

July 2009



## Resident Involvement Social Event — R.I.S.E 2

One Housing Group would like to say **Thank You** to all involved residents who work to improve their local community.

Involved residents work with their local communities in a variety of ways including resident associations, community groups, resident training and participating in OHG consultations, panels and forums.

To say Thank You for all that you do One Housing Group would like to invite you to:

### R.I.S.E 2

**Wednesday 26th August 2009,  
6:30 pm - 8:30pm** at the  
**Wellcome Collection  
Conference Centre,  
183 Euston Road, London,  
NW1 2BE.**

R.I.S.E is an opportunity for residents from across the group to meet, get to know each other and share ideas.

The evening will include an update on new developments within the department and a discussion on how community investment services and support can be improved.

Do you have a key question or concern that you would like to be discussed on the evening?

For more information about R.I.S.E 2 or to book a place please contact the Community Investment Team using the details on the back of this newsletter.

## Key Topics:

**R.I.S.E 2**

**Enterprise  
Programme**

**Health and  
Wellbeing**

**One Voice**

**Resident  
Training  
Programme  
2009**

**Employment  
and Training**

**Get Involved**

## Enterprise Programme - Calling All Entrepreneurs

**Interested in setting up a new business? Do you have a business idea? Want to start a social enterprise?**

One Housing Group are pleased to announce the launch of their new enterprise programme. This includes a series of workshops, seminars and one to one sessions designed to help you get started in business. This is an exciting initiative developed to support residents that want to start their own business, set up a social enterprise or become self employed. The programme is being delivered in partnership with East London Small Business Centre and partners.

For more information and to register please contact the Community Investment Team.



### Sports Activities for All



The Community Investment Team is committed to developing sports activities that are accessible for all.

OHG aim to offer a range of activities that are appealing to all ages.

Would you like to start a sports activity in your area?

If so we would like to hear from you.

We are presently offering two qualifications in football coaching:

Football Coaching Level 1

Football Coaching Level 2

These are excellent courses for anyone interested in developing a career in football.

We are keen to develop sports activities for all ages and abilities. So if it is a keep fit class, martial arts or netball contact the Community Investment Team.

For more information please contact the Community Investment Team on 020 8821 5162.



### Green Living



One Housing Group would like to hear from all residents that are passionate about creating a cleaner, greener environment.

What should OHG be doing to support the Green agenda?

Want to develop an environmentally friendly project? Contact the Community Investment Team.

### Health and Wellbeing

The Community Investment Team are interested in developing new projects and activities that promote good health, healthy living and well being.

To do this we want to know from you what type of projects or activities you think would be beneficial. We understand that with busy lives it is not always easy to live a balanced and healthy life style. So what can we do to help?

Contact the Community Investment Team with your ideas and proposals.

We would welcome suggestions from residents that are experienced in health and delivering healthy living activities.

Please contact the Community Investment Team using the details on the back of this newsletter.





## Resident Training Programme 2009

The Community Investment Team is running a series of short courses to help you develop valuable skills to become more involved in your local community.

The Resident Training Programme aims to deliver diverse training programmes that teaches you skills that would be useful in life as well as in the community.

The Residents Training Programme for 2009 includes: Minute Taking, Committee Skills, Equality and

Diversity, Secretarial Skills, Budgetary Management, Mentoring and Fundraising courses.

If there is a course that you think we should be offering to residents please let us know.

For more information on these and other courses please contact the Community Investment Team on 020 8821 5162 alternatively please email [communityinvestment@onehousinggroup.co.uk](mailto:communityinvestment@onehousinggroup.co.uk).



## One Voice

One Voice is a new residents forum for residents from and community groups serving Black, Asian, Minority or Ethnic communities.

The first meeting is taking place on:

**Monday 27th July, 6pm at the London Muslim Centre, 46 - 92 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1JX.**

One Voice will be looking at key topics including: barriers to inclusion for BAME residents, funding and support, OHG services and support review.

