

Trade and business booming

Start networking with professionals by joining Chamber of Commerce

by **John James**

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The business community in Newham is seeing a major revival.

It is not just the big companies doing well but a huge number of people are taking the plunge and starting their own enterprises.

Available to help them all is Newham Chamber of Commerce, whose origins began in 1876. It provides regular practical information and specialist advice on issues affecting any business. If it cannot assist – or its members – the organisation has the contacts to refer you to the appropriate source for help.

A member, the main contractor on homeless charity Anchor House's extension work in Barking Road, this week sought the Chamber's help to find local sub-contractors for the project. They need firms able to do groundworks/concrete frame, brickwork, carpentry, plastering/drylin-

ing, plus electrical, mechanical, flooring, tiling and decorating jobs.

A senior bank management executive asked for research to be done on future Stratford developments, the University of East London sought an entrepreneur to explain to students how they can "sell" their business ideas to financiers, a trade delegation from China were told the virtues of setting up their European headquarters in the Royal Docks enterprise zone.

Networking breakfasts are essential and free to members (£10.00 to non-members) and occasional evenings are free to everyone. The benefits to joining the Chamber of Commerce are immense. Contact Executive Secretary John James at secretary@newhamchamber.com or write to the Chamber's mailing address at Stratford Old Town Hall, 29 Broadway, Stratford, E15 4BQ to join us today.

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