

## London City Airport Consultative Committee Community Report

### Q2 2018

#### July 2018

See below an overview of all the activities undertaken in the four key focus areas since 9<sup>th</sup> March. Education, Employability & Skills Development, Community Investment and Community Engagement, from the airport's Corporate Responsibility activities.

#### **Education**

London City Airport engaged with a total of 726 students across a total of 18 schools, colleges and universities, through our educational programmes which were delivered across 7 key boroughs which included: Newham, Tower Hamlets, Greenwich, Redbridge, Barking and Dagenham, Waltham Forest and Havering.

**Primary School: Airport tours:** the airport welcomed a total of 575 primary school students at the airport.

**Secondary School: Reed in Partnership** 30 Year 10 students from Higham Park secondary school engaged in two workshops designed to motivate and inspire them to choose a career in aviation as well as increase their overall employability skills; these were delivered by LCY's Legal and Finance Directors.

**College: Stephen Timm's Politics School:** Stephen Timms Politics School, which is sponsored by London City Airport, gives 10 sixth formers in Newham the opportunity to learn the everyday work life of an MP as well as gives them a chance to see different sectors of work. In February LCY welcomed the students to the airport to aid in their learning. The students were given an airport tour, learned about the airport's role in the local community and opportunities available for local residents. The students also received a certificate to complete their day.

**Higher Education:** The airport has engaged with 80 students from Newham College from their Science course (70), as well as those studying Travel and Tourism (10)

**Awards:** the airport and East London Business Alliance have Won the Corporate Engagement Awards with the STEM in Aviation Event. During the event a total of 214 students receive insight in the application of science and technology in the aviation industry.

#### **Employability & Skills Development**

London City Airport has over 2000 staff employed across the site making it one of the largest employers of local residents in East London. In the first quarter of 2018 32% of newly recruited staff come from Newham and over 62% of staff from the local area.

The airport directly employs approximately 650 people. In the first quarter of 2018, 55% of the new recruits were residents of Newham and 69% of new recruits were residents in East London. In the second quarter of 2018 54% of the recruits were from Newham and 68% of the residents from East London. The airport also facilitated a range of skills programmes in East London Boroughs.

**Work Experience** 4 students undertook work placement at the airport. They each done placements across different departments to understand the airports operation and also engaged in key employability workshops such as goal setting and CV writing.

**Take off Into Work** is a flagship local employment scheme in collaboration with Newham Workplace which provides Newham residents over the age of 18 with a variety of training, work experience and first-hand access to onsite job opportunities. In 2018 a total of 33 Newham residents were supported into a job at the airport through the programme.

**Workpath Programme - Future Focus Academy** was launched in collaboration with the Borough of Tower Hamlets. This programme trains Tower Hamlets residents to access jobs. The project contributes towards the Borough's Community Plan priorities and Employment Strategy with respect to tackling educational attainment and vulnerable and excluded communities. The programme has provided training to 76 Tower Hamlets residents who the council identified as most vulnerable.

## **Community Investment**

**Volunteering** the airport engaged with over 150 students from the Sarah Bonell School in Newham through the careers junction day focused to inspire students to choose a career in engineering. The airport also hosted a total of 40 students from Purdue University in the US and Newham Sixth Form to share information with them about the Airports unique development programme and to present them with a real life challenge presented by the delivery partner Bechtel. As part of the STEM trail with Newham College, LCY employees delivered a presentation focusing on the needs for STEM skills at the airport for 70 science students, 12 engineering students then came to the airport where they engaged in a CADP presentation by Bechtel.

Volunteering fortnight is covered in the CEO report.

## **Community Engagement**

The airport engaged with the local community through a multitude of channels such as a community leaflet, the London City Airport Consultative Committee, the Royal Docks Community Forum and several community events. Specific information about the commencement of the City Airport Development Programme has been shared through the Community Leaflet.

**Community Leaflet:** the airport distributed the second community leaflet informing residents from the Royal Docks about the commencement of works and informing them about the 24hr contact line. The 2<sup>nd</sup> community leaflet was sent to a total of 6,110 local residents in the Royal Docks, North Woolwich and Beckton.

**Community Airport Tours:** a total of 5 airport tours have been given to 45 local residents to familiarise them with the airports operations.

**Biodiversity Events:** the airport has sponsored a joint initiative between several organisations in the Royal Docks (Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre, ASTA hub, North Woolwich Library and

Community Garden, Britannia Village, OASIS Academy and the Station to organise activities which will promote the local community's awareness of biodiversity. Events will consist of St John's Green Sow & Grow Event, Royal Docks Spring Festival, Britannia Village Green Spring Festival, Earth Day Biodiversity Celebration, Oasis Community Engagement Day, Bug Hunt & Picnic. Lunch, snacks and Refreshments will be served at community events using produce from the community gardens

### **Local Business Engagement**

***Business Skills Workshops:*** to support local businesses to capitalise on procurement opportunities through the City Airport Development Programme, the airport organised three skills workshops and 1-2-1 sessions for over 45 East London SMEs in collaboration with the East London Business Place. During the session businesses were supported to fine tune their pitch to improve their success when talking to buyers during the Royal Docks Meet the Buyer Event.

**Royal Docks Meet the Buyer event:** the inaugural Royal Docks Meet the Buyer event was successful with over 150 East London Business Representatives and 19 local and regional businesses attending. See the CEO report for more information.