To reserve a place at One Voice or to join the forum please contact the Community Investment Team today on 0208 821 5162 or email [communityinvestment@onehousinggroup.co.uk](mailto:communityinvestment@onehousinggroup.co.uk).





## Employment and Training Surgeries

If you are looking for work then why not attend one of our employment and training surgeries.

You will have a one to one with a trained advisor and receive advice on current training and employment opportunities.

The Employment and Training team work with key partners to ensure that we deliver the best in employment and training advice and support.

Employment surgeries are held regularly on Tuesdays

and Wednesdays.

- **Tuesdays 10 am - 1pm** at Flower and Dean Community Centre, 41 Flower and Dean Walk , Spitalfields, London E1 6QT.

To book to attend please contact Sadiq Ali.

- **Wednesdays 10am - 3pm** at One Housing Group, 100 Chalk Farm Road, London NW1 8EH
- **Wednesdays 1pm - 5pm** in Newham.

To book an appointment for a Wednesday surgery please contact Janet Guthrie on 0208 821 5162.

For more information and advice on employment and training support please contact Sadiq Ali on 020 8821 5161.



## Money Matters 2009



Money Matters is an exciting initiative designed to help you become masters of your money.

In 2009, we will be extending the project to OHG residents in East London and Berkshire.

The 'Money Matters' register allows residents to receive

regular updates on financial issues as well as invitations for activities and events.

OHG are working in partnership with Services Against Financial Exclusion (SAFE) to give residents the opportunity to learn about personal finance in a fun, friendly and informal way.

For more information contact the Community Investment Team using the details on the back of this newsletter.

## DIY for Women

We are launching an exciting new DIY course for all women living in Tower Hamlets.

Do you want to learn a valuable new skill and be able to complete odd jobs around the house?

If so then this is the course for you!

The DIY course will start in September 2009 and the first term will be for 8 weeks.

For more information please contact Catherine Olatunji on 0208 821 5168.

## Community Investment at OHG

### Do you want to make a difference in your local community?

The Community Investment Team work with residents from Community, Toynbee and Island Homes to deliver a range of activities, projects and support.

If you would like to set up a residents association, start a community project or just get involved please contact the Community Investment Team.

To request a starter pack which gives more information about the team and how you can work to influence service improvement please contact the Community Investment Team using the details on the back of this newsletter. You can also find out more on our website.

[www.onehousinggroup.co.uk](http://www.onehousinggroup.co.uk)



## Furniture Reuse Project

We have teamed up with the London Furniture Reuse Network to help residents access furniture and appliances at affordable prices!

Prices range from £5 to £80 for furniture and appliances from £50. All furniture meets fire safety requirements and appliances are tested and supplied with a guarantee.

Residents can join the Furniture Reuse mailing list to receive regular updates from furniture projects throughout London.

For a referral form and further information on the furniture reuse project contact the Community Investment Team using the details on the back of this newsletter.





### Regional Road Shows

One Housing Group is coming to an area near you!

The Community Investment Team are organising a series of regional road shows for all OHG residents.

The road shows are an opportunity for residents to find out about:

- New developments in the area
- Services and support provided locally
- Consultations, activities and projects.

The first regional road show is being held on:

**Wednesday 19th August 2009, 2pm - 7pm at Old Town Hall, 29 The Broadway, Stratford, London, E15 4BQ**

The Newham regional road show is open to all One Housing Groups residents living in Newham.

The Newham road show includes a variety stalls and information on your local area. Come along and meet the team and our partners.

For more information on the regional road shows please contact the Community Investment Team using the details on the back of this newsletter.



### 15th August - Fun Day

We are organising a community fun day in Tower Hamlets on Saturday 15th August 2009.

We would like to hear from performers, musicians, artists and entertainers that would like to join in the celebration.

There will also be a few stalls available on the day.

If you would like to be involved in the fun day or if you require further information please contact Martin Ford, Senior Community Investment Officer on 020 8821 5374.

### Funding Support

Funding Matters is a funding and support programme for all OHG residents.

Funding Matters aims to help residents, resident associations and community groups access funding information, advice and support.

