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Arlington on show for Open House London

Arlington will open its doors to Open House London for the first time on Saturday 17 September from 10.00am to 1.00pm. Located in Camden, Arlington is the last and largest of a series of a new type of London hostel created by Lord Rowton, a Victorian philanthropist, to provide accommodation for low-paid working men.

Launched in 2010, Arlington is taking a revolutionary approach to tackling homelessness in the UK. Learning from the Times Square model pioneered by Common Ground in New York, Arlington is a stimulating mixed community of high quality accommodation for homeless people, social enterprises, growing businesses and low rent accommodation for young professionals or other low income workers.

With all users entering through the same arched-entrance, Arlington's holistic approach aims to provide more of a home environment for residents, integrating them within the community and providing the opportunity for real independence for the socially excluded. It is a clear and definite move away from institutional and stereotypical approach to housing for the homeless. Arlington is an original, inspirational and aspirational building.

People wishing to take a guided tour of Arlington should book online at openhouselondon.org.uk/bookings before 15th September as spaces are limited.

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Notes to editors

Arlington is located on Arlington Street in Camden. The scheme has benefited from substantial investment from Communities and Local Government (CLG) of £12.8m under the Hostels Capital Improvement Programme (now known as the Places of

Change Programme, managed by the Homes and Communities Agency). This is the largest scheme in this national programme.

Camden Council approved planning permission for the refurbished development of Arlington House in October 2007 and provides Supporting People funding to the hostel. Arlington now provides 95 hostel spaces and 35 intermediate rental units.

One Housing Group is a leading provider of affordable housing, care and support. Managing over 13,000 homes in 26 London boroughs and surrounding counties, we also help over 4,000 people to live safely and independently.

A not for profit organisation, we are committed to delivering new homes to meet the country's housing shortage. Over the past two years One Housing Group provided 2,500 new homes and we're on course to deliver 4,500 over the next four years. We offer a wide range of housing options, including homes for affordable rent, private sale and shared ownership.

As well as providing high quality homes and excellent support, One Housing Group works hard to make a positive difference to residents' lives. We offer a range of community projects, courses and initiatives to help people gain new skills, become more confident and benefit from new opportunities.

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