

Dear

Thank you for your interest in the moorings at Kingsland Basin. I am writing to let you know a little bit more about how we manage the moorings and our procedures.

The basin is managed by the Canals in Hackney Users Group. This is a charitable company which was founded by local people in 1982. The people who moor their boats in the basin form the core membership of CHUG and work to keep the organisation running, both in terms of its charitable activities and management of the moorings. It is therefore essential that those applying for moorings are interested in CHUG and are willing and able to contribute to our work on a voluntary basis as we have no paid staff. Participation is part of the mooring agreement and ability and willingness to participate is the major criteria for being successful in your application.

### **CHUG's Aims**

- CHUG is involved in environmental projects and planning issues relating to the canals in Hackney and Kingsland basin.
- CHUG also supports the educational work of Laburnum boat club.
- CHUG manages the moorings in Kingsland Basin.

Some of the activities we are involved in include:

- Organising and participating in clean up days for the canal
- Coppicing
- Guided walks and boat trips
- Membership of the management committee of Laburnum Boat Club
- Liaising with developers, local residents and the council
- Campaigning for safety and access to the canal as a resource for local people
- Maintenance of the facilities associated with the moorings.

At present CHUG is developing a scheme to incorporate a wildlife area within the basin with a class room for school children.

### **How to Apply for a Mooring**

There are residential and non-residential moorings in Kingsland Basin. To apply for a mooring you should own your boat. If you are applying for a residential mooring the boat should be your primary residence. You should be able and willing to actively participate in CHUG. Membership in CHUG prior to application for a mooring is a distinct advantage.

We also have temporary residential moorings which have a maximum stay of three months. If you are interested in a permanent residential mooring, it is in your interest to apply for a temporary mooring so that we can get to know you.

Mooring fees are as follows:

Temporary	£170 per month
Residential	£143 per month
Non Residential	£85 per month

Please fill in and send back the enclosed application form in order to be placed on the waiting list. CHUG holds a waiting list of suitable candidates who will be contacted should a mooring

become available. Moorings are awarded by interview of suitable candidates by members of CHUG.

### **What is CHUG Looking For**

**As a self managed community group everyone is responsible for the direction of the organisation and for ensuring their own active participation through the initiation of projects, participation in team activities and working groups, and volunteering and following through on specific tasks.**

These are some examples of the skills that are useful

- People who have experience of running meetings effectively
- People who are able to carry out administrative tasks
- People who have a range of computer skills including desk top publishing.
- People who can make models and drawings to get ideas across
- People who enjoy managing documents and archives
- People who are interested in Canal History and would like to share this interest
- People who have experience and/or a desire to build and run environmental projects.
- People who are interested in fund raising.
- People with outreach and public speaking skills
- People who are interested in planning issues
- People with project management skills
- People who have practical skills and could contribute to the maintenance of the basin
- People who enjoy working co-operatively with others to achieve tangible goals

CHUG has a number of officers for example Chair, Secretary, Company Secretary, Trustee, Moorings Officer, Post Mistress (!) etc and Sub Groups such as the planning sub-group, maintenance sub-group and the environmental sub-group. You probably have more skills than you are aware of that would help CHUG.

It is also important that those who have a mooring at Kingsland Basin are willing to positively contribute to the community and are conscious of the shared responsibilities associated with this. For example everyone is responsible for security and for keeping the basin a tidy, safe and pleasant place to live.

The contribution of time to CHUG activities averages out at 2-3 hours a week.

If you are interested in being placed on the waiting list please complete the following questionnaire and return it to:

The moorings officer.  
Canals in Hackney Users Group.  
Kingsland Basin,  
Off Whitmore Road,  
Hackney.  
N1 5BB

## **Application Form and Questionnaire for a Mooring at Kingsland Basin**

Please fill out the following:

Name

Address

Phone numbers

E-mail

Please describe your boat?

Insurance details:

Boat safety certificate details:

How long have you owned your boat?

Where is your boat currently moored?

Are you applying for a residential or non-residential mooring?

Are you applying for a temporary mooring?

Why are you applying for a mooring at Kingsland Basin?

Who would be living/ using the boat and how?

Do you have any pets?

What do you think you can contribute to CHUG? (please include skills and experience that is relevant)

Do you have the time and are you will to be involved in CHUG?

What skills and experience do you have which is relevant to participation in basin life?

Is there anything you would like to add which you think is relevant?