

Honoured in 2011



Picture: Geoff Dann



Clockwise from above: John Larter, MBE; Professor Nicholas Chadwick, CBE; Laraine Callow, MBE; Tessa Jackson, OBE; Robert Tyson, MBE; and Katherine Hartnett, CBE; the MBE medal

By Marcel Reinard



I WAS astonished, I thought it was a hoax, said Clapton's Andrew Coggins, one of several shocked Hackney people on the New Year's Honour's List.

The Executive Director of Dance United, has worked with the Council's youth offending team. He will receive an MBE for his work with young offenders or those not in education. He added: "Dance has tremendous powers to

re-engage young people. Sometimes they don't believe they will succeed. But we hope something shifts in them to change this."

Deafworks director and Shoreditch resident, Laraine Callow was 'knocked sideways' by her MBE. From its Shoreditch office, the company provides advice, training and consultancy on deafness. She has also set up projects for deaf sufferers of domestic violence, and

a play scheme for children with hearing difficulties.

Stamford Hill's Gordon Bell, now entering his 20th year as a Freeman of Hackney, picks up an MBE for services to the community.

His 60-year career has seen him work across many boards and committees – whether to increase the number of special schools, or setting up a charity for Hackney's elderly residents.

"You've got to put something into life to get something out," he said.

Clapton resident Professor Nicholas Tyler, Chadwick Professor of Civil Engineering at University College London, gets a CBE for services to technology.

"The award is about the people that I work with, and I've worked with some

fantastic people," he said.

Also picking up a gong was fashion designer Katharine Hammett, who lives in Dalston. Famous for her Choose Life T-shirts and strongly ethical fashion, she will receive a CBE.

Queensbridge resident Rupert Tyson, Chair of the Hackney Homes board, earns a MBE for services to the housing sector.

Local hero John Larter has been awarded an MBE for over 40 years' service to children's sport in Hackney.

OBEs went to former Hackney councillor, Nargis Khan, now Deputy Chair of the Community Wellbeing Board, Local Government Association, for services to local government; and Tessa Jackson director of the Iniva gallery in Shoreditch for services to art.



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