

Diane Abbott MP joins Bangla to celebrate its 20th Anniversary

On 22 September 2011, Diane Abbott, MP for Hackney North and Stoke Newington along with many other dignitaries from the housing sector joined Bangla Board members and staff to celebrate 20 years of helping the local community.

Bangla Housing Association was formed in 1991 to help tackle overcrowding and poor housing conditions among London's Bengali community. Today the association provides affordable homes for those in need, managing 239 properties for 13 social landlords in Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest and providing housing for other black and minority ethnic (BME) tenants and white British tenants.

"People forget that 25 years ago there was a lot of discrimination against black and minority ethnic people in housing. Organisations like Bangla showed the way," said Diane Abbott, "They've provided good quality housing for ethnic minorities and were great examples of organisations where BME people were in leadership.

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Picture: From left - Tajul Islam (Board Member, Ruth George, (Vice Chair), MA Nazim Rahman (Chair) , Tom Dacey (CEO Southern Housing Group), Zillur Rahman (Tenant Board member), Diane Abbott MP, Moosa Bhamjee (Bangla Treasurer) , Lara Oyedele (Chair BME National) Kate Dodsworth (Assistant Director NHF) Bashir Uddin (Bangla Director) Faruk Miah (Former Bangla Chair)

Bangla Residents Fun Day and 20th Anniversary Celebrations

On 28th July 2011 over 100 Bangla tenants and their children attended a Residents Fun day and Bangla's 20th Anniversary celebration. This fun filled event was organised by Bangla and was held at Nightingale Estate Tenants Hall in Hackney.

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Picture: Bangla's 20th Anniversary cake was one of the many delicacies enjoyed by everyone attending the Residents Fun Day on 28.07.11

Zillur Rahman Re-elected

Zillur Rahman has been re-elected to represent the tenants on the Bangla Housing Association's Board of Management.

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Bangla 20 Years Review and Annual Report 2010/11

Bangla's 20 years' review and Annual Report for 2010/11 is sent with this newsletter. It gives highlights of Bangla's achievement over the past 20 years and Performance results for the year April 2010 to March 2011.

We hope you will find it informative and interesting.

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Bangla tenants' children entertained the guests with a thrilling performance on respect and building bridges between Neighbours at the event in Navarino Mansions Tenants Hall on Dalston Lane. The play was written and directed by Bangla tenant Runa Begum.

Lara Oyedele, chair of BME National, said that associations like Bangla work hard towards integrating local communities.

"For example, Bangla organised tenants' English-language classes so that those that came here unable to speak English now participate fully in society.

"That's the key thing about community cohesion; being able to communicate with and understand the people around you, without losing your cultural identity and roots."

Bangla works in partnership with 13 registered housing providers and is a member of the North River Alliance, a collective that works on development and regeneration programmes in Barnet, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest.

"Often, the word 'partnership' is abused in all walks of life," said guest speaker Tom Dacey, CEO of Southern Housing Group. "We find Bangla one of the easiest partners to work with. It's a very open and very collaborative organisation. I hope that our relationship continues to thrive in the future."

Log on to Bangla website: www.banglaha.org.uk to view pictures and read the news about this event.

Your Rent Statements for period 4th July 2011 to 2nd October 2011

Your rent statements for the above period are sent with this newsletter. Please check them and if you have any query then contact our office. If you are behind with your rent payments and if you do not make an agreement with us to clear the debt or if you do not keep to any agreements made to pay off your arrears then you could risk losing your home

If you have any problem with paying your rent then please contact Fatima Begum at our office

If you are claiming Housing Benefit then it is your responsibility to ensure that the Housing Benefit Office has your up to date information and to chase them if there is a delay in assessing your Benefits

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At the Fun day event, amongst many children's activities, children's poems, short stories, drawings and paintings on Friendship, Respect and Caring were exhibited and prizes given to the six best entries. Parents and children enjoyed this and other children's activities like henna and face painting. Everyone enjoyed the Anniversary cake and plenty of refreshments provided by Bangla.

Councilor Saleem Siddiqui, former Hackney speaker and Bangla Board member as well as Mohammed A Nazim Rahman, Bangla Chairman helped with the prize giving for the children's work and presentations.



Picture Above: Exhibition of children's work at the Resident's Fun day held on 28.07.11



Picture Above: Councilor Saleem Siddiqui with the prize winning children at the Resident's Fun day held on 28.07.11

Paying your rent

You can pay your rent in the following ways;

- 1) Using a **rent card** – you can pay your rent at any post office or any shops displaying PayPoint signs. If you need a rent card please ring our office on Tel 020 8985 1124
- 2) By bank **Standing Order** – contact our office for a form
- 3) By **Cheques** or **postal orders** made payable to 'Bangla Housing Association' and send to our office
- 4) Paid Directly into **our Barclays Bank Account**: -
A/C No. 60899089
Sort Code: 20.46.57

Don't forget to mention your address with the payment.

Zillur Rahman Re-elected

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Mr Rahman has been a Tenant Board member since April 2006. In the July 2011 issue of the **Bangla News** we invited nominations from tenants as Mr Rahman's one year term has expired in July 2011.

By closing date for nominations on 31 July we did not receive any nominations and as Mr Rahman was seeking re-election, he has been duly returned to serve on the Bangla Board for another year up to July 2012. Mr Rahman lives with his family at Monteagle Way, Hackney. Congratulations and our best wishes to Mr Rahman.

