



Press release

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One Housing Group (OHG) confirms key partners for Arlington

Key social enterprise partners have been identified to deliver a range of job and training opportunities at Arlington: City Dining, SPACE and Broadway.

As space at Arlington is in such high demand due to its prime location in the heart of Camden, OHG is using a rigorous process to select the most suitable partners, ensuring that Arlington will be an inspiring, uplifting place to work and relax.

City Dining is proposing to provide catering for residents and staff at Arlington, as well as training for a group of customers, with the aim of offering them permanent positions upon successful completion of the training scheme.

SPACE is proposing to run an art studio and creative space for residents at Arlington providing therapeutic, creative activities. Longer term they hope to develop opportunities for creative and media training.

Broadway are in discussions to deliver an employment and training service for residents of Arlington and other hostels in Camden, offering help with accessing work and training opportunities as well as support with writing or improving CVs, interview practice and careers advice. In partnership with One Housing Group, Broadway are also exploring setting up a Business Centre, run as and supporting Social Enterprise, providing first class training, conference and business support facilities.

A building trades training partner will also be selected for Arlington and is expected to be announced in January.

Kevin Beirne, OHG's Director of Housing, Care and Support said: "We are delighted to have brought City Dining, SPACE and Broadway on board and very much look forward

to working with them to positively impact the lives of Arlington residents and to benefit the local community as a whole.”

Councillor Chris Naylor, Executive Member for Homes and Housing Strategy at Camden Council, added: "I'm very pleased that we're moving forward with developing the new social enterprise area at Arlington House."

“Not only will the redevelopment work improve the quality of accommodation at Arlington, but the social enterprise area will ensure that its residents can benefit from training and employment opportunities while also providing valuable facilities for local residents. Camden Council is funding OHG to support hostel residents and ensure they can make the most of the opportunities that will be offered in this area."

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Notes

One Housing Group currently manages over 12,000 homes in 26 local authorities across London and adjacent counties, with over 2,700 homes in the development pipeline. These include shared ownership schemes; intermediate rent homes for key workers, affordable rented homes and homes for outright sale.

Community Housing Association, Island Homes and Toynbee Housing Association joined to form One Housing Group in September 2007.

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