

# Hackney Wick Fish Island | Cultural Interest Group

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Minutes of the meeting on Friday 8th of November 2013  
Held at: **The White Building, Queen's Yard, Hackney Wick**

*"Helping to establish a permanent, sustainable, creative community in Hackney Wick."*

## **In attendance:**

William Chamberlain (Chair)  
Louisa Lindstrom (muf)  
Rosemarie Davidson-Gotobed (Cre8)  
Paddy Looney (Cadplan Ltd)  
Isaac Marrero-Guillamón (Editor – The Wick Newspaper)  
Lee Wilshire (Planning & Development joint Chair)  
Lucy Oliver-Harrison (The Yard)  
Tobias Hug (LPC)  
Claudia Wilmot (Get Living London)  
Michael Spinks (Essex Flour & Grain)  
James Morgan (Hackney Pearl)  
Gill Wildman (Plot London)  
Tracie Trimmer Platman (Hackney Wick Festival / Wick Award)  
Nancy Stevenson (University of Westminster)  
Valli van Zijl (Land Prop)  
Tori Bravery (90 Main Yard)  
Adriana Marques (LLDC)  
Leanne Hoogwaerts (LLDC)  
Will Teasdale (LB Hackney)  
Douglas Thackway (Space Studios)  
Simon Cole (Hackney Tours)  
Peter Coleman (Punt Tours)  
Seb Glover (The Colourworks)  
Nimrod Vardi (Arbeit)  
Jasmine Wilson (Wayne McGregor/Random Dance)  
Polly Hunt (Wayne McGregor/Random Dance)  
David Buckingham (Loughborough University)  
Josh Love (Muff Customs)  
Mark Kennedy (E20 Fishing Club)  
Juliet Can (Stour Space)  
Vilmar Pellison (Urban Village Network)  
Nick Sharman (Labour Candidate for Wick Ward)  
Richard Gibbs (iCity)  
PC Sam Freeman (Wick Station – Met Police)

PC Jonathan Flint (Wick Station – Met Police)  
Sgt Aaron Clarke (Wick Station – Met Police)  
PC Ann Brundrit (Wick Station – Met Police)  
Martin Whiterod (LB Hackney)  
Olga Vandenburg (LB Hackney)  
Meike Wijers (Resident)  
Mariko Ferrier (Resident)

### **Items discussed:**

The minutes of the October meeting were read out and updates given:

### **Agenda**

1. **Professor David Buckingham – Loughborough University** introduced the higher education offering that will open in iCity in c. 2015. A initial programme of activities will commence in September 2014. Focus will be on sport, technology, engineering, media, communications, social science, research, creative industries, enterprise, work based learning with a focus on the precariat. The Institute for Media & Creative Industries will offer Masters level courses in business management, entrepreneurship, design and IT. Bursaries for local people are a possibility. There will be approx 1000 students after 2015. Hackney Community College will be offering digital apprenticeships in the same facility. **e. D.Buckingham@lboro.ac.uk**
2. **Adriana Marques - LLDC.** The arts funding event is taking place at Stratford Circus on 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Vintage Christmas fair is taking place in the QEOP North Park on 6/7/8 December. Stalls available for £100. There will be no Open East festival in 2014. South Park will be open in 1<sup>st</sup> week of April 2014. AM will arrange an advance tour for CIG members in January/February. There will be interim use opportunities in the South Park. Members spoke of the poor signage from Hackney Wick station to the QEOP and from within the QEOP to Hackney Wick station. AM reported that this was acknowledged and that new signage was in hand.
3. **Richard Gibbs – iCity.** Presentation of development plans for exterior of building. iCity will be open 24hrs a day. Focus on the pillars of Education and Enterprise. The internal space will be named Makers Yard – focus on research, making connections, programmes, games, inventions. The gantry will provide an affordable ‘cabinet of curiosities’ flexible space for businesses. There will be a 1200 capacity conference centre. It will be ready at end

2015/early 2016. BT Sport is already in and operational. Others will start to arrive in 2014.

4. **Jasmine Wilson/Polly Hunt – Wayne McGregor/Random Dance.** Random Dance hopes to become a tenant in iCity. Jasmine talked about creative learning and outreach programs that they would look to operate in the local area. Also interested in developing an interdisciplinary program. Very keen on participatory work. Been working in East London since 1992 – East London Dance.
5. **Claudia Wilmot – Get London Living/East Village.** Hope to have 100 residents in by Christmas. CW reminded the CIG that the East Village portal is a great place to promote your offering to the EastVillage residents. Please send her info to [claudia.wilmot@getlivinglondon.com](mailto:claudia.wilmot@getlivinglondon.com)
6. **Neighbourhood safety – Sgt Aaron Clarke/PC Ann Brundrit/PC Jonathan Flint/PC Sam Freeman.** Sgt Clarke introduced the team and told the CIG that 6 PC's, 2 PCSO's and 1 Sgt have responsibility for policing in Wick Ward. Tower Hamlets also have a team. Responsibility doesn't end at the borough boundary. Mark Kennedy pointed out that criminals use towpaths as a rat run. Call for improved lighting, CCTV. Sgt Clarke said best thing was to report every incident however small to **999/111**. Helps build up an overview of activity and a case for increased funding/presence. Project Kraken – Marine Support Unit. CIG/LLDC/LBTH are looking at a project to install more towpath lighting.
7. **Olga Vandenberg – LBHackney.** Responsibility for a new Borough wide business initiative – [e. Olga.Vandenberg@Hackney.gov.uk](mailto:e.Olga.Vandenberg@Hackney.gov.uk)
8. **Martin Whiterod – LB Hackney.** Responsibility for anti-social behaviour esp. noise. [e. martin.whiterod@hackney.gov.uk](mailto:e.martin.whiterod@hackney.gov.uk)
9. **BL-NK / Hackney House – Tori Bravery.** CIG will develop a collaborative entry to showcase the best of HWFI possibly in February. Random Dance would like to be involved. Please contact Tori with any ideas/information on [e. tori@90MainYard.co.uk](mailto:e.tori@90MainYard.co.uk)
10. **Josh Love – Muff Customs café.** A new café next to the Carlton chimney on Fish Island that combines coffee and cake with motorbikes.  
<http://www.muffcustoms.com/muff-cafe/>

**11. Tracie Trimmer – Skatepark Hub.** Project delayed until April 2014. A temporary program will run from Jan to April. Looking for venues interested in hosting pop up youth provision. Youth workers will be present. White Building and E20 Fishing Club both offered.

-ENDS -

**Instead of a meeting next week (Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December) 90 Main Yard are hosting CIG Christmas drinks with free hot toddys and festive snacks from 6pm. Everyone welcome plus friends, partners guests. Happy Christmas!**

**The next CIG meeting is on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 9.30am at H Forman & Son, Stour Rd, Fish Island, Hackney Wick. Please send any agenda items to me and as ever tell anyone you think should be there to come along.**