



Minutes of the meeting on Friday 13th January 2017
Held at: The Timber Yard, Here East

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

In attendance:

William Chamberlain – Chair (Creative Wick)
Charlotte Flint (V&A East)
Johann Arens (Artist)
Cllr. Chris Kennedy (LB Hackney)
Shinjoung Yeo (Loughborough University London)
Cllr. Nick Sharman (LB Hackney)
Katherine Igoe-Ewer (The Yard Theatre)
Lorna Blake (Developer and Business Engagement Manager, Hackney Wick and Fish Island)
Julia Hayes (A New Direction)
Gill Wildman (Plot London)
Abbas Nokhasteh (Openvizor)
Ben Perkins (Alfred Leroy)
Luke Billingham (Hackney Quest)
Kate McCurdy (Studio Wayne McGregor)
Polly Hunt (Studio Wayne McGregor)
Esa Williams (Artist)
Aneesha Lowni (Thingy Studios)
Alex Childs (The Pearl)
Mel Allison (East Wick and Sweetwater)
Victoria Stonebridge (LLDC)
Rowan Longhurst (Our Parklife CIC)
Katie Sheasby (Howling Hops)
Rebecca Edwards (Arebyte Gallery)
Jasel Nandha (Here East)
Keith Bates (Plexal)
Toby Moore (Sanctuary Housing)
Yolanda Antonopoulou (Gaia Pulses)
Stuart Duncan (Echo)
Tom Gape (Red Point Bristol)
Jack Griffiths (Hackney Wick Boulder Project)
Josh Glanvill (Hackney Wick Boulder Project)

Agenda

1. Hackney Wick Boulder Project (Jack Griffiths)

- The Boulder Project is a new bouldering centre that has just opened in old the Shapes building at 117 Wallis Road. The directors Jack and Tom already run a successful climbing centre in Bristol and the idea for setting-up a space in the Hackney Wick area started in Summer 2016 – climbing walls are a great alternative to bars – bring people together and promoting being active etc. Josh is the centre manager and available to help with any enquiries.
- They have a 2 year contract in the old Shapes building (now managed by arbeit), so have built a pop-up climbing wall. There are already people coming from outside Hackney Wick to visit the centre. Keen to create links with local companies - free introduction sessions and incentives for locals.
- Looking to set up a word class climbing facility, very ambitious and their [online promo video has had 50k views already](#).
- Boulder social events on Tuesday and Thursdays, climbing friends available to answer any questions and give advice. Café is open to the public, uses local companies – e.g. the coffee roasters in Queens Yard, Stour Space cakes etc.

Contact Josh for more information - Josh Glanvill <josh@hackneywickboulder.co.uk>

2. Hackney Quest (Luke Billingham)

- Hackney Quest is a youth and community charity that has been working in the area for 29 years. The group has been commissioned by the Wick Award to run a youth voice project to identify the biggest problems for young people in the area, work on solutions and give young people a voice.
- There 4 main strands to the programme:
 1. Research - will spend time speaking to young people about their views, so good to know where young people like to hang out in the area.
 2. Events – will hold events to raise the awareness of what's going on in Hackney Wick. Asking people to come forward to showcase their activity / business / groups.
 3. Youth Panel – will form a group of 6-10 young people, diverse and representative. The panel will look at research in depth and identify priorities for the area.
 4. Fund – there is a fund available for projects that will meet the priorities for the area and make a difference to lives of young people.
- Nick Sharman noted that the Wick Award are very glad to have Hackney Quest on board and need to make a link between the great enterprising in the area and local young people.
- Upstarter and Plot offering support for projects with internships / experience etc.

<http://www.hackneyquest.org.uk/>

luke@hackneyquest.org.uk

3. Studio Wayne McGregor (Kate McCurdy)

- The dance company have a new studio space being built within Here East, have been in a temporary space.
- Will be working in collaboration across dance, theatre, film performance, music videos projects. Keen interests in science and technology.
- Will run a development programme with London artists which gives studio space and support in return for education workshops.
- The studio won't be open to the public on a day-to-day basis however looking for partnerships with local community groups and artists to bring the public into the space.

Jasmin Wilson is the Director of Learning and Engagement at the studio and is managing the giving back programme. Currently running a project for socially isolated community members. Anyone interested in working with the studio to contact Jasmin.

jasmine@waynemcgregor.com

4. Plexal (Keith Bates)

- Based in the Technology Innovation Centre at Here East, Plexal have taken 68,000 sq ft of space. They are in-between a start-up co-working space and business accelerator, will be focussed around all types of technology including augmented reality, data analytics, fashion tech.
- There will be a mentoring programme and corporate innovation support.
- Currently in a pop-up space with 12 companies. Working with a team of 9 and will be expanding rapidly over the next 6 months so will be very busy. Permanent space due to open fully in June.

