

## For immediate release

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### **East End Film Group to launch film about local characters**

A group of Tower Hamlets Homes residents will be showcasing their a documentary film trailer about East Londoners next Tuesday night [6 October] at The George Tavern and is inviting everyone to come along.

Documentary maker and group facilitator Guy King said the event is about launching the documentary group called SOFA, which stands for Society of Factual Artists.

Guy said: "SOFA came into existence less than six months ago and is made up of documentary enthusiasts from Tower Hamlets Homes who are passionate about the East End.

"The film being shown is a mix of sample footage they collected over the last few months of interesting locals and landscapes."

SOFA member and resident of Ocean Estate, Onyeka Igwe, said that being a part of the group has helped her learn more about her neighbourhood and the documentary industry.

Onyeka said: "So far I've learned a lot from the mentors of the group, which is great because I want to make this my profession.

"It's also been a really good opportunity to find out more about the area I live in."

The launch kicks off at 8pm at the George Tavern on 373 Commercial Road in Shadwell. It will also involve a screening of Guy's recent film *Elvis is in the Van* and Marc Isaac's famous film, *Lift*, first screened on Channel 4.

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### **Notes to editor:**

1. Tower Hamlets Homes approached documentary maker Guy King to work with residents to make a film about life on East London estates.

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