

# Transforming Edmonton EcoPark



North London Waste Authority (NLWA) is turning 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 hundreds of apprenticeships, training placements and skilled jobs for local people.



Edmonton EcoPark

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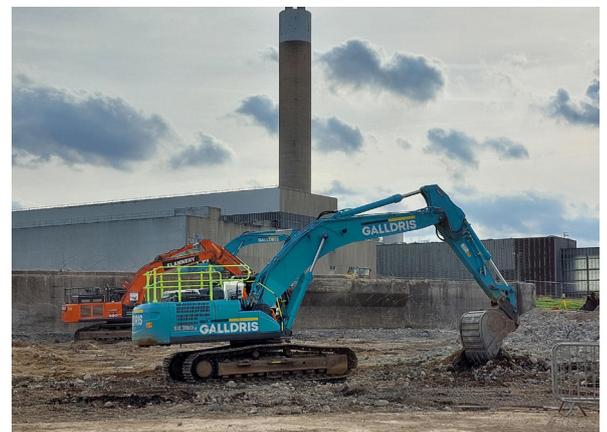
Since 1971, Edmonton EcoPark has used north London residents' black-bag waste to generate electricity. The earnings help reduce the cost of waste disposal. This year the income will rise considerably.

NLWA is giving this extra money - £4.75 million - to councils. Whilst NLWA would like to see much lower energy prices for residents, in the meantime, the 'windfall' can help ease the cost-of-living crisis. NLWA Chair, Cllr Clyde Loakes said, "Public ownership of utilities can bring direct benefits to communities, instead of just the shareholders of the big energy companies."

### Construction starts

The building of the new Energy Recovery Facility at

the EcoPark started earlier this autumn with Enfield-based company Galldris working on the groundworks. The new facility will not only generate electricity but also heating for many thousands of local homes bringing energy security and freedom from gas boilers. It will also ensure that north London residents can



Enfield-based contractor, Galldris, at work

continue to benefit financially from a facility that they own.



Our contractor Taylor Woodrow, who are building the new recycling facilities at Edmonton EcoPark, have been awarded an outstanding mark of 50/50 by the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

# Apprentice spotlight



Hakeem Badmus

Hakeem Badmus, from Enfield, joined the project in 2019 as a Civil Engineering apprentice, and when the package of works completed, he became a Junior Content Producer apprentice in 2021.

## What does a typical day look like for you?

Most of my day is spent developing advertising and marketing content for campaigns that are shared with residents across north London.

My other responsibilities involve identifying online marketing opportunities as well as producing visual materials to share information about the project with residents and people working on site.

## Why did you decide to apply for an apprenticeship?

I wanted to work where there was diversity, equal opportunity, and a place to maximise my experience and networks to build my prospects

to become a creative director once I've gained the necessary industry skills required.

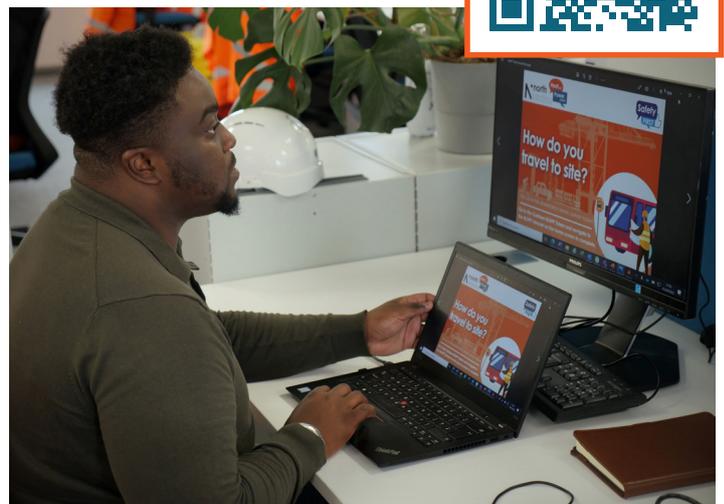
## What has been your best experience so far?

It's been the opportunities I've been given from working as an on-site apprentice transitioning to an office environment. I've had the chance to learn new skills working with a variety of people within the project.

## What advice would you give to someone considering an apprenticeship?

Don't limit yourself and always know you can improve even when you feel it's impossible. An apprenticeship opens doors for so much more than work experience, it's a door to your career journey!

Scan here to watch Hakeem's video interview



Hakeem working on content

## Schools outreach programme

We regularly visit schools to help students (KS3, KS4 and KS5) learn more about STEM subjects and construction/waste careers.

We offer sessions covering the following topics: Recycling and Waste; Energy from Waste; Delivering a Large-scale Infrastructure Project; and Careers Insights. We'll also discuss the importance of good waste management and recycling in protecting our environment. For more information about each of the sessions scan this QR code →

If you would like us to visit your school or for more information, please email [NLHPP@NLWA.gov.uk](mailto:NLHPP@NLWA.gov.uk)

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