

**All over London,
council housing is
being destroyed**

**under the guise of
'regeneration'...**

**All over London
people are
organising**

**to keep their
homes...**

Newham

When Newham council cut funding for their hostel for young homeless mothers, they told its residents that, due to the lack of housing in London, they would have to find private rented accommodation or move as far away as Manchester or Birmingham.

The mothers formed the group **Focus E15**. They had *a weekly stall* at their local shopping centre and protested at council events. They *occupied disused flats* which await 'regeneration' in the empty Carpenters Estate and turned them into a place for people to meet and talk.

They were all rehoused locally, although not in councils homes. They are still fighting the destruction of council housing in Newham and in London and are having a **'March Against Evictions' on 19th September 2015**

Barnet

This year, residents of **Sweets Way Estate** began to be evicted from their homes so they could be demolished to make way for a new private development.

Having nowhere else to go, residents resisted these evictions. They began a campaign, *organising protests* on the estate and at offices in the centre of London. They *occupied part of the estate* and have been *doing their own repairs* – which they call 'people's regeneration'. **They are still resisting the evictions of residents from the estate and occupying a part of it.**

At the same time, on the **West Hendon Estate**, residents are fighting a development which will replace council homes with flats to be sold on the open market.

Lambeth

Against its residents wishes, the council plan to have **Cressingham Gardens Estate** demolished. Its residents are lobbying to have these plans changed.

Meanwhile, residents of **Loughborough Park Estate** have been fighting eviction, as their estate is to be 'regenerated' by The Guinness Trust to make room for flats that can be sold rented at market rates.

In a campaign to be rehoused on the estate residents *blockaded construction work* and *occupied a flat* to use as a place to organise.

Many of the residents didn't get to stay. Thanks to the campaign though, many have been given council and social housing locally, albeit at higher rates of rent.

Hackney

The residents of **New Era Estate** won their battle. When the estate was to be sold to an American asset management firm, who planned to 'refurbish' the estate and raise the rents to market levels, the residents organised.

They delivered a petition to Downing Street and organised marches round the area..

The estate was sold instead to a group aiming to preserve it as affordable housing.

The residents continue to campaign against the destruction of council and social housing.

One future fight will be on the **Woodberry Down Estate** which is scheduled to be replaced with flats to be mainly sold on the open market.

Southwark

The battle to save the **Heygate Estate** has been lost. It is already demolished and very few socially rented or affordable homes will be re-built. Although when residents moved they were told they would be able to return, almost none will. Many have ended up outside Southwark and outside London.

A long-running campaign on the **Aylesbury Estate**, over which the same plans hang against the wishes of the majority of its residents, hope to have more success. Residents *run a weekly stall* on East Street, are *collecting signatures for a petition* and hold *protests at council, architect and property developer events*. Together with a group of squatters, they *occupied an emptied part of the estate* .

They plan to continue their struggle against plans to remove them from the estate.

**Over the next
decade council
estates and social
housing will
become things of
the past...**

**...unless we fight to
keep them.**

It's not too late!