Tenants Focus Groups

The women tenants' focus group met on 19 July. They mainly discussed preparations for the Residents Fun Day and allocated volunteers for the day. All our women tenants are welcome to join and attend future meetings. The next meeting will be held on 27th October at 11.00am at Bangla office. For further information please contact Leena Khan at our office.

We are also organising men focus group meetings. If you are interested to join and attend these meetings please contact Bashir Uddin at our office.

Residents Panel

This Panel is made up of tenants coming from different blocks, estates or schemes so that we have a wider representation of views. So far we have four tenants in this panel and we are looking for more so that we have wider reorientations. Please contact Leena Khan or Bashir Uddin at Bangla office if you are interested or want to find out more.

Meet your Housing Officer (Maintenance)



Hello, my name is Kaisar Miah. I am your Housing Officer (maintenance).

If you have a repair to report or if you have any query about communal cleaning /gardening then please contact me by telephone: 020 8985 1124 or email: kaisar@banglaha.org.uk

Please **do not** call your main landlords for any repair. Always contact me or speak to someone at Bangla for any tenancy matters or for any repair issues.

Speak to you soon

Kaisar Miah

Help us to improve our services.

Bangla is committed to constantly improving its services to the residents and the community.

We will welcome any comments, negative or positive as they will help us improve our services by strengthening the things we do well and improving on the things we don't do so well.

You can give us your suggestions or comments by telephone 020 8985 1124, Email; bashir@banglaha.org.uk, via our website: www.banglaha.org.uk, by letter or visiting our office.

এই নিউজ লেটারে যেসব খবর রয়েছে।

বাংলার ২০ বছরপূর্তি অনুষ্ঠান উজ্জ্বলনে ডাইয়ান এন্ট এম পির অংশ গ্রহন গত ২২ সেপ্টেম্বর অসংখ্য আমন্ত্রিত কমিউনিটির ব্যক্তিত্ব ও হাউজিং পার্টনারদের উপস্থিতিতে এক জাকজমকপূর্ণ অনুষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে বাংলা হাউজিং এসোসিয়েশনের ২০ বছরপূর্তি অনুষ্ঠান উজ্জ্বলন করা হয়।

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গত ২৮ জুলাই হেকপীর নাইটিংগেল এস্টেটের টেনেন্টস হলে একটি মনোরম উৎসবে প্রায় এক শত টেনেন্ট ও তাদের ছেলেমেয়েরা উপস্থিত হয়ে প্রচুর আনন্দ উপভোগের মাধ্যমে বাংলা হাউজিং এসোসিয়েশনের ২০ বছরপূর্তি অনুষ্ঠান উজ্জ্বলন করা হয়।

জিল্লুর রহমান পুনঃ নির্বাচিত

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আপনার গত তিন মাসের রেন্ট স্টেটমেন্ট ও আপনার রেন্ট কি ভাবে পরিশোধ করতে পারবেন

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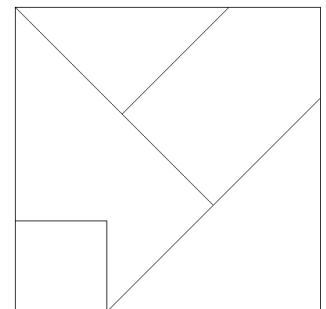
টেনেন্টস ফকাস গ্রুপ

আপনার হাউজিং অফিসার (মেনটেনেন্স) কে চিনে নিন

শিশু কিশোরদের পাতা

এই নিউজলেটার পড়তে বা বুঝতে অসুবিধা হলে আমাদের অফিসে এসে অথবা ০২০ ৮৯৮৫ ১১২৪ নংএ ফোন করে আমাদের জানান।

Solution to Square Puzzle: See page 4



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childrens page

GCSE Success for Shaheda



Picture: Shaheda with her GCSE results at her home

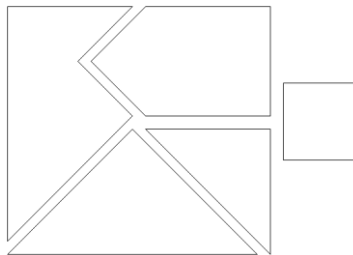
Sharmin Shaheda Hoque was very surprised when she got her GCSE results on 25.08.2011. She scooped 8A* and 4As. She is a student of Clapton Girls Academy and her GCSE results were one of the best in Hackney Borough. 'I am very pleased with my results' but I was not expecting to do so well', said Shaheda smiling.

Shahida's mum and dad were very happy with her success, 'I knew Shaheda would do well in her GSCSE exams as she worked very hard throughout the year', said her mum Nasrin proudly.

Shaheda wants to study medicine after finishing her AS and A levels in Maths, Biology, Chemistry, philosophy and Ethics at 6th Form, Clapton Girls Academy. Shaheda and her family live in Vine Close, Hackney

Many congratulations to Shaheda and we wish her all the best for the future.

Square Puzzle!



Five pieces shown above must be put together to a square.
How can this be done?
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Jokes! Jokes!



- 1) What is a crocodile's favorite game
Snap
- 2) What day do fish hate?
Fry-day.
- 3) What happens when a frog's car breaks down?
He gets toad away.
- 4) What kind of snake is good at math?
An adder.

Five-A-Side Football



Above: The winning team from last year's competition

This year's five-a-side football competition for youths and children aged 15-18 years will be held at:

Venue: Kings Hall Leisure Centre, 39 Lower Clapton Road, Hackney, London E5

Date: Tuesday 25th Oct. 2011

Time: 2.00pm to 4.00pm

To enter your team and for further information please contact Kaisar Miah at Bangla office on 020 8985 1124 or Email: kaisar@banglaha.org.uk

Contact us

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