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Open space given new lease of life

Thursday, 14 October 2010



OASIS: Volunteers open the new site in Canning Town.

By Martyn Dolton

A VACANT site has been transformed into a community oasis through a £600million town centre scheme.

The Community Growing and Events Space in Canning Town is a temporary community garden on a site that will eventually be part of the Canning Town and Custom House Regeneration Programme.

The temporary site, off Clarkson Road, now has more than 40 different species of plants growing.

Volunteers from a range of local community organisations, including Newham Community Recycling (The Wombles), The East London Business Alliance, Groundwork, Anchor House and Community Payback, worked hard to transform the site.

Deputy Mayor Andrew Baikie was at the launch of the new space.

He said: "The Community Growing and Events Space in Canning Town is a perfect example of what can be achieved when the council works with the local community."

"This will be used for a range of local events as well as providing residents with a place to go and enjoy the outdoors and meet new people."

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