



Minutes of the meeting on Friday 14 July 2017

Held at: The White Building

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

In attendance:

Katherine Igoe-Ewer – The Yard Theatre/Hub67  
Fabricio Mendes – Creative Wick (Chair)  
Francesca Colloca – LLDC  
Tony Westbrook – LLDC  
Mark Bennett – HeyBigMan!  
Briony Pete – Cause2Create  
Mathieu Rogers – LB Hackney  
Cllr. Nick Sharman (LB Hackney)  
Latoyah Prempeh – London College of Fashion Centre of Fashion Enterprise  
Linda Houston – Diocese of London  
Lawrence Mohammed – Pro Bike Service  
Dave Pilkington – St Paul Old Ford (Floating Church)  
Steven Wilding – LLDC/Canal & River Trust  
William Chamberlain – Creative Wick  
Ryan Craig – Barge East  
Stuart Thomson – Barge East  
Graeme Evans – Hydrocitizenship Project (Middlesex Uni)  
Paul Baynton – Main Yard Studios  
Jessie Lenson – Lend Lease  
Lorna Blake - Hackney Wick & Fish Island  
Simon Cole – Hackney Tours

**1. Steven Wilding (CRT & LLDC) introduced two projects:**

- Conducted a competition for waterways based businesses to occupy two moorings on the Lee Navigation (near Here East & Sweetwater)
- London Diocese and Barge East selected

### **London Diocese – Floating Church / Interfaith Space – next to Here East**

- Linda Houston, Head of Major Development from CofE presented vision for working with communities and waterways, interested in meanwhile opportunities and support audit of local needs – working with local communities to create space for benefit of all.

Local trainee Vicar Dave Pilkington (St Mary's of Eton & St Paul's Old Ford) explained over 200 people consulted and vision for new floating space is

- 12% church based activities – rest of the time Open to all communities // interfaith
- Art, dance, music, pop up boutiques
- Some corporate hire, community hire
- 35 sitting capacity, 60 standing
- Opening early 2018
- Keen to work with other local businesses – so get in touch!

### **Barge East – next to Sweetwater at junction of Canal / Lee Navigation**

- Ryan and Tommo presented plans for a floating restaurant, better usage of land amphitheatre and garden space
- Kitchen to champion local produce, seasonal, healthy
- Exhibition space, works by local artists
- Regular series of markets on the waterside
- Looking for local suppliers, so get in touch!
- Looking for carpenters/tradespeople/staff so get in touch!

### **2. Centre for Fashion Enterprise**

- Latoyah spoke about Fashion/Fashion Tech incubator in Mare Street, run by UAL: London College of Fashion
- ERDF funded project – FREE to fashion businesses! Fully subsidised business support for 2 days up to 2 years
- Studio space also available in Mare Street
- Businesses must be going for at least 12 months, 6 months for fash-tech
- number of different programmes available (networking meetups, manufacturers trade shows for SMES)
- Get in touch for more info: Latoyah Prempeh <l.prempeh@fashion.arts.ac.uk>

### **3. Cause to Create**

- Briony discussed vision for community of creatives that affect social change through volunteering time to support 3<sup>rd</sup> sector organisations
  - Focus on Equalities, problem solving, social issues – and work with clients to develop briefs and then fulfil using talents of creative community.
- Next event – November 18/19

### **4. Community Development Trust**

4 founding members (Grow, Creative Wick, Yard Theatre, Stour Space) – organisation now set up

Aims to retain, promote and grow local creative economy through provision of affordable creative workspace, social projects  
Recent visit from Deputy Mayor Justine Simons (Culture) with LLDC  
Ambition to get HWFI designated a Creative Enterprise Zone

**5. Wick Wednesday**

Discussion around coordinated programming across as many of Hackney Wick and Fish Island's studios/businesses open up to public 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday every month  
LLDC has agreed to help with PR support. Is the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month the best option?

**6. AOB – HUB 67 / Here East Fun Palace**

7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> October joint family friendly event

Commission of £150 for a local artist/practitioner to run a session

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HUB 67 afterschool club 3-week sessions, opportunity for young people to try out weaving, storytelling, etc.

Next CIG: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 9.30am at Lend Lease