

Press release from Local Area Partnership 7

LAP 7 residents turn up to Live and Learn

More than 140 people flocked to a Tower Hamlets Partnership event intended to inform both young and old people about the opportunities in learning, volunteering and training on their doorstep.

Held by Local Area Partnership 7 (East India and Lansbury; Limehouse), on Wednesday, (13th September) Live and Learn was attended by a wide range of organisations, including local universities, youth service and voluntary agencies supporting people into volunteering or training.

In addition to stalls, there were fun activities, from football matches to arts and crafts activities for children at the event held at the relaunch of the newly refurbished Workhouse leisure centre in Poplar High Street.

A highlight was an inspiring talk from Watford FC defender Daniel Shittu, who grew up in Tower Hamlets, and succeeded in his ambition to be a professional footballer.

The event was jointly organised with Tower Hamlets College and the Isle of Dogs Community Forum (IDCF) to celebrate the relaunch of the Workhouse.

Tower Hamlets College who refurbished the building has been assigned the lease for the building by the freeholder, the Isle of Dogs Community Forum under a special deal aimed at ensuring the local community can continue using the centre.

Also involved in the project to refurbish and reopen the Workhouse were SPLASH and the Tower Hamlets Partnership.

The launch was started with an introduction by Bill Colverson, Chair of LAP 7 Steering Group and a speech from Poplar and Canning Town MP Jim Fitzpatrick.

Editors' notes

What is the Tower Hamlets Partnership?

The Partnership makes sure that we all work together to achieve the goals of the borough's Community Plan and improve the quality of life for all who live and work in Tower Hamlets.

What are Local Area Partnerships?

There are eight Local Area Partnerships (LAPs) across the borough, which hold regular events where the local communities can get involved and have their say. Each LAP produces an area action plan to highlight key local issues and ensure they are tackled.

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