Funding surgeries will be one opportunity for residents to find out more about:

- Current funding opportunities
- Access funding advice to learn and support

- Health check your organisation

The next funding surgery will be held on:

**Thursday 6th August 2009 at Virginia Quays Community Centre, 27-35 Sexton Court, E14 2DU.**

Come along and find out what support is available.





## Community Action — Small Grants Available

Community Action is One Housing Groups charitable arm committed to improving the lives of vulnerable and disadvantaged people within the community.

The money we raise through fundraising activities, non-government funding sources, partner organisations and community groups go towards initiatives benefiting people within deprived areas within London.

Our Small Grants Scheme enables us to provide a funding source to support small projects within local communities.

We provide grants to small organisations, community groups working in deprived areas within London. This scheme is for community groups and organisations that are not in

receipt of national funding.

Our current capacity allows us to provide Small Grants for projects for up to £1000.

For more information and an application pack please contact the Community Investment Team using the details at the back of this newsletter.



## Arts and Culture

One Housing Group are launching a series of new arts and cultural projects.

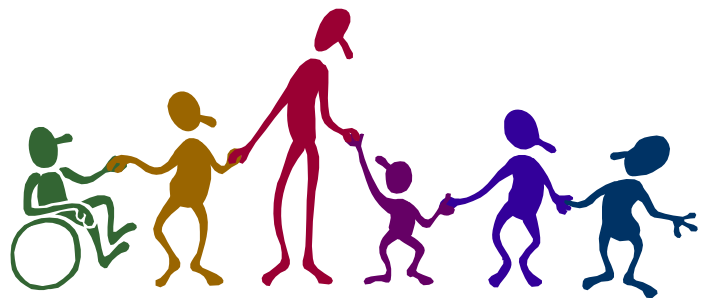
For residents living in Tower Hamlets we are organising a programme of arts workshops for children under 16.

For more information on the arts workshops please contact Catherine Olatunji, Community Investment Officer on 020 8821 5168.

We are also proposing to launch a new photography course for beginners. This course is an accredited City and Guilds Level 1.

For more information on this course please contact Harun Rashid, Community Liaison Officer on 020 8821 5374.

## New Resident Involvement Guides



OHG recently launched the a series of new guides for our residents including: Resident Involvement , Guide To Your Tenancy and a Guide for Leaseholders.

These guides are designed to explain how residents can access and influence OHG services and support.

All of our guides are available on request and on line at [www.onehousinggroup.co.uk](http://www.onehousinggroup.co.uk)

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**Fax:** 020 8821 5250/5251  
**E-mail:** [communityinvestment@onehousinggroup.co.uk](mailto:communityinvestment@onehousinggroup.co.uk)

## Summer Programme

The Youth Services Team have an action packed programme of activities for our younger residents to join in over the summer holidays.

The summer programme is open to all of our younger residents.

The OHG youth summer programme includes sports activities, day trips and arts projects.

The summer programme is guaranteed to have something for everyone.

For more information on youth activities in your area please contact Alasdair Gordon, Youth Services Manager on 0207 428 4316, alternatively please email [agordon@onehousinggroup.co.uk](mailto:agordon@onehousinggroup.co.uk)



## Community Centers for Hire

The Community Investment Team have a variety of community centres that are available to hire at affordable prices.

We also offer furnished office space, that is suitable for hot desking, long and short term rentals available.

For more information contact on what we have available call the Community Investment Team on 020 8821 5162.

## The Community Investment Team

The Community Investment Team are:

Peter Higgins, Assistant Director Community Investment and Service Improvement

Michelle Mulcare, Community Investment Manager

Nazrul Islam, Employment and Training Manager

Janet Guthrie, Community Investment Support Officer

Sadiq Ali, Employment and Training Support Officer

Harun Rashid, Community Liaison Officer

Martin Ford, Senior Community Investment Officer

Community Investment Officers are:

Catherine Olatunji, Mersada Robinson, Althea Bart, Rasheeda Graham, Mary Riley and Shaun Phidd.

Youth Development Officers are: Kamilah McCalman, Ash Rahman and Aston Wood.