

Text to accompany Home submission by Orly Zailer and Anthony Palmer

At home on the Carpenters Estate.

The Carpenters Estate in Stratford borders the newly created Olympic Park in East London and has been a local authority housing estate since the late nineteen sixties. It is mixed housing with three tower blocks as well as low rise maisonettes and terraced homes. Ongoing proposals to redefine or redevelop the estate have left one tower block near empty and many homes remain boarded up for months and in some cases years.

Photographers Orly Zailer and Anthony Palmer have been getting to know those residents who have lived on the estate for many years. Their notion of home with its sense of 'putting down roots' has a stability that is counter to the tension, materially visible, in the external landscape of the estate. These portraits are part of an ongoing photo project to represent the Carpenters Estate community and residents.

Photographs by Orly Zailer, 2012.