজ্ঞাত” নয়। রায়ে বলা হয়, যারা ভাড়া ব্যবসা পরিচালনা করে তাদের লাইসেন্সিং সংক্রান্ত দায়িত্ব সম্পর্কে অবগত থাকা উচিত, বিশেষ করে এমন একটি এলাকায় যেখানে বহুদিন ধরে অতিরিক্ত লাইসেন্সিং স্কিম কার্যকর রয়েছে।

এই রায়টি নিশ্চিত করেছে যে লাইসেন্সিংয়ের দায়িত্ব শুধুমাত্র স্ক্রি-হোন্ডারদের নয়, বরং যারা অধিকৃত সম্পত্তি নিয়ন্ত্রণ ও ব্যবস্থাপনা করেন তাদের উপরেও বর্তায়। রেন্ট-টু-রেন্ট অপারেটর সহ যেসব বাড়িওয়ালার ভাড়া চুক্তি দেন এবং ভাড়া সংগ্রহ করেন, তারা তাদের ব্যবস্থা যেভাবেই বর্ণনা করুক না কেন, আইন মেনে চলার দায় এড়াতে পারবেন না।

ভাড়াটেরদের জন্য এই রায়টি দেখিয়ে দিয়েছে যে, রেন্ট রিপেমেন্ট অর্ডার (আরআরও)

একটি শক্তিশালী হাতিয়ার, যার মাধ্যমে বাড়িওয়ালার মৌলিক আইনি মানদণ্ড পূরণ করতে ব্যর্থ হলে ভাড়াটেরা সুরক্ষা পেতে পারেন। আরআরও-এর মাধ্যমে ভাড়াটেরা এবং স্থানীয় কর্তৃপক্ষ সর্বোচ্চ দুই বছরের ভাড়া ফেরত দাবি করতে পারেন, যা একটি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ প্রয়োগ পদ্ধতি এবং আইন ভঙ্গের ক্ষেত্রে ভাড়াটেরদের ক্ষতিপূরণ পাওয়ার সরাসরি পথ।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল ভাড়াটেরদের রেন্ট রিপেমেন্ট অর্ডার দাবি করতে সরাসরি সহায়তা প্রদান করে, ট্রাইব্যুনাল প্রক্রিয়া নেভিগেট করতে এবং মামলা কার্যকরভাবে উপস্থাপন করতে বাসিন্দাদের সাহায্য করে। কাউন্সিল ভাড়াটেরদের আরআরও দাবিতে সহায়তা শুরু করার পর থেকে বাধ্যতামূলক, অতিরিক্ত এবং নির্বাচনী লাইসেন্সিং স্কিমের আওতায় ভাড়াটেরদের জন্য ১৩ লাখ পাউন্ডেরও বেশি অর্থ নিশ্চিত করা হয়েছে। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস সেই স্বল্পসংখ্যক কাউন্সিলের মধ্যে একটি যারা আরআরও দাবিতে ভাড়াটেরদের এই মাত্রার সরাসরি ও ব্যবহারিক সহায়তা প্রদান করে, যেখানে অনেক অন্যান্য কর্তৃপক্ষ মামলাগুলো বাইরের পরামর্শ সেবায় পাঠিয়ে দেয়।



সামার অব ফান

সবার জন্য নানা কার্যক্রমে ভরপুর আয়োজন

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সৃজনশীল বাগান করা, রান্না, শিল্পকলা ও হস্তশিল্প থেকে শুরু করে উন্মুক্ত মঞ্চনাটক, খেলাধুলা ও ফিটনেস সেশন পর্যন্ত - টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল এবারও স্কুলের গ্রীষ্মকালীন ছুটিতে শিশু, পরিবার ও তরুণদের জন্য বিনামূল্যে কার্যক্রমে ভরপুর একটি ‘সামার অব ফান’

প্রোগ্রামের আয়োজন করছে।

সব বয়সের বাসিন্দারা বরোর সুযোগ-সুবিধাগুলো উপভোগ করার, এর ইতিহাস ও ঐতিহ্য সম্পর্কে জানার এবং টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের আকর্ষণ আবিষ্কার করার সুযোগ পাবেন।

গত বছর ৫০,০০০-এরও বেশি বাসিন্দা ও দর্শনার্থী পার্ক, যুব ও শিশু কেন্দ্র, আইডিয়া স্টোর ও লাইব্রেরি, ক্রীড়া স্থান এবং লেজার সেন্টারে শত শত কার্যক্রমে অংশ নিয়েছিলেন।

নিয়মিত আপডেটের জন্য ভিজিট করুন: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/summerevents

ইয়ুথ সেন্টারে ফ্রি জিম পাস

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ইয়াং টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস জিম পাসের মাধ্যমে বি ওয়েল লেজারের একাধিক জিমে বিনামূল্যে প্রবেশ করুন।