<http://plexal.com/>

Keith Bates keith@plexal.com

5. The Pearl (Alex Childs)

- The Pearl has reopened. Have recruited great, friendly staff. Open 7 days a week 10:00-11:00
- Good food and excellent coffee, nice cosy and social venue. Interior all built by hand!
- Based on feedback, they are trying to make the venue more accessible.

<https://www.facebook.com/pearlhackwick/>

pearlhackneywick@gmail.com

6. Thingy Studio (Aneesha Lowni)

- Thingy Studio is a music production, recording studios and events space on Price Edward Road.
- Ground floor is music studios, writing rooms and a recording room. Pop-up shop front space (currently Routes Coffee). Upstairs larger space that could be used for events, photoshoots, talks.
- Esa is a music producer based at Thingy Studio, originally from South Africa has been travelling across the world and working on projects with other artists and young people. Looking to work on partnerships (already working with Ableton, Logic, Yamaha) and run workshops. Hoping to work with the PRS Foundation.
- Studio has just opened so asking for people to come forward with suggestions of projects and programmes etc.

<http://www.thingystudio.com/>

7. Art Map London – Art Talks season 3 (William Chamberlain)

- The art talks are a series of talks that focus on professional development for artists and art professionals, where the best art professionals and industry leaders are invited to talk and share their knowledge with artists and art professionals in early stages of their careers. This is the third season of the Art Talks.

Talk 1: Q&A with Elizabeth Neilson (Zabludowicz Collection).
Thursday 9th of February

Talk 2: Q&A with Anna Dumitriu about how artists work with institutions and museums.
Tuesday 21st of March

Talk 3: Q&A with Catherine Ince (V&A) about how museums work with artists.
Tuesday 11th of April

Talk 4: Q&A with Dana Segal about fundraising.
Monday 15th of May

- All events are 7-9pm in The Atrium (adjacent to the White Post Cafe), 4 Schwartz Wharf, 92 White Post Lane, London E9 5GW

<http://artmaplondon.com/artmap/the-art-talks/>

8. Hub 67 (Katherine Igoe-Ewer)

- Regular programme:
 - Tuesdays: drama club on with a group of students from Gainsborough School (Hoping to expand to different schools) 7-11 year olds, 3.45- 4.45pm
 - Thursdays: Youth Group 6-8pm
 - Fridays: After school club on for 7-14 year olds
- 11 Feb Book Swap Day in partnership with Discovery Centre 12-3 storytelling. Inviting families to come along on the day. Echo++ businesses are doing food.
- Yard annual theatre programme is called NOW 17, performances starting in Spring over 5 weeks including 10 artists (5 well known and 5 new). Special offers for tickets available on the website.

<http://www.theyardtheatre.co.uk/>

9. AOB

- **Well Street Market** is on the first Saturday of every month, road is closed to traffic. Everyone encouraged to make way down to support.
- **Plot Neighbourhood Emergency Fund project**- thanks for research and now have a grant to progress the study further.
- **Here East Health & Wellbeing month**, information on the events circulated. £5 voucher for attendees to spend on food and beverage in Here East Canalside.
- There have been some **muggings** in Hackney area. On the Park 4 reported and 3 arrested, in line with general increase in crime across the boroughs. Predominantly happening along the Western side and working with CRT, partners, security and police. Phone the police as soon as something happens to report. **ACTION: Neighbourhood contacts for each borough to be circulated.**

Local Police contacts are:

Sgt. Luke Halls of Hackney SNT:

Luke.Halls@met.pnn.police.uk tel. 020 7161 9102

Sgt. Martin Cowley of Bow East SNT:

BowEast.snt@met.police.uk tel. 020 8721 2807 / 07818 076199

Sgts. Anna Woodward and Stuart Handley of QEOP SNT:

KFMailbox-.ChobhamWardSNT@met.police.uk tel. 07843 065 871

- Work progressing on **Hackney Wick Station upgrade**, reminder that there will be closures on the lead up to Easter. Keep an eye out for notices and information updates.

**The next CIG meeting is on Friday 10th February at Stour Space,
7 Roach Rd, Hackney Wick, E3 2PA at 9.30am**