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Arlington supports local unemployed into work and training

Arlington, a high quality accommodation and support service for homeless people in London, will host an employment and training fair on Friday 14 September from 12:00 – 4:00pm, to help unemployed people back into work.

Despite recent figures released by the Office of National Statistics showing a decrease in unemployment in the UK in 2012, the number of unemployed people still remains at around 2.56 million (June 2012) - higher than the same time last year. London accounts for just over 8% of the country's unemployed population. However approximately 1.3 million people in the city are deemed economically inactive, meaning they have not been actively seeking work over a four week period - the highest number in the country.

There is a significant link between unemployment and homelessness, with low level skills or qualifications being contributing factors amongst the homeless population.

The employment and training open day will give visitors the chance to find out about apprenticeships and other job opportunities available in a variety of sectors including construction and administration. They will also be able to register for training courses and get advice and support on CV building and interview techniques and presentation.

Jason Pryce – Kennedy, Head of Arlington, said: "Since being re-launched in June 2010, Arlington's Employment and Training Academy has helped 141 customers to secure an apprenticeship and 20 customers into employment. A significant proportion



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of the 141 customers that took up an apprenticeship went onto further training or employment. Arlington is committed to ensuring customers and the wider community continue to have access to meaningful job and training opportunities, as this is a crucial step towards securing a better future and meeting their aspirations.”

Arlington aims to break the cycle of homelessness in London by delivering specialised education, training and support programmes to equip customers with the skills, knowledge and confidence to move on to employment and independent living.

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Notes to editors

Arlington is located on Arlington Road in Camden and is owned and managed by [One Housing Group](#), a leading provider of affordable housing, care and support across London and the South East.

Arlington takes a revolutionary approach to tackling homelessness in the United Kingdom. Arlington is a stimulating mixed community of high quality accommodation for homeless people, social enterprises, low rent accommodation for young professionals and low-income workers; together with a state of the art Conference Centre based in Camden. It provides 130 accommodation units, of which 95 are for homeless people who are on the various stages of their journey from homelessness back to independent living. As well as accommodation, Arlington provides high quality on-site care and support, along with bespoke education, training and job opportunities to help customers progress to independent living and employment.

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