ইয়ুথ সেন্টারে নিবন্ধিত হয়ে পাঁচবার বা তার বেশি উপস্থিত হলে বিনামূল্যে জিম পাস পাওয়ার যোগ্য হবেন। ইয়ুথ সেন্টার বা যুব কেন্দ্রগুলো ১১ থেকে ১৯ বছর বয়সী (বিশেষ শিক্ষা চাহিদা ও প্রতিবন্ধীদের জন্য ২৫ বছর পর্যন্ত) সব তরুণের জন্য উন্মুক্ত। নিবন্ধন বিনামূল্যে এবং সহজ।

আপনার মতামত জানান এবং জিতুন £২০০ রেস্টুরেন্ট ভাউচার

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ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ফের চলমান উন্ময়ন এবং সিডব্রিউজি (পূর্বে ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ফ গ্রুপ) আয়োজিত কমিউনিটি উদ্যোগগুলো গড়ে তুলতে বাসিন্দাদের মতামত জানাতে আহ্বান জানানো হচ্ছে। যারা অংশ নেবেন, তাদের সবাইকে একটি প্রতিযোগিতায় অংশগ্রহণ করা হবে, যেখানে একজন বিজয়ী ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ফের যেকোনো একটি রেস্টুরেন্টে ভাউচার জিতবেন।

২০২৬ সালের মার্চ মাসে সিডব্রিউজি ‘কমিউনিটি ম্যাটার্স’ এর প্রথম সেশন আয়োজন করে মাইল এন্ডের আর্ট প্যাভিলিয়নে, যা ২০২৫ সালের শেষের দিকে অনুষ্ঠিত সেশনের ধারাবাহিকতা।

মার্চের সেশনের মূল প্রতিপাদ্য ছিল ‘সবার জন্য একটি স্থান তৈরি করা’। এতে কর্মসংস্থানের সুযোগ, জীবনযাত্রার ব্যয়, প্রবেশগম্যতা, বিভিন্ন আয়োজন এবং কমিউনিটির সচেতনতা নিয়ে আলোচনা হয়।

পরবর্তী ‘কমিউনিটি ম্যাটার্স’ সেশনটি জুলাই মাসে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। ভবিষ্যতের সেশনগুলোতে অংশ নিতে আগ্রহী কোনো কমিউনিটি গ্রুপ বা ব্যক্তি communities@canarywharf.com ঠিকানায় যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন।

আপনার মতে, কীভাবে সিডব্রিউজি সবার জন্য একটি অন্তর্ভুক্তিকর্মূলক স্থান তৈরি করতে পারে? আপনার মতামত ৩০ জুন ২০২৬-এর মধ্যে communities@canarywharf.com-এ ইমেইল করুন। একজন সৌভাগ্যবান অংশগ্রহণকারী ক্যানারি ওয়ার্ফের পছন্দের একটি রেস্টুরেন্টে ব্যবহারের জন্য £২০০ ভাউচার জিতবেন।

২০২৬/২৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষের জন্য স্কুল পোশাক অনুদানের আবেদন শুরু - আরও বেশি পরিবার পাবে আর্থিক সহায়তা

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২০২৬/২৭ শিক্ষাবর্ষের জন্য স্কুল পোশাক অনুদানের আবেদন কার্যক্রম এখন থেকে শুরু হয়েছে। স্কুল পোশাক অনুদান পুনরায় চালু হওয়া এবং ‘দুই-সন্তান সুবিধা সীমা’ বাতিলের ফলে বরার আরও বেশি সংখ্যক পরিবার এখন অতিরিক্ত আর্থিক সহায়তা পাওয়ার সুযোগ পাবেন।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের যেসব বাসিন্দার পারিবারিক আয় বার্ষিক ৫০,৩৫০ পাউন্ড পর্যন্ত এবং যাদের কোনো সন্তান এই সেপ্টেম্বরে প্রাথমিক বা মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ে ভর্তি হচ্ছে, তারা স্কুলের পোশাক ও ইউনিফর্মের খরচের জন্য অনুদানের আবেদন করতে পারবেন। প্রাথমিক বিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষার্থীদের জন্য ৫০ পাউন্ড এবং মাধ্যমিক বিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষার্থীদের জন্য ১৫০ পাউন্ড অনুদান প্রদান করা হবে। আবেদন গ্রহণের শেষ তারিখ ৩০ সেপ্টেম্বর ২০২৬।

