

Hackney Wick Fish Island | Cultural Interest Group

**“Working together to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative economy in Hackney
Wick and Fish Island”**

CIG Minutes – September 2018

Minutes of the meeting on Friday 14 September 2018

Held at: HUB 67 Rothbury Rd, Hackney Wick

ATTENDANCE

William Chamberlain – Creative Wick/CDT (Chair)
Rose Wilk-Mullis – Makeshift
Jasel Nandha – Here East
Fiona Meeks – Loughborough University London
Owen Williams – Wick Boards
Remi Suri – Diversity Films
Cris Robertson – The Trampery
Rowan Longhurst – Our Parklife CIC
Charlotte Rossiter – Our Parklife CIC
Cllr. Nick Sharman – LB Hackney
Stuart Duncan – Echo
Elisa Giorgi – Arbeit
Dave Pilkington – St Columba
Jacqui Robinson – LCE Solutions
Sam Hansford – The Yard Theatre/CDT
Frances Turner – Future Generation
Ed Fisher – Future Generation
Sam Golden – Wick Boards
Joe Lyons – West Ham United Foundation
Jacquie Atkinson – Resident
Sir William Atkinson – Resident
Gill Wildman – Upstarter/Hackney Wick Town Hall
Vlad Malarz – White Post Café
Shinyoung Lyu – Social Beverages
Cllr. Chris Kennedy – LB Hackney
Neil McDonald – Stour Space/CDT
Josephine Chime – Artist (CIG Project Co-ordinator)
Daniela Kitchiner – Das Kino
Abbas Nokhasteh - Openvizor

1. Josephine Chime - Introduction

Josephine Chime joins HWFI Cultural Interest group as a local artist of more than 10 years living in Hackney Wick. Josephine will work with William and Fabricio as a project co-ordinator and is very excited to be part of the team.

2. Gill Wildman - Hackney Wick Town Hall

Hackney Wick Town Hall is an initiative created by Gill Wildman to be an open meeting to discuss and create action plans for things important for this area, such as what things need preparing for the increase of population.

Hackney Wick Town hall has been awarded Wick Award money and waiting for this to be received to enable deeper outreach to further represent the area.

Gill wants the next meeting to be more about the neighbourhood not business focus it will be held in the evening. The first meeting is at 6pm to 9pm on Monday 29th October at the Trowbridge Centre. See attached flyer and please circulate to your networks.

3. Academy of Urbanism

Academy of Urbanism a non for profit organisation that brings together both the current and next generation of urban leaders, thinkers and practitioners have nominated Hackney Wick as one of 3 Great Neighbourhoods in the UK.

The shortlist for The Great Neighbourhood award includes Ancoats, Manchester and Kelham Island, Sheffield There are seven criterias for their assessment of the best neighbourhood; Local Character, Community Health and Wellbeing, Amenity a full list can be viewed on their website with the announcement of the winner on the November.

<https://www.academyofurbanism.org.uk/finalists-2019/>

4. Cris Robertson - Fish Island Village

Another location for the Trampery will be located in the new development at Fish Island village, they will take over the ground space for a social enterprise and creative workspace. Approximate ratios: 50% focused on fashion business, 25% for under represented groups and the rest for start up business etc. The aim to create live work accommodation is not a certainty as the plans for this is still in development.

Studios approximate costings are £25 per sq. foot. More prime location canalside will be £35.

Discussion moved to the price of £25 - £35 per sq foot not being affordable and whether The Trampery are complying with the building planning policies on the definition of affordable spaces and accommodation for the area they are building in. It was noted Stour space approximate studios rates are £12 per sq foot - £15 sq foot includes rates, bills business support.

Chris from Trampery said they are not providing social accommodation but more focused on provided the best service for startups, designers from UAL looking for studios space and they provide a top service that includes business consultation. He noted that their Here East

Gantry location is not fully rented because he accepts that £29.50 per sq foot is expensive for many local creative practitioners.

An attendee of the meeting said that the definition of affordable for the HWFI area is 80% of market value. Abbas suggested that there should be a public register of different price points for each studio / creative workspace provider.

Creative Enterprise Zone designation could help to change policy of rental prices so that the onus is on the developers to provide rental subsidies and grants not the local authority although an announcement that Anderson Group will be creating free workspace in Carpenters Wharf surprised some attendees.

The projected opening of Trampery at Fish Island Village is April 2019

5. Rose Wilk-Mullis - Clarnico Quay update

Makeshift is creative design and development organisation that transforms underused urban space to unlock opportunities for local people and independent businesses, Clarnico Quay will be their third project after Pop in Brixton and Peckham Levels creating a building next the Copper Box arena on the other side of the canal from Grow and Bar 90.

There will be approximately 5 different units; studio spaces, retail, food and beverage spaces and potentially a skatepark. The rates for studio spaces is still being finalised.

