

Our occupiers' work around the community

In this issue we are highlighting some of the projects that some of our occupiers are supporting in their neighbourhood as well as further afield.

What started out as just an introduction to a food co-op around the corner from the Tea Building has turned into an ongoing relationship with St Hilda's East Community Centre. The first initiative the Tea team organised was a toy drive for children at the centre last Christmas. Altogether the team at Tea, along with building occupiers, gave over 70 presents including soft toys, trucks, play dough and building blocks to St Hilda's Christmas grotto.



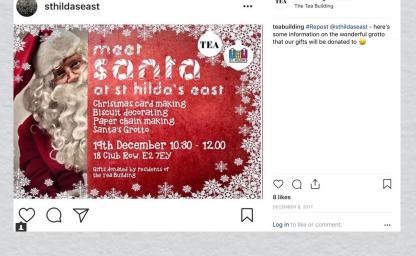


Since then a bake sale at Tea raised much needed funds for the legal service that St Hilda's. This resource for the local community gives advice on a range of matters such as housing, welfare benefits, debt, consumer problems and employment issues. Our generous occupiers at the building raised over £700 which is an incredible effort and goes to show what can be achieved when the building team and occupiers pull together. Kevin Metherall and Anisa Lone (Tea Building Manager and Assistant Building Manager) are always thinking about future initiatives and we look forward to hearing about them.



"Can I add how grateful we are that you put us in touch with the Tea Building towards the end of last year? It has turned into a lovely link! Colleagues have told me about the wonderful Under 5s' Christmas Party we were able to hold in December, thanks to the generosity of Tea Building tenants in donating presents"

Rupert Williams, Director at St Hilda's East Community Centre



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Meanwhile over at 20 Farringdon Road the building team and occupiers showed off their sporting prowess by getting involved with Sport Relief in March. Reception supervisor Charlotte Gould organized the day and Building Manager Jack Williams' good relationship with occupiers meant that all were fully on board for a challenge. Four exercise bikes kindly provided from occupier MOB45 were installed in the building, with teams of four tasked to ride the furthest distance in 40 minutes.

Donations gathered from local businesses were given out as 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes. Bonus prizes were also given for best dressed team and most inventive team name. Nine brave teams signed up for the challenge and pedalled for Sport Relief. Congratulations go to The Trade Desk who came in 1st, Improbable coming in at 2nd and Indeed taking 3rd.













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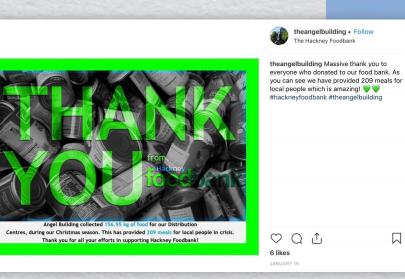
Not only did the Farringdon team arrange a fun (if not exhausting) event for occupiers to take part in, they also raised a fantastic £470 so well done to all.



The work of food banks across the country and the growing demand for their service is regularly highlighted across the press. Last Christmas five of our properties supported two Trussell Trust foodbanks. Food drives organised by building staff at Greencoat and Gordon House meant donations brought in by occupiers were delivered to their local Westminster branch.



Donations generously provided by occupiers at The Angel Building, Angel Square and 4/10 Pentonville Road meant we were also able to support the Trussell Trust's Euston foodbank.





Further to the success of these food drives we organised another drive in the run up to the school summer holidays, which is a time of year when families turn to food banks for help as children are not able to access the free school meals they would get during term time.

Many thanks to all building staff and occupiers who have got involved with recent projects. If you have a fundraising idea for a local charity that you would like your building to get involved in or would like more information about organising food drive please let your building manager know or contact us at community@derwentlondon.com.

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Who do I ask about sustainability?

Are you in charge of sustainability data for your organisation or have you been tasked with finding it? We may be able to help. Derwent London's Sustainability Team holds a lot of information and data about the buildings you occupy, whether it be energy consumption, water use, recycling rates, or legislative information needed for annual carbon reporting e.g. the government's CRC* scheme or ESOS** energy audits. Whenever you need sustainability data relating to the space you occupy, either for use internally or for meeting legislative requirements, who do you need to ask and how? The process chart below outlines where you should turn to in such an event – we hope you find it useful!

