

Transforming Edmonton EcoPark



Over the last four years, North London Waste Authority (NLWA) has been transforming Edmonton EcoPark into a recycling and sustainable waste hub. It will include the UK's most advanced Energy Recovery Facility to stop rubbish going to landfill and use it to make heat and power for local homes. There'll be new recycling facilities and a visitor centre for the community. There are loads of community opportunities including apprenticeships, training placements and benefits for local organisations included in the scheme.



Support for local people and places

ACCIONA, the lead contractor building the replacement Energy Recovery Facility at Edmonton EcoPark has set aside over £180,000 to support local projects through its RE-Power Communities Scheme. Community groups can apply for small grants, volunteer time and donations of resources.

The 15 successful organisations in the first round of funding include groups which support disadvantaged young people, charities working with people with disabilities and those working to improve greenspaces. Organisations supporting career and training development were also successful, as were initiatives that provide food packages to support local families during the cost-of-living crisis.

Groups in your area that will receive support include:



Edmonton Community Partnership will receive support to refurbish Pymmes Park Visitors' Centre. Photo Credit: Enfield Council

- **Edmonton Community Partnership**
- **REACT:** Residents of Edmonton Angel Community Together
- **21K Digital Media**
- **Haringey Play Association (HarPA)**
- **Whittingham Primary Academy Parent Teacher Association**

Since 2019, the redevelopment of the EcoPark has supported 30 apprenticeships at London Living Wage, 141 skills training placements, and a schools programme, focused on science, engineering and waste infrastructure-related careers.

Apprentice spotlight

10 apprentices from **Enfield**, eight from **Waltham Forest**, and two from **Haringey** have so far joined the project.

Here, a recent apprentice shares her experience:



Tatiana

Tatiana, of Waltham Forest, is a Social Value Coordinator Apprentice with ACCIONA

What skills have you developed so far as part of your apprenticeship?

“Confidence, as my role requires me to give presentations in schools and attend many meetings. I have also improved my ability to work under pressure as the role is full of deadlines.”

What is your biggest achievement on your apprenticeship to date?

“This apprenticeship is a change in my career. Everything is new for me so learning and understanding my role has been my biggest achievement. I feel confident that as part of the team I can help to achieve project targets.”



Women into Construction Training Placements

Women into Construction (WiC) are offering a five-week employment and training programme for unemployed women to gain an introduction into the construction industry and the range of jobs available.

Work experience available includes **Engineering Assistant, Administration, Trainee Quantity Surveyor, Project Assurance, Project Manager, Document Controller, Traffic Marshall and many more!**

The programme is open to women aged 18 and over who are residents in Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest. The programme offers:

- Construction-related training including CSCS Card
- Guidance for writing a CV, job applications and interview skills
- Placement opportunities with participating employers
- On-site work experience at Edmonton EcoPark
- 1:1 WiC support including travel and childcare expenses

If you, or someone you know is interested, please register by the end of February by scanning the QR code below and completing the form. Successful applicants will be invited to an information session at Edmonton EcoPark on 7 March.

