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## **Celebrating 2 years of 'Broadway' fun**

Homes for Haringey and Jacksons Lane are celebrating two years of fun-filled Broadway Brunches.

Broadway Brunches are fortnightly entertainment events – often with West End performers – for older and more vulnerable residents in supported housing schemes. They aim to reduce social isolation amongst this group and take place at a number of Homes for Haringey sheltered housing 'hubs' across the borough.

Nearly 1000 residents and local friends have attended one of the Brunches since they started in September 2017.

The Brunches are hosted by Jacksons Lane's Creative Learning team and have featured an eclectic range of acts over the last 48 months from circus acrobatics to drag queens and from poetry reading to Bollywood dancing. There's singing and music at every event, with residents often joining in and even stealing the show. Residents are also encouraged to take part in seat-based dancing exercises and games such as Play Your Cards Right, frequently to howls of laughter.

As well as a wide range of entertainment, two course hot meals are provided to attendees by Blooming Scents, a local social enterprise.

The event is also attended by local organisations and charities to deliver important information and point residents to services and other local activities available to them.

Special 'themed' Brunches throughout the year – for events such as Black History Month and LGBT History Month - recognise residents' heritage and ensure they are fully inclusive for residents of all backgrounds.

Chinyere Ugwu, Homes for Haringey's Community & Customer Relationship Director said, "The Brunches have supported our aim to reduce social isolation amongst older people. They have brought a new dimension of entertainment, interaction and 'bringing communities together' which has seen a positive impact on the overall health and wellbeing of residents. They have also provided a platform to deliver important information and advice to a group of people who may not normally have access to these services or activities. This partnership with Jacksons Lane has gone from strength to strength over the past couple of years and we look forward to continuing this collaboration well into the future."

Jessica Amery, Jacksons Leave Creative Learning project co-ordinator, said "Broadway Brunch I equate to a happy and vital lifeline for many Homes for Haringey tenants. Across the two years we have built strong companionships and a guaranteed afternoon of entertaining delight. Broadway Brunches allow isolated friends to be visible and have a platform for their voice when they attend the vibrant afternoon of entertainment. It is a safe space, which feels like a second home to many and they know they will be greeted warmly every time by a team who care for them and their well-being. We have exceeded extraordinary levels of silliness and cheekiness too! Owing mostly to our favourite Drag Queen friends!"

Broadway Brunches are held fortnightly throughout the year and are part of Homes for Haringey's commitment to support residents' physical and mental health. As well as Broadway Brunches, Homes for Haringey coordinates a large programme of activities to help residents live independently such as gardening clubs, yoga groups and mental health relaxation workshops. The housing organisation also hosts LGBT walking and historical groups, cancer support groups and Wii Fit exercise sessions.

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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.
- Our Support and Wellbeing Service provides a service tailored to meet the needs of older people, above the age of 50 years, who are in need of physical, social and emotional care. As well as providing housing we provide advice and support, to those whose care needs are at a level that they can be met in the community.

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### **About Jacksons Lane**

Jacksons Lane is a multi-arts venue based in Haringey with a programme of contemporary circus, comedy, dance and performance. It has an extensive community outreach programme both in the venue and in many traditionally excluded communities across Tottenham and Wood Green.

The Jacksons Lane Creative Learning Team reaches out to people who live, work and visit Haringey and the surrounding areas, providing vital arts opportunities to connect and contribute to a happier community.

There is a variety of projects including social lunches, Broadway Brunches and IT workshops for older people; an intergenerational theatre group that is self-led, and projects aimed at women's safety.

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