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Appeal cash to pay for new centre

A homeless charity in the Olympic borough of Newham is on a mission to raise £9.3 million and bring regeneration to east London and its homeless residents.

Anchor House's Home and Hope Appeal will pay for the redevelopment of its 50-year-old centre and provide new education, training and rehabilitation facilities for its homeless residents and local community.

The development will also include 25 new transitional "move-on" studio flats to help residents achieve a sustainable transition back into independent living, and a new training kitchen for people to gain catering qualifications.

Keith Fernett, Anchor House director, said: "Our waiting list for new residents grows longer every day, but this development will ensure that over the next 50 years we will be able to support an extra 20,000 people in the community to turn their lives around."

The charity has enlisted the help of an 18 member appeal board recruited from the business sector, including chairman Michael Dawson from Chaucer PLC and vice chairman, Simon Hall from Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP.

Recently Oxford Economics found that Anchor House saves society and tax pavers more than £5 million a year by helping to turn around the lives of its homeless residents.

London regional news

Crush injuries killed nightclubber

A student, from north west London, who died after being caught up in a "stampede" in a nightclub died of crush injuries, an inquest has heard.

St Paul's cleric quits over protest

The chancellor of St Paul's Cathedral in London has resigned from his post in a row over anticapitalist protesters occupying the churchyard.

Final days for photography tour

A photography trail in Hackney which showcases the work of more than 30 young people will come to an end on October 30.