



Official launch of the LEC project

The LEC project was official launched on 26th July. This occasion should be celebrated and that's what we did. The launch party was attended by residents, local community groups and businesses as well as our partners.

The day was a nice opportunity for the people and businesses in the area to meet the team of the Leyton Enterprise Centre and all our partners.

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There where stands from our partners, standing through the whole building. O-Regen spoke about their effort to get more women in construction, via their training programme. Their offer for free ongoing support and local training for women wanting to get into the construction industry and gain construction skills, went down very well with our audience.

The presentation from Fred Lilley, Employer Services Adviser for Careers Management Futures, was also very inspiring. He spoke about the careers guidance, information and advice they offer across east London. An excellent buffet lunch was prepared by Mark Clarke Catering and the day ended with a slight of hand show from Jamie Raven. All this made the day a success and was a great kick off for this promising project.

LEF meets at the Leyton Enterprise Centre



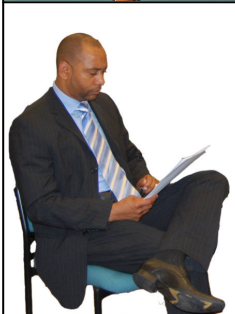
The Leyton Enterprise Forum (LEF) is a platform for Leyton business owners to meet and discuss topics with each other. They met on 2nd October to discuss local issues and the future development of Leyton.



The evening was chaired by Eldridge Cooke Chair of LEF and also facilitated by the founder of LEF and Town Centre manager for Leyton and Leytonstone Mr. Dawayne Williams. The evening which was well attended, proved to have a full agenda. The LEC supported the evening. The main topics debated were:



- **Car parking & Loading Restrictions**
- **Recycling & travelling communities issues at Leyton mills.**
- **Illegal DVD sellers .**
- **The careers and Job fair at The Score 3rd November** - organised by Team Leyton , O-Regen & Integraia.
- **Leyton's Environmental Improvements**
- **The Legacy business centre**



A large bar and restaurant will be opening early New Year.

The client talks

Mihaela Stanciu



How did you heard about LEC?

A friend told me about this project. She told me that they could help me in getting a job and also starting a business. I was really impressed when I came here the first time.

What made you decide to go to the LEC with you friend?

It makes me happy to meet new people. People who I can talk with about my ideas and who can help me to realise them.

What are your experiences with LEC, till now?

They helped me search for a job in health, analysed my CV and encouraged me to be strong and positive.

Do you think that LEC can mean something for Leyton?

LEC is important for Leyton and other communities. I think that it really can make a difference.