



## Christmas crime prevention push

Brick Lane is the centre of a crime prevention programme to ensure people can enjoy Christmas and New Year celebrations in a crime-free and safe environment.

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## Great place to be

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MICHAEL STUBBS

## News

### Artists snap up studios

**A FORMER print factory in Poplar has been transformed into studios for local artists.**

About 20 arts spaces have been snapped up within months of becoming available.

The scheme impressed Poplar and Canning Town MP Jim Fitzpatrick – and lead councillor for resources and performance Ohid Ahmed on a recent visit where they are pictured with artist Michael Stubbs.

Michael said: "It's great to have space to think and work – and be in an environment with other local artists."

Clr Ahmed said: "After we lost the print works we wanted to replace this with a mixed development that included work-spaces as well as housing."

"We were therefore happy to work with Swan Housing and artists support group ACME on this new development."



### News in brief Debate on aid

HAVE your say about UK aid to Bangladesh at a meeting in Poplar this week.

The international development committee of MPs is conducting an inquiry into the Department for International Development's aid programme in Bangladesh – and is interested in hearing residents' views.

It is holding a forum on Tuesday, December 8 at 11am in St Matthias Community Centre, 112 Poplar High Street, E14.

For more information go to [www.parliament.uk/indcom](http://www.parliament.uk/indcom)

### Christmas party

FAMILIES with children aged under five are invited to Around Poplar and East India Children's Centre's Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 9.

The event runs from 11am-3pm at St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High Street, E14 and includes games, arts, music and Santa's grotto.

For details call 7264 0540