

# Best practice at BDU & SSP Open Doors Weekend



## Introduction

The Bermondsey Dive Under project took part in the UKCG Open Doors Scheme in March 2015. All local stakeholders, residents and open invitations were sent out to allow the Members of Public to see what's going on behind the scenes.

### What we did

The aim of the Open Doors weekend is to give local people the opportunity to go behind the scenes of some of the nation's most iconic construction projects, as well as meeting the teams responsible for delivering them.

On March 6<sup>th</sup> a total of 26 members of the public came to see the extent of the works that the Bermondsey Dive Under (BDU) team were undertaking.

The attendees ranged from community representatives, residents, keen train spotters, university students as well as members of the press.

On arrival the guests were greeted with breakfast and soon afterwards a presentation outlining the job. This was delivered by the Skanska Project Director Susan Ryall and Network Rail Project Manager Greg Thornett.

Followed by this all of the attendees were then escorted on a site visit to allow them to see the work first hand and understand all of the hard work the BDU team were doing.

A lot of the community members in particular were astonished by the fact that they only lived across the road and never knew the complexity of the work we were doing. It was commented on how quiet we were in carrying out all of this work and how little disruption was caused.

"I just wanted to say a huge thanks for having me at the Open Doors event at Bermondsey Dive-Under this morning. Not only is this a great project to be delivering but your site management and controls are exemplary. Keep up the good work"

*Open Doors Visitor*

"I am writing to express my thanks to Skanska for the very enjoyable and interesting Open Doors tour of the

Bermondsey Project. It was a really special opportunity to see the works so close up and understand the complications of such a project. It has given me a great appreciation of all the work that goes into such a project and I learnt all manner of interesting facts during the visit."

*Open Doors Visitor*



### Benefits

Communication and Engagement continue to be a fundamental part of delivering the BDU Project successfully and the open doors weekend allowed us to continually build on the strong relationships that have been established with the community to date. Through this engagement we were able to offer assistance with gardening works for the local church as well as offering job opportunities as and when there is availability.