কাউন্সিলের রেকর্ড অনুযায়ী যেসব পরিবারের সন্তান এই অনুদানের জন্য যোগ্য হতে পারে বলে মনে করা হচ্ছে, তাদের কিছু কিছু পরিবারকে ইতোমধ্যে সরাসরি যোগাযোগ করে বিস্তারিত তথ্য জানানো হয়েছে। তবে যেসব পরিবার মনে করেন তারা এই মানদণ্ড পূরণ করতে পারেন, তাদের সকলকে আরও তথ্য জেনে আবেদন করার জন্য উৎসাহিত করা হচ্ছে। আবেদন প্রক্রিয়ার বিস্তারিত তথ্য, কারা আবেদন করতে পারবেন, কী ধরনের আয়ের প্রমাণ প্রয়োজন এবং আবেদন

ফর্ম সহ সকল তথ্যের জন্য www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/SCG ওয়েবসাইট পরিদর্শন করুন। পরিবারগুলো আরও তথ্যের জন্য বেনিফিটস কন্টাক্ট সেন্টারে ০২০ ৭৩৬৪ ৫০০০ নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করতে পারেন।

যা ভিন্নভাবে কাজ করে এবং এই পরিবর্তনে প্রভাবিত হয়নি। এখন থেকে পরিবারগুলো প্রতিটি সন্তানের জন্য সম্পূর্ণ চাইল্ড এলিমেন্ট পাওয়ার অধিকারী হবেন, শুধু প্রথম দুটি নয়।

যেসব পরিবার ইতোমধ্যে ইউনিভার্সাল ফ্রেডিট পাচ্ছেন,



ইউনিভার্সাল ফ্রেডিটের দুই-সন্তান সীমা বাতিল

২০২৬ সালের এপ্রিল থেকে সরকার ইউনিভার্সাল ফ্রেডিটের (ইউসি) ক্ষেত্রে ‘দুই-সন্তান সীমা’ বাতিল করেছে। এই সীমার আওতায় পরিবারগুলো কেবলমাত্র প্রথম দুটি সন্তানের জন্য চাইল্ড এলিমেন্ট (প্রতি সন্তানের জন্য আর্থিক সহায়তা) পেত। এটি চাইল্ড বেনিফিট থেকে আলাদা,

তাদের পেমেন্ট এপ্রিল থেকে স্বয়ংক্রিয়ভাবে সমন্বয় করা হওয়ার কথা। তবে যদি যে মাসের মধ্যে সমন্বয়কৃত পেমেন্ট না পাওয়া যায়, তাহলে পরিবারগুলোকে ইউসি হেল্পলাইনে যোগাযোগ করতে বা তাদের অনলাইন অ্যাকাউন্টের মাধ্যমে বিষয়টি জানাতে পরামর্শ দেওয়া হচ্ছে। দুই-সন্তান সীমা বাতিল হওয়ায় অনেক পরিবার এখন আগের চেয়ে বেশি সহায়তা পেতে

ওয়েবসাইটে যান এবং ‘বেনিফিটস ক্যালকুলেটর’ লিংকে ক্লিক করুন।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল সবসময় এলাকার পরিবারগুলোর পাশে থেকে জীবনযাত্রার খরচ মোকাবেলায় সহায়তা করতে প্রতিশ্রুতিবদ্ধ। এই সুযোগটি কাজে লাগান এবং আপনার পরিবারের প্রাপ্য সুবিধাগুলো নিশ্চিত করুন।



Goob ammaan ah oo soo dhoweyn leh oo loogu talagalay haweenka

HARMONY SOMALI NEWS

Degmo sida Tower Hamlets oo ah meel si xawli ah isu beddesha isla markaana ay ku nool yihiin bulshooyin kala duwan, helitaanka waqti iyo meel aad diiradda ku saarto fayd-qabkaaga, kula kulanto dad cusub, ama ku dhisato kalsoonidaada waxay mararka qaar u ekaan kartaa wax adag in la gaaro.

Wax yar oo ka durugsan waddooyinka mashquulka badan ee Whitechapel, Xarunta cusub ee Nari Centre ayaa arrintaas wax ka beddelaysa iyadoo haweenka u fidinaysa meel soo dhoweyn leh oo ay wax ku bartaan, xiriirro ku dhistaan, kana helaan taageerooyin muhiim ah.

Waxay ku taallaa Vallance Road, dhismahan si buuxda loo dayactiray waa mid iftiin badan, casri ah, isla markaana loo naqshadeeyey iyadoo baahiyaha haweenka udub-dhexaad u yihiin.

Waxay ka kooban tahay fasallo waxbarasho, meel ku haboon kombiyuutarro (IT suite), jikada bulshada, xarun daryeelka carruurta, iyo qolal gaar ah oo loogu talagalay taageero qof-iyo-qof ah.

Ujeeddadu waa mid fudud: in adeegyada muhiimka ah lagu mideeyo

hal goob oo keliya. Xarunta Nari Centre waxay bixisaa barnaamijyo kala duwan oo baaxad leh, kuwaas oo isugu jira koorsooyin waxbarasho oo nolosha oo dhan faa'iido leh, taageero dhinaca shaqooyinka ah, tababarrada xirfadaha dijitaalka ah, iyo aqoon-is-weydaarsiyo ku saabsan barbaarinta carruurta.

