

Hackney Wick Fish Island | Cultural Interest Group

Minutes of the meeting on Friday 9th January 2015
Held at: Stour Space, 7 Roach Road, Hackney Wick E3 2PA

“Helping to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative community in Hackney Wick.”

In attendance:

Coby Walsh (Stour Space/Secretary)
Lucy Oliver-Harrison (The Yard Theatre)
Juliet Can (Stour Space)
Hannah Andrews (The Trampery – Fish Island Labs)
Anna Maloney (Hackney Wicked)
Gunther Jancke (Artist)
Nick Sharman (LB Hackney Wick Ward Councillor)
Nergiz Bilal (Gainsborough Primary School)
Juliana Posterini (Laing O’Rourke)
Ellie Douglas-Allan (Random Dance)
Gill Wildman (Plot London)
Nick Durrant (Plot London)
Joanna Sawkins (Stratford Rising)
Rachel Falconer (Space – The White Building)
Jason Holness (Ican Studios)
Kay Khan (Ican Studios)
Philip Kirton (Ican Studios)
Leanne Hoogwaerts (Legacy List)
Victoria Stonebridge (LLDC)
William Chamberlain (Chair)
Mara Ferreri (QMUL)
Adriana Marques (LLDC)

Items discussed:

1. Adriana Marques – Local Programme

- LLDC have recruited a part-time manager, Anna Godsiff, to oversee the Local Programme (for a recap of what the Local Programme is click here: <http://queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/~media/qeop/files/public/local%20programme%20commissions%20brief%202014.pdf>)
- The second open call for submissions is about to go out. The application process will be 1 month long and will close mid-Feb.
- Proposed projects and events can range from £1000-£10,000.
- Projects can be community based, i.e. outside of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park but there should be aspects of it that take place in the park also.
- They are looking for a more varied selection of events/projects this year, as the first open call was mostly arts-orientated. This round of funding will be spread out between a wide range including arts but also community projects etc.
- As the first round was so successful they are anticipating the second round will be more competitive.
- The LLDC are looking to get approval to continue the programme until next spring.

- Examples of projects/applicants chosen for the first call: 'Fairytale After Dark' (<http://queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk/whats-on/events/2014/11/skewbald-theatre-presents-fairytales-at-night>), Hackney Tours, The Yard, Clusterbomb collective

2. Victoria Stonebridge – Hub67

- Hub67 had a launch event just before Christmas
- East End Community Foundation (EECF) are advertising for a hub manager for the space http://eastendcf.org/resources/Hub_67_Manager_Pack.pdf
- The Hub will have regular programming, and it will also be available to hire
- Opening hours TBC
- “How much will it cost to hire?” “All being worked out at the moment but their prices will reflect the local area.”

3. Bow Food Bank – Gill Wildman

- The food bank at Hackney Pearl has been successful and got filled up over Christmas. Gill asks that venues/residents keep sharing the info, it has been a slow build up but they feel its getting there in terms of being beneficial
- Victoria S “Once the Hub is up and running you are welcome to put the box there”

4. Organic Wick

- Organic Wick are looking for a new organiser to run the project – contact hello@organicwick.org.uk for details

5. Ican Studios – Introduction

- Jason Holness, Kay Khan and Philip Kirton introduced themselves to the Group.
- They are currently planning a wide range of events at Ican including conferences, exhibitions, a restaurant but they are still focused on club nights at the moment. They are looking to incorporate the space into the community.
- Ican has a full premises licence until 6am, they have a few multi-purpose spaces, some of their current onsite projects include a programme of training and elderly lunch program. They house a church community on Sundays.
- For the members of the CIG they would offer the space for next to nothing, so do get in touch: icanbookings@gmail.com
- Their website is currently undergoing a review and update so stay tuned.

6. Wick Award – LB Hackney Councillor Nick Sharman, Wick Ward

- Nick was encouraged to take over the chair of the Wick Award, and is soon to be launching a small grants programme
- Grants will range from £250-£1000 each, for building activities in the area, creating opportunities for young people. Looking into initiatives to get a sustained programme that will benefit young people in the area.
- Mental health issues are something of a concern in HW, in particular for older unemployed people, so this is something that Nick will be focusing on.
- It's crucial they have a worker that will make a contribution, there's a job opportunity so please get in touch for more information nick.sharman@hackney.gov.uk
- The Wick Award is currently supporting Hub67 for its first year.
- Loughborough University have expressed interest in working with the Wick Award and Nick will be meeting with them later this month (Jan 2015)
- “Can you clarify that the Wick Award is prepared to span across Hackney Wick AND Fish Island?” “ They are prepared to be flexible but most likely the major benefits will be in the Hackney Wick area as that is where the money has been allocated.”

7. Random Dance – Random Spaces

- They can't talk too much about the plans to move into Here East but they will say they are moving forward, and planning to sign with the idea to open in Spring 2016. http://www.randomdance.org/the_company/random_spaces
- Will C " With East London Dance already in Stratford and Sadler's Wells moving in to the Olympicopolis development it looks like this area is set to become a key centre of excellence for contemporary dance in the UK."

8. Tower Hamlets Estates Excellence Training

- Launched early January 2015
- Aim is to help local businesses get up to scratch with their Health & Safety training. All training is by professionals and participants will get certificates to put in venues and keep.
- They are providing a 2 week programme of training – schedule is available from the team. Please email them on healthandsafety@towerhamlets.gov.uk

9. Opportunity to take over the role of CIG secretary

- Coby will be stepping down from her role as CIG secretary from January 2015, if you would be interested in taking on the role please speak to Will at info@hackneywick.org

10. Here East Preview

- 4th February, all invited to HereEast for a preview of the space and to hear their latest developments. 5.30-8pm

11. European Creative Hubs Forum - Anna Maloney, Hackney WickED

- Hackney WickED were awarded a grant to attend the forum, held in Lisbon 13th-15th January
- You can follow their updates via the Hackney Wicked social media (@HackneyWickED)

12. Fish Island Labs – Hannah Andrews

- Hannah was recently appointed as the house manager of The Fish Island Labs
- They would like the labs to be more integrated into the community, and welcome all to attend their (free of charge) programme of talks and lectures. Keep an eye out for opportunities that will be circulated to the CIG mailing list.
- Hannah's email is Hannah@thetramperry.com

13. ELLE (Emerging Legacy Leaders East) event at Stour Space

- elle is a pilot programme developed in 2014 by The Legacy List to provide a bespoke coaching and networking programme for women at the outset of their creative careers. Read more via <https://emerginglegacyleaderseast.wordpress.com/>
- The programme is holding a series of events that are open to the public, the next one will be held at Stour Space on 26th Jan and will be about personal branding and development. This is a ticketed event, see here for details <http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/personal-branding-how-to-build-a-successful-online-presence-in-the-arts-tickets-15044750253?aff=esli>

Reminder: Please send any email addresses to add to the CIG mailing list to info@hackneywick.org and please remember to circulate the CIG emails to your own contacts.

The next CIG meeting is at 9.30am on Friday 13th February upstairs at The White Building, Queens Yard, Hackney Wick, Tower Hamlets, London, E9 5EN.

Please send any agenda items to me before then and as ever, please tell anyone you think should be there to join us.