A skatepark could be built as a response to the current location being used as a makeshift DIY skatepark. Andy Willis the designer and founder of Frontside Gardens is part of the conversation about planning and construction of the skatepark.

The community mobile garden from Chobham Manor will be moved to Clarnico Quay as well.

Next summer 2019 is the opening it will take 6 months approximately to build and 25% of the spaces will be allocated for below market rate pricing.

The builders Makeshift aim to transform empty spaces into popular community spaces.

6. Fiona Meeks - Local Innovation Networks Research

Fiona Meeks is undertaking a PHD in Loughborough University, to aid her study she would like participates in a vast survey to capture all the innovation that is going on in the Olympic park, would like to meet people for case studies will be around all of Autumn to meet and record what's happening with the changes in and around Olympic Park.

Please fill out the survey here: <https://survey.zohopublic.eu/zs/6IBBKV>

You can contact Fiona by email on Fiona Meeks <F.Meeks@lboro.ac.uk>

Attendees spoke on the situation of giving lots of information and partaking in long drawn out research for companies with large resources and not receiving anything back. Surveys and research questions need to be remunerated somehow at least to give a copy of the research findings from the companies.

Attendee noted that research findings for developmental business can sometimes lead to accusations of plagiarism - The CIG Code Of Conduct (attached) is there to be used if necessary.

6. Stuart - Echo

Economy of Hours consists of roughly 5000 members where instead of money they use time exchange of skills, knowledge and expertise. Echo have launched the [Park Community Chest](#) and are working with Triathlon Homes and Lend Lease. Echo is aiming to match projects with people in the local area to benefit from this initiative.

On 25th September there will be the Echo Social at Grow where there will be talks, meet and greet with drinks. A chance to spark connection and brilliant minds, creatives and entrepreneurs.

7. Owen Williams & Sam Golden - Wick Boards

Wick boards is due to open soon next to Station Food and Wine and aims to provide all things electric in mobility from snowboarding to skateboards and scooters. Including custom made classic skateboards.

Owen is interested in working with the council to provide electric scooters other alternative forms of transport.

Owen stated getting across the Olympic Park with assistance mobility could be provided by Wick Boards, electric mobility sustainable as an alternative to public transport. Possible collaboration form the current mobility service in the Olympic Park. Owen wants it to be clarified whether electric skateboards are allowed in Olympic park.

BMX track in the Olympic park could be used by their electric products as currently the track looks as if it doesn't get used regularly. This could be a result of the strict criteria to be allowed to use it which requires taking classes and costs a significant amount of money.

Owen wants people to sell things via retail space in Hackney Wick and Fish Island rather than just cafes and bars, this is one of the inspirations for opening Wick Boards. In the shop they have a ramp which can be moved in or outside depending on the weather.

Building work is underway, opening date for Wick Boards TBC.

8. Wick Wednesday

Next Wednesday is next week 19th September it looks to be much busier in September than it was in August when many people were away for the summer. There will be live music at Mother on Canalside, White Post Café and Barge East, exhibitions openings at Unit G Gallery

and Crate, the usual special offers at Cornerstone, The Pearl, Natura and Shanes and plenty more going on.

9. Neil McDonald - Creative Enterprise Zone update

Over the months leading up to the application submission, many local organisations committed many of their resources to support the CEZ bid. The announcement of the winning bids is due in October.

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- St Columba launch on Sunday, spirituality, contemplation and meditation, outside Here East permanent mooring.
Contact dave@stpauloldford.com
- Yard Youth Monday evening in Hub 67 making experimental theatre, recruitment drive from 12 - 6 free Monday evenings get in touch with Sam Hansford or Katherine. Autumn season is up and running starts 24th September, Don't forget Yard Card - 30 % off for locals who live or work in area.
Contact katherine@theyardtheatre.co.uk
- Here East open for Open House on 22nd September, including Hackathon will be holding an event to help find ways to find jobs for younger people
- Get together in St Mary of Eton Church courtyard for non alcoholic drinks called Social Beverage created by Shinyoung
- Quick intro from Future Generations about a new development in partnership with Stour space to provide 350 student accommodation on Stour road for increase roughly population of students they project 9000 students at UAL, LUL and UCL East by 2021.
- Das Kino Film club screening Citizen Jane at The Old Baths Jane Jacobs seems to be an inspiration for quite a few CIG attendees. Food will be provided by Yolanda at Gaia Pulses before the screening.
- Remi is working with Ruth Eghagha, a graduate from the Creative Wick Film School on a new film about diversity in the creative industries. They are waiting to get confirmation of funding for the next cohort to start production before Christmas.

The next CIG meeting is at 9.30am on Friday 12th October at the

Beer Merchants Tap, 99 Wallis Rd, Hackney Wick.