



Homes for Haringey

News release: Council housing youngsters enjoy fun-filled summer in Tottenham
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Youngsters from council homes across Haringey enjoyed an activity-packed summer holiday programme thanks to Homes for Haringey's youth engagement hub, Project 2020.

The successful series of free activities over the six week summer holidays entertained almost 80 young people from across the borough.

The programme is designed to give young people the opportunity to try new things, have enjoyable experiences, and learn new skills. Project 2020 provides a safe space, to stimulate minds, and address a number of areas that concern young people in Haringey.

Participants took part in cookery lessons, bike maintenance lessons and knife crime awareness workshops.

There were also the ever-popular Radio 20x20 music sessions run by Community Music. These gave young people a chance to make their own music in a studio and learn the basics of radio broadcasting and music production, from industry professionals. They then were able to test out their new-found skills at The Great Fete at Alexandra Palace where they recorded the event and interviewed some artists who performed.

Project 2020 arranged day trips to Go Ape and go karting - both paid for with funding secured by young people at a recent Northumberland Park Community Voting Day.

In between the large events, there were plenty of activities to keep the 10-19 year olds busy: a Bop it challenge, a FIFA computer game tournament, documentaries and arts and crafts were just some of the fun and engaging activities available as well as water balloon fight outside when the mercury hit over 30c.



Topical workshops were provided by Insight Platform on drug and alcohol awareness, and the Metropolitan Police on knife crime, stop and search and 'County Lines'.

Project 2020 wrapped up the summer programme with a celebration afternoon with certificates and awards given out and special recognition given to those who did something amazing over the summer.

Chinyere Ugwu, Homes for Haringey's Community & Customer Relationship Director said, "The Project 2020 summer programme highlights again the work we put into giving young people in Haringey opportunities to experience positive activities. The broad range of fun-filled activities - with local partners - over the holidays has enabled our young residents to discover new skills in a supportive environment.

The hard work doesn't stop with the end of the holidays as we run a number of afterschool and homework clubs in our project hub in term time."

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 aims 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 helps to teach new skills and, for some, has meant moving away from potentially a life of crime and gang culture.

Planning has already started for the October half term. If young people are interested in attending Project 2020 – during term time or the school holidays – they should ask their parent or carer to complete a registration form available from Project 2020. For more information please visit the Project 2020 webpages on the Homes for Haringey website:

<https://www.homesforharingey.org/project2020>

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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.

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