



# Manor House Development Trust Annual Report 2010–11

# Message from John Ryan, Chair of the Manor House Development Trust Board

*The journey of a thousand miles  
begins with one step...*



If that is the case then the last year has certainly seen Woodberry Down and Manor House Development Trust stepping out big time! It has been a busy year of physical and social change with buildings seemingly growing at a phenomenal pace out of the ground and a new and improved park/walk alongside the reservoirs.

At the Trust we're excited as ever about being part of this change. Our reason for being is to ensure a sense of community and well-being accompanies the many physical changes that will improve many lives. With that in mind the Trust offers a range of ways to help and support life at Woodberry Down.

This report highlights this great work that is the result of some fantastic people. From the Trust's staff to the many volunteers, from the board to Trust Members, I would like to thank you all for making a real difference.

There is still much more to do and we are looking forward to making the next year even better. We hope to see you at one the many events the Trust runs over the next 12 months.

Best wishes

*John*

Report from  
Simon Donovan  
Manor House  
Development Trust  
Director



I can hardly believe that another year has come to a close for the Manor House Development Trust. It is now over three years since I was employed as Director and the Trust continues to move from strength to strength, making a real impact in the Manor House and north east Hackney area.

The Trust is facing up to a number of challenges in this very difficult economic climate and I hope the organisational changes we have introduced alongside new trading and other revenue-making initiatives will make us financially sustainable.

The Trust Board has taken huge steps forward in professionalising the legal and governance structures of our organisation, adopting a range of policies to make us fit for purpose. I would like to thank our Board Members for the time and effort that they have put in over the last year.

The Trust continues to increase its range of communications and over the coming year we will be organising public meetings for Trust Members to keep local residents updated about our work.

Our community development programme continues to grow with the Trust setting up a number of voluntary sector groups, bringing in health services, finding opportunities for volunteers and working to create change to ensure that this area is a thriving place.

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The Trust doubled the amount of funding available to spend on youth work during the year with our contract from Young Hackney Positive Activities for Young People. We ran a number of youth work projects across north east Hackney and continued to chair both the North East Youth Providers Network and the Lilliput Children's Centre Management Committee.

Woodberry Works has had a significant impact, providing a range of short and longer construction courses for local residents. The ***Built2Work*** programme for NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) young people has been a huge success and is a programme that the Trust will build on over the next 12 months.

Woodberry Training Partnership Community Interest Company (CIC) also did well until being forced to move from its original site on Seven Sisters Road: this was due to the regeneration scheme securing money to build social rented housing on this site. We hope to be up and running down on another local regeneration estate in the very near future.

This year we also launched our second CIC, Local Labour Hire CIC. This company provides contractors with a specialist recruitment service, helping them meet their local labour targets. It has already placed workers with several employers and we predict it will grow significantly over the next 12 months.

The Trust will continue to build its commercial operations over the next year in order to produce surpluses which can be reinvested in our core costs and our community development programme.

Finally I would like to thank all of our partners: London Borough of Hackney councillors and staff; Hackney Homes; Genesis; Berkeley Homes; Skinners' Academy; Woodberry Down Community Organisation (WDCO); Lakehouse; Vane Recruitment; and Citrus Training for all their commitment and support over this time. We look forward to continuing to build on these positive working relationships.

*Simon*

# 2010-11 Highlights

The **Well London** initiative continued featuring:

- Cycling training
- The Dare to Dream trip to Paris
- Cook and Eat sessions
- Personal Support Packages
- Health Champions who continued to volunteer, some of whom went on to education and employment

It culminated in the Well London Roadshow event showcasing key achievements. The Well London legacy continues to this day.

**The Community Garden** moved location from the old Pewsham House site to its new location and constituted its own committee.

**The intergenerational work** - textiles and pottery - enabled residents to learn new skills and create some beautiful work.

**We took residents on a day trip** to the seaside at Broadstairs.

**The Woodberry Down Community Choir** continued to sing out.

**Woodberry Works** set up accredited training, ran DIY training for women and got funding to deliver the Built2Work project for 16-25 year olds run by Construction Youth Trust.

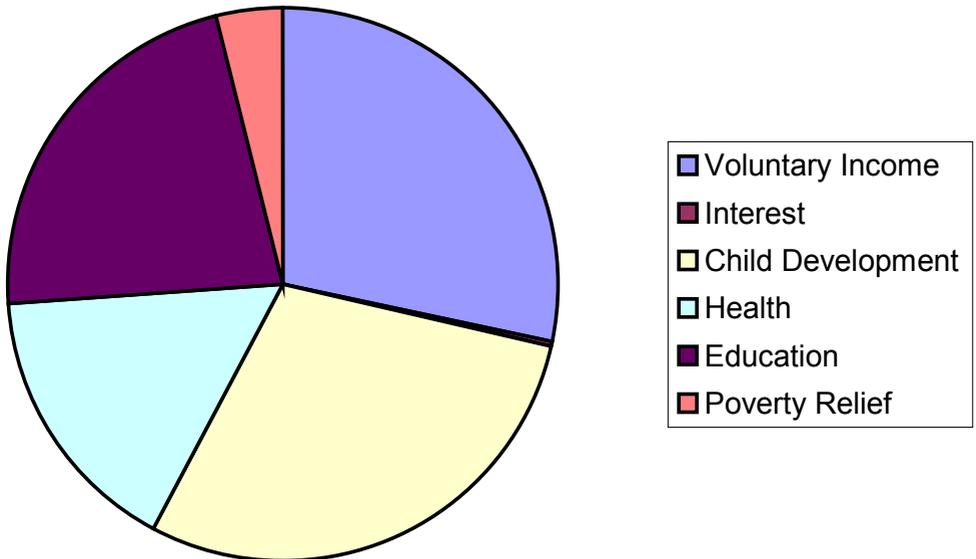
**We started managing** the Redmond Community Centre along with Woodberry Works.

**We welcomed new staff members** Kate Pierpoint, Zakaria Mahmud and Rob Francis.

**We continued and established new partnerships** with a range of voluntary and statutory organisations and individuals.

# Manor House Development Trust Accounts Summary 2010 – 2011

<b>Total income</b>	<b>£124,652</b>
Voluntary Income	£35,455
Interest	£52
Child Development	£36,624
Health	£20,009
Education	£27,604
Poverty Relief	£4,908

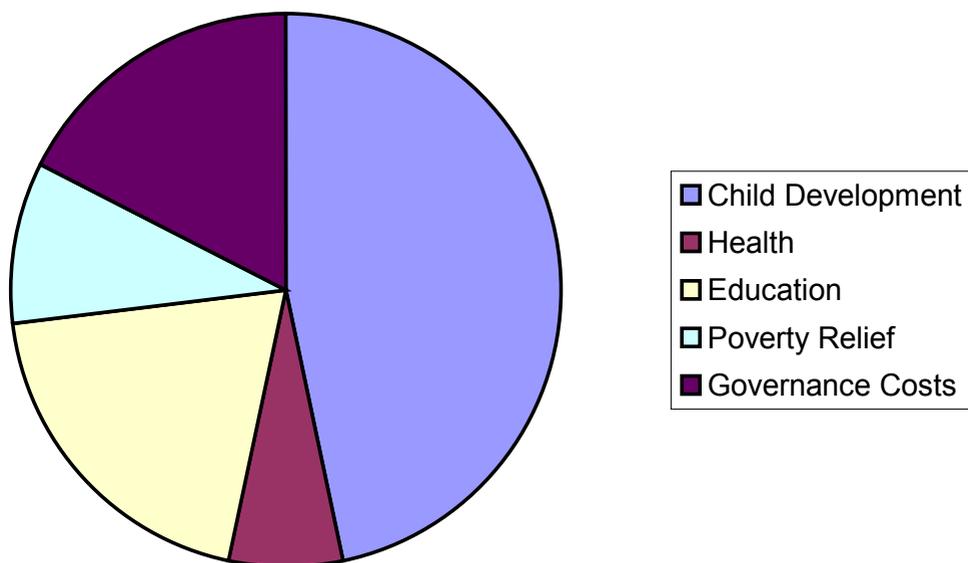


## Notes to the MHDT Accounts

Manor House Development Trust generated income for the year to 31 March 2011 of £89,197 (2010: £80,303). Expenditure increased from £45,257 in 2010 to £89,407 in the year ended 31 March 2011. Net closing reserves at 31 March 2011 amounted to £37,150 (2010: £37,360) of which £24,460 (2010: nil) was held in restricted reserves.

Full accounts are available on our website.

<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£93,885</b>
Governance Costs	£16,537
Child Development	£43,777
Health	£6,233
Education	£18,652
Poverty Relief	£8,686



In addition Manor House Development Trust spent the following budgets managed on its behalf by London Borough of Hackney and Hackney Homes.

<b>Manor House Development Trust</b>	£104,710
<b>Robin Redmond Resource Centre</b>	£108,270
<b>Woodberry Works</b>	£150,000



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