

## News release - Project 2020 is working in Haringey

Last year, Project 2020 – Homes for Haringey's scheme to help unemployed residents in Haringey – helped over 400 locals gain the necessary skills and confidence to find training and job opportunities.

This included supporting nearly 100 residents back into paid work and over 100 into training schemes and apprenticeships. Officers from the scheme provided over 200 other residents with one to one information, advice and guidance on how to find jobs, brush up their CVs and access work experience opportunities.

Initially set up to help young people in the borough who were not in employment, education or training (NEETs), Project 2020 has widened its offering to help all residents to receive access to employment, training, volunteering and work experience opportunities. The past year has also seen a number of notable projects specifically for young people including:

- Radio 20x20 scheme – where 20 young people learnt radio/interview skills, podcast production and DJ skills in partnership with Community Music
- A successful half term programmes, teaching bike maintenance, healthy eating, drama, first aid skills
- An Edible Education programme where young people received entry level qualifications, learnt about healthy eating, ran a market stall and made a short film about the scheme
- Securing £2,600 from young people who took part in a community voting day (Northumberland Park version of Dragons Den)

Astrid Kjellberg-Obst, Homes for Haringey's Executive Director of Operations, said "Working with our young people and helping residents into employment is not only rewarding, it is core to our business. Our young people learn about life skills, equipping them to make the right decisions for their future. The support we give residents helps them gain confidence to navigate a route into work, using skills and knowledge they already possess."

Homes for Haringey launched the Project 2020 Hub on Northumberland Park Estate, Tottenham in 2012. The Hub was set up in response to summer disturbances that took place in 2011 and the initial target group were young people aged 16-24 who were not in employment, education or training. Project 2020 aimed to engage and support these people into career pathways by offering a bespoke training option, popular activities such as a pool table and music recording studio alongside a weekly job club. This helped to teach new skills and, for some, has meant moving away from potentially a life of crime and gang culture.

Total achievements since Project 2020 started include:

- 688 residents provided with one to one information, advice and guidance (IAG) and action plans
- 201 residents supported back into paid work
- 204 residents supported into training and apprenticeships
- 37 learners completed pre-apprenticeship in construction, including 32 placements with Homes for Haringey's Decent Homes Contractors

- 36 clients registered and supported on the Government's Flexible Support Fund contract directly delivered by Homes for Haringey

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**About Homes for Haringey**

Homes for Haringey is an Arms' Length Management Organisation (ALMO), set up in April 2006 to manage Haringey's council housing.

- We manage around 16,000 tenanted and 4,500 leasehold properties and employ around 600 staff
- We have our own in-house repairs service (Haringey Repairs Service) which carries out around 60,000 repairs to council homes every year.
- While Haringey Council owns the homes and takes overall responsibility for housing policy and strategy, Homes for Haringey is responsible for the day-to-day management of council homes.