

## Press Release

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### **Hounslow Homes residents step ahead**

The Employment and Training fair had Hounslow Homes residents surrounded by a world of opportunities on Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Held in The Hub, Hounslow the Employment and Training fair was hosted by local housing service providers Hounslow Homes, Places for People and the employment support agency West London Working. The Fair aimed to bring choices to residents in outlying areas of the borough by providing information about the work opportunities and training available.

"The event was extremely worthwhile, I spoke to many residents at the event who were amazed at all the opportunities available to them." Said Hounslow Homes Tenant Participation Manager, Eileen Evans.

Local residents took advantage of the excellent range of support and advice on offer to both adults and young people. Residents had a selection of agencies to explore including: Adult Education, Job Centre Plus, Seetec - Opportunities London, Connexions, Hounslow CVS, Carillion Apprentices Scheme, SureStart and Leaders.

One Hounslow Homes tenant said, "I found the fair extremely inspiring, I never realised how many opportunities are out there for me. Also it was great that the information was brought to us, living further out makes it harder to attend general fairs."

A follow-up event is planned for later in the year to build on this encouraging start, for more information visit [www.hounslowhomes.org.uk](http://www.hounslowhomes.org.uk)

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## Notes to Editors

- Hounslow Homes was formed in 2002 as one of the first Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) in the country. Hounslow Homes is tasked with managing the council's 16,500 homes and has delivered £120 million of refurbishment and improvement works to bring its housing stock up to the government's 'Decent Homes' standard, which took effect in 2006.
- The ALMO was awarded the highest possible three-star rating by the Audit Commission for excellent housing services in 2005.
- Services to residents include a free phone number and service, care-taking and ground maintenance.