

At least a quarter of jobs will go to locals – that is the promise of market regeneration bosses

Rathbone Market regeneration site in Canning Town held an employment open day with the promise that at least 25 per cent of the workforce will be recruited from the local community.

More than 100 residents went to the event last week hoping to impress potential employers to discuss jobs within the next phase of the market's construction, one of six such projects being delivered by the English Cities Fund.

Newham Council, recruitment centre the Workplace, and representatives from local colleges were present, while one employ-

er, Munnelly Support Services, recruited from Canning Town homeless charity Anchor House's residential and life skills centre for its new waste management project.

Cllr Paul Schafer, who opened the event, said: "It's encouraging to see so many people take advantage of this day and especially to see our local businesses getting involved in the community.

"Newham is looking forward to an important and exciting year in 2012 with the Olympics and it's great to see our residents embracing the increasing opportunities to contribute to the re-

generation of the area."

John Sisk and Son, the main building contractors on the project, say that they are committed to employing at least 25 per cent of its entire workforce from the Newham area.

Anthony Greene, senior site manager at John Sisk and Son, said: "The day was a great success and we were really pleased with the turnout.

"We have been doing a lot of local community work while based in Canning Town, primarily with children, so we are pleased to be able to do something for local adults seeking work."