

From: Cllr Sarah Young

Dear WDCO and Gloria,

Please see Gloria's message below.

I have exchanged emails with Gloria and am putting you in contact with each other as residents who are part of a community organisation in the midst of regeneration.

It might be helpful for you to share experiences and get together. I'm happy to join you if helpful.

All the best,
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From: Giora Dei CETRA

Dear Councillor,

I hope you are settling well into your new role and extending my congratulations on your election.

My name is Gloria Dei, and I am part of the leadership team at CETRA (Colville Estate Tenants and Residents Association), a resident-led organisation that has represented the Colville Estate community in Hoxton for over 25 years.

Colville Estate, located within the Hoxton East & Shoreditch ward, was the first estate in Hackney to embark upon the borough's current wave of estate regeneration. As the regeneration programme continues to evolve, we find ourselves at a particularly important juncture, with residents seeking to ensure that the next phase reflects their experiences, aspirations and priorities.

Our work focuses on strengthening resident participation, improving wellbeing, building community connections, and creating opportunities that enable local people to thrive. Alongside advocacy and governance work, we deliver a wide range of activities throughout the year, including community meals, food redistribution initiatives, volunteering opportunities, skills development programmes, and events designed to bring residents together.

As newly elected councillors, we wanted to introduce ourselves and extend an open invitation to work with us where our shared interests align. We recognise the important role councillors play in championing communities across Hackney, and we would welcome opportunities to collaborate, share learning, and build stronger relationships across the borough.

One of the projects we are particularly proud of is our resident podcast series, which captures the lived experiences of people who call Colville home. Through these conversations, residents reflect on community life, change, and their experiences of consultation throughout the regeneration process. Over time, this is becoming an invaluable archive of community memory and a powerful record of resident voices during a significant period in the estate's history.

We are also currently seeking to strengthen leadership within our Regeneration Steering Group. The position of Chair is presently vacant, and this role is to be filled by a councillor. Given the importance of ensuring that residents remain at the heart of decisions shaping Colville's future, we would welcome expressions of interest from councillors who are passionate about community-led regeneration and collaborative working. If this is something you would be interested in discussing further, we would be pleased to hear from you.

Later this summer, we will be hosting a Mid-Summer Gathering at Colville Commons – a new community space on the estate that residents and partners have been working hard to bring to life. The event will provide an opportunity to showcase the journey of the project, celebrate the partnerships that have helped us get to where we are today, and explore how we can continue building stronger, more connected communities together. We would be delighted if you could join us. Further details and invitations will follow shortly.

In the meantime, we would love to stay connected. If you are not already following our work, you can keep up to date through our channels below:

Instagram: @colvilleestate

Website: www.cetra.uk

YouTube Podcast: <https://www.youtube.com/@cetraplus>

Our door is always open. Whether it is joining us for breakfast, lunch, dinner, a community event, or simply arranging a conversation to learn more about one another's priorities, we would be delighted to hear from you.

We look forward to getting to know you and to finding meaningful ways to work together in service of Hackney residents.

Attachments: AGM reports

Warm regards,

Gloria Dei, Governance and Strategy

On behalf of CETRA

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