



### **CIG Notes & Actions**

October 13th 2023

9:30-11am

HTA Design

#### **Agenda:**

- 1a. CEZ Update - Patrick Scally
- 1b. CDT Update – William Chamberlain & Blossom Young
2. Digital Body Festival 2024 - Alexander Whitley
3. East Bank - Tamsin Ace
4. Wick Park - Olivia Horncastle
5. London Lions - Jerome Quartey & Shivani Laddha
6. Growing Concerns petition - Sioban Wall

#### **Updates:**

HWFI Warehouse Community - Jameson Goring

Stour Studios

#### **Attendees:**

##### In-person:

Alasdair Ben Dixon - Collective Works

Alexander Whitley - Alexander Whitley Dance

Alex Ball – Block Dojo

Cllr Chris Kennedy – LB Hackney

Collin Ainger - HTA Design

Dan Cox - Urchin Studios

Daren Ