

## Post your own news and jobs directly to 24dash.com

Subscribe your organisation to 24dash.com and publish your own press releases and jobs directly to 24dash.com's homepage

[Learn more](#)

# Homeless get chance to lift UEFA Champions League trophy

Published by Ross Macmillan for 24dash.com in [Housing](#) and also in [Local Government](#)  
Thursday 5th May 2011 - 11:28am

[Post a comment](#) | 
 [Facebook](#) | 
 [Twitter](#) | 
 [Email](#) | 
 [Print](#) | 
 [Share](#) | 
 [SUBSCRIBE](#)

More than 50 homeless residents of a residential/life skills centre in East London attended a special event in London where they had the opportunity to see first-hand the trophies of the UEFA Champions League and the UEFA Women's Champions League.

With the UEFA Champions League Trophy having been handed over to the city of London, the UK capital will be showcasing the famous silverware at various high-profile venues. As part of its grand tour to Wembley, the trophies of the UEFA Champions League and the UEFA Women's Champions League stopped at homelessness centre Anchor House.

The residents of Anchor House - which provides accommodation for up to 180 single homeless people each year - turned on their football skills as professional footballers taught them freestyle tricks - while other residents provided musical beats with a rapping performance.

The centre also addresses the root causes of homelessness through training, education and personal rehabilitation.

Anchor House Director, Keith Fernett, says he is very pleased that Anchor House had been chosen to host the event because sport, and in particular football, has played a huge part in the rehabilitation process for its residents.

"Football has been a great friend to our residents. It has given them the opportunity to meet new people, focus on their health and wellbeing and provide them with new hope," Mr Fernett said.

"It has also aided in breaking down the stigmas surrounding homelessness, racial, as well as religious backgrounds.

"On the football field our residents are 'team players' not homeless people. This gives them the confidence to be themselves and break down social barriers between other residents and community members."

The Olympic and Paralympic Games will also be taking place on the doorstep of Anchor House next year, which Mr Fernett says will hopefully bring with it great opportunities for its residents.

"The Olympics definitely has the potential to bring regeneration to the East London area and we hope our residents will have the chance to take advantage of new job opportunities through the training and education we provide them," Mr Fernett said.

**Caption:** Anchor House resident and player of the 'Anchor House Warriors' football team, Antonio Joaquim with the UEFA Champions League Trophy.



### Other housing stories

- [Exclusive: Housing associations could drive self-build - Kevin McCloud](#)
- ['Punitive' housing benefit cuts risk 'uprooting lifelong tenants'](#)
- [Genesis merges subsidiaries to create single housing association](#)
- [Third runway 'fears' creating empty homes in Heathrow villages](#)
- [Basildon ALMO evicts tenant 'selling crack cocaine' from home](#)

Advertisement



### Comments

No comments yet...

Be the first and post your views below.

**Please Login to comment**

[24housing](#) | 
 [Popular today](#) | 
 [Latest comments](#)

### 24housing magazine

## May Issue Out Now!

For more details on this issue or how to receive your copy visit our [Magazine](#) section.



[Find out more »](#)

### Latest jobs

Post your housing and local government jobs  
[Find out more](#) | [Sign up](#)

#### Retirement Housing Estate Manager

Type: Permanent  
Location: South East

#### Lead PMO: Finance: Docklands

Type: Permanent  
Location: Greater London

#### ACCOUNTS ASSISTANT/FINANCE ASSOCIATE LLP - URGENT - LONDON - GLOBAL CO

Type: Permanent  
Location: Greater London

#### Senior IT Business Analyst-Finance Liquidity

Type: Contract  
Location: Greater London

Find and search more jobs in our [Jobs Section...](#)

### Latest 24dash poll

**Has cost become more important than quality when negotiating with your supply chain?**

### Latest blog posts

#### "Vote Yes!"

Published by [Lynne Featherstone](#)

As above! Today is an opportunity to take