Haweenku waxay sidoo kale heli karaan talooyin ku saabsan guriyeynta, gunnooyinka iyo arrimaha sharciga, iyadoo isla markaana ka faa'iidaystaan kara taageerooyin takhasus leh oo la xiriira rabshadaha qoyska, la-talinta, iyo fayd-qabka maskaxeed iyo dareenka.

Dadka deegaanka ayaa markii ugu horreysay fursad u helay inay arkaan xarunta intii lagu jiray maalin furan (Open Day) oo la qabtay bishii Febraayo.

Waxaa ka mid ahayd Dulce Silva, oo ka qayb gashay cashar jimicsi ah oo ay hoggaaminayeen tababarayaal ka socday Social Action for Health.

Dulce waxay tidhi: "Xarunta Nari Centre waa dhisme aad u qurux badan, waxaana si heer sare ah loo sameeyey dayactirkeeda.

"Waxaan la kulmay dad aad u wanaagsan, waxaana ku raaxaystay ka qaybgalka casharka jimicsiga.

"Waxay u dhowdahay saldhigga tareenka dhulka hoostiisa mara (Tube

Station), waana sahlan tahay in la gaaro.

"Runtii waxaan rajaynayaa in haweenka ka kala yimaadda dhammaan bulshada iyo asallada kala duwan ay yimaadaan oo ay si buuxda uga faa'iidaystaan xaruntan cajiibka ah."

Sue Powell, oo ah tababare ka tirsan Social Action for Health, ayaa sheegtay in hay'addu aad ugu faraxsan tahay inay barnaamijyadeeda ka hirgeliso xarunta.

"Waxaan qaban doonaa fasallo ay ka mid yihiin Good Moves, oo dadka bara cunno caafimaad leh iyo jimicsiyo fudud si looga caawiyo maareynta sonkorowga, cudurrada wadnaha iyo xididdada dhiigga, iyo dhiig-karka," ayay sharaxday.

"Waxaan sidoo kale bixin doonaa casharro jimicsi oo kor u qaada awoodda jirka iyo dhaqdhaqaaqa.

"Kaalaya, madadaalada ka qayb qaata, qosla, oo saaxiibo cusub la kulma."

Booqde kale oo lagu magacaabo LD kana timid Bow ayaa sheegtay inay xiisaynaysay inay aragto waxa xarun haweenku u qaban karto bulshada.

"Waxaan u arkaa inay tahay fikrad wanaagsan in adeegyo badan hal meel lagu wada keeno - sida xarunta daryeelka carruurta, tababarrada shaqo-abuurka, fasallada jimicsiga, iyo la-taliyayaasha ka shaqeeya rabshadaha qoyska," ayay tiri.

"Waa muhiim in la helo meel ammaan

ah oo haweenku ku kulmi karaan, ku heli karaan adeegyada muhiimka ah, isla markaana ku ogaan karaan sida ay mutadawacnimo uga qayb qaadan karaan ama shaqo ku heli karaan."

Rukshana Begum, oo maamusha xarunta, ayaa aad u danaynaysa inay maqasho fikradaha dadka deegaanka intii suurtagal ah.

"Waxaan nahay xarun cusub, waxaana dooneynaa inaan hubinno inaan bixino adeegyo isku dheellitiran oo si dhab ah uga faa'iideeya haweenka," ayay tiri.

"Kulannadayada Chai & Coffee ee Arbaco kasta la qabto waa meel wanaagsan oo laga bilaabo. Waxaan aad u xiisaynaynaa inaan maqalno fikradihinna."

Xarunta Nari Centre waxay furan tahay Isniinta ilaa Jimcaha, laga bilaabo 9:00am ilaa 5:00pm, waxaana laga helaa cinwaanka 61 Vallance Road, E1 5AB. Faahfaahin dheeraad ah oo ku saabsan xarunta waxaad ka heli kartaa bogga: towerhamlets.gov.uk/nari.

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@eastendcab.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, Bancroft Road, E1.
0800 145 5343
info@healthwatchtowerhamlets.co.uk
www.healthwatchtowerhamlets.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

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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

Non-emergency crimes 101

Textphone

18001 101

NSPCC Child Protection

Helpline

0800 800 5000

Respect (for perpetrators)

0808 802 4040

Rights of Women

020 7251 6577

Samaritans

116 123

Shelter

0808 800 4444

Tower Hamlets Mediation

Service (free service for council tenants and leaseholders)

020 7364 7474

Victim Support Tower

Hamlets

0808 168 9291 /

0808 168 9111

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