

Transforming Edmonton EcoPark



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5 Construction of the new Energy Recovery Facility

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.

RePowering the local community

Earlier this year ACCIONA, the lead contractor building the new Energy Recovery Facility, awarded 15 local groups grants of up to £2,500 each, and donated free materials such as timber as well as volunteer time.

With their award, REACT: Residents of Edmonton Angel Community Together, purchased tools, seeds, and seedlings for their local

community garden, and held workshops for local people. Haringey Play Association built a woodwork station at a local adventure playground and ran carpentry workshops for young people.

RePower Communities is part of ACCIONA's contract with NLWA. It is just one of many initiatives to ensure that the EcoPark

transformation benefits north Londoners.

For information and to apply to RePower, scan the QR code below or email communities.NLHPP@acciona.com



Volunteers from ACCIONA helping out in the community garden on Rays Road, Edmonton (REACT)

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Apprentice spotlight



Henry, from Waltham Forest, is a Quantity Surveyor Apprentice with ACCIONA

Why did you decide to apply for an apprenticeship?

“After doing lots of research, I realised that for me, the best way to become a quantity surveyor wasn’t by going to university and just learning the theory, but to apply for an apprenticeship, where I would also learn the practical side. I’ve learnt from my colleagues and gained valuable information. Likewise, an apprenticeship has always appealed to me as earning whilst learning seems the best scenario that anyone can ask for!”

What is your biggest achievement on your apprenticeship to date?

“Valuating costs for a subcontractor to ensure they are paid correctly. This involved me going out on site to see their progress to date.”

What advice would you give to someone considering an apprenticeship?

“Research the career you are considering and the type of companies that you would consider working for. When in an apprenticeship, support from the company is extremely important. You need to assess whether it is more beneficial to go to university or if you think that the job could be learnt as an apprentice.”

What are your goals for the future?

“To complete my apprenticeship and become a qualified quantity surveyor. After that, I want to continue expanding my knowledge on any opportunities that arise for me!”

Women into Construction

Fourteen women from north London were part of a recent Women into Construction training programme at the EcoPark. Over four to five weeks, trainees gained construction and engineering experience and worked towards obtaining a Construction Skills Certificate Scheme card. For instance, trainee Antoinette, gained skills in quantity surveying and commercial management. She says it was “an amazing opportunity to meet so many people across the industry”.



Women into Construction programme participants

See Antoinette on our latest construction update video by scanning the QR code below:

