

Easter update from the team at Hackney Cooperative Developments CIC



This has been a rollercoaster of a year, in which the social enterprise sector, indeed every sector, has been challenged in unprecedented ways. I am grateful to and proud of my colleagues, the HCD board and our volunteers who have shown incredible dedication and commitment these past twelve months.

There is no guidance for how to feel at a time like this, and I know this causes anxiety for everyone. Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones - we are going to get through this together.

With very warmest wishes and wishing you a Happy Easter.
Anthonia Onigbode Chief Operations & Financial Officer

We are excited to unveil in April an advertising campaign in **Gillett Square** to promote local projects and businesses. If interested email property@hcd.coop. Find out the [latest about the developments](#) and if you are interested in organising any events contact the [Gillett Square team](#).

Initiatives in the square continue including [The ZoOm bike project](#), offering children free cycle repairs and maintenance once a week.

Welfare advice, in partnership with [MRS Independent Living](#), is still providing outreach advice for users of Gillett Square. These can be people with disabilities who are not using existing advice services, or those affected by a range of issues including benefits/compliance issues, debt, landlord disputes, poor mental and physical health including drug and alcohol use.

The GS Breakfast Club also reopens in April - our staff are helping them in becoming a bona fide club.

Play Equipment activities commence from 1st April 2021.

We continue to **support social enterprises** and are pleased to be working with the fantastic [Carib Eats](#), who organise mutual aid around food. [All in Awe](#) connect charities and nonprofits to designers and also contacted us recently for assistance in planning and registration. [Find out more about our co-operative enterprise support.](#)

Saying a big hello to our **new tenants** - online bakery [Browniegod](#), Experimental project space [Kupfer](#), and Flow Space who offer wellness for businesses. We must also bid farewell to Circleline, Longview and Best Practice - thank you for being part of HCD.

If you need office space see our [website](#) or contact property@hcd.coop

As part of our efforts to support **digital inclusion**, we help people to improve their digital skills, particularly the unemployed or low skilled, as well as people with disabilities or learning difficulties. [Book now for training.](#)

We are one of the **Census Centres**, providing help to local people to complete their census, as well as any application form. Call us on 020 3875 9350 for Woodberry Down (N4 2TG) and 020 3875 9339 for Beechwood Road (E8 3DY). You can also join us at either centre from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM Mon-Fri until 4 May 2021.

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