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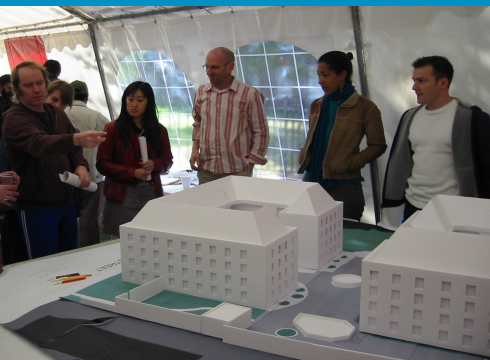


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## WORKING WITH RESIDENTS

Over the past 3 years Spitalfields Housing Association has improved its direct funding to Resident Associations to the extent that recognised Residents Associations



can now access up to £900.00 per year. The mechanism for resident involvement has expanded with residents able to partake in the Tenants Forum, Best Value Review panel, quarterly Newsletter and organisational annual report.

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## CELEBRATING WITH FAMILIES

3 years ago we started an initiative which has now become a main stay of our annual programme of activities.



“COMMITTED TO IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR THE COMMUNITY WE SERVE”



Our annual Play Day, usually held at 2 or 3 Spitalfields Housing Association sites, offers a fun day for families to enjoy themselves. From Face Painting to Karam competitions all are invited to have fun.

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## CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESS

**SPITALFIELDS HOUSING ASSOCIATION**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2007**

Spitalfields Housing Association Community Development team set out in 2004 to improve the social and economic opportunities of the communities it serves.

A team of two staff, working to an annual work programme based on the Local Strategic Partnerships Neighbourhood Renewal aims has, working in conjunction with the local community, helped to improve the quality of life of local people.



Elizabeth Clay  
(Community Development Manager)



Murselin Islam  
(Community Development Officer)

Here are some celebrated examples of what has been achieved.

## EMPLOYMENT

Starting in 2001 Spitalfields Housing Association has supported 7 young people from the local community to complete a CIH certified qualification in Housing Management and Maintenance whilst also taking up a salaried position within the organisation. One of the 7 was offered a permanent position within the organisation with the others taking up positions in similar organisations. Jahara Begum is currently completing her qualification whilst working for the Association as a Maintenance Assistant.

## TRAINING

In 2005 Spitalfields began developing its web site. In association with this 3 young people received free tailored training to help them develop their knowledge of web site design and undertook a supervised project which involved designing a web site. This helping one of the students into paid employment and a second with completion of his studies.

## EDUCATION

Working in partnership with Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership, Spitalfields is now offering a rolling programme of Work Experience Placements to Tower Hamlets schools. This year we will offer a total of 4 structured placements to students within the Borough.

EDUCATING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

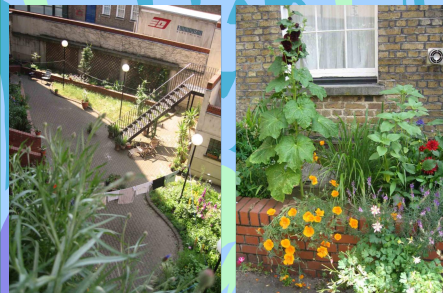
## IMPROVING OUR OPEN SPACES

### BURHAN UDDIN HOUSE GARDEN

With a helping hand from Spitalfields Housing Association, through the provision of a Small Grant, the Burhan Uddin House Residents Association have turned the rear of their block from a neglected urban space to a green court yard oasis.



(before)



(after)

## SPELMAN STREET PLAY FACILITY

Through 2 successful funding bids to The Veolia Trust and The London Woodland Grant Trust, totalling 37K and a 15K contribution from Spitalfields Housing Association, Spitalfields Housing Association in conjunction with Groundwork East London has turned a valuable urban play facility away from vandalism towards a community resource.



Our ongoing management of this space involves exciting developments such as the direct employment of a qualified gardener, the start up of a community gardening club, the introduction of community composting and recycling and the planting of new bio diverse plant and tree species.



PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES

Following on from the tragedy of the murder of Stephen Lawrence, the inquiry that took place into the handling of the case identified a need for more places within communities where victims of 'hate crime' would feel safe reporting such a crime.

Spitalfields Housing Association was one of the first Housing Associations in the Borough to become a Third Party Reporting Centre, such that today any member of the public who is a victim of a crime, motivated by prejudice, can report it at our office where it is forwarded in confidence to prompt a tailored response from the police.