

Do you want to start your own business?

With unemployment on the rise and records showing more and more young people out of work and seeking employment, THCH has, over the last few months, been publicising job brokerage details, training courses and various employment events through this newsletter, our website and our Facebook page.

One other alternative that residents might consider is to start your own business.

The following is a list of some options available to you:

New Enterprise Allowance

Available to those who have been receiving Job Seekers Allowance for at least 6 months offering practical help and support, a mentor, a weekly allowance for 6 weeks and a loan of up to £1000.

For more information and terms and conditions, visit www.directgov.uk

Tower Hamlets Market Stall

You would need either a temporary or permanent Street Trading Licence, which are available from the Council's Market Services Team.

Licences are currently NOT being issued for fruit and veg stalls, bike stalls, telephone cards and DVD stall in Whitechapel and bedding stalls in Bethnal Green Road.

There is a £75 non refundable application fee.

For an application form, call 020 7364 1717 or email streetmarkets@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Other Agencies

There are a number of agencies, both within the borough and further afield that can offer help and assistance to people wanting to start their own business.

A number of organisations are listed below together with their contact details:

The East London Small Business Centre

Providing business start-up support and advice
www.goeast.org

Tower Hamlets College The Employer Services

Support for small businesses, access to financial advice and mentoring
www.employer-services.co.uk/business-support

Account3 Enterprise Project

Enterprise development advice including help with writing business and marketing plans
www.account3.org.uk

Beyond Business

A project seeking budding entrepreneurs who are committed to creating successful social businesses that deliver jobs and opportunities.
www.bbbc.org.uk/pages/enterprise

Everywoman

The UK's leading provider of training, resources and support services for women in business.
www.everywoman.com

The East London Business Place

Capacity building and procurement support to businesses
www.elbp.co.uk

Tower Hamlets Cooperative

Providing business services that are free and confidential specialising in cooperatives where ownership and control are shared amongst the members.
020 7247 1056

The Princes Trust Enterprise Programme

Supporting unemployed people aged 18-30 to work out if their business ideas are viable and whether self-employment is right for them.
www.princes-trust.org.uk

Teenbiz

The UK's first business start-up scheme for young people aged 13-18 who have fresh ideas, hunger and drive to get started in business.
www.teenbiz.org.uk

Action for the Blind

Business support for blind and partially sighted people.
0800 915 4666

Prime

Self-employment support for people aged 50+
0800 783 1904

Business Link

An online resource to support existing and helps start-up business
www.businesslink.gov.uk

For more information on starting your own business, please call Muge Dindjer on 020 7780 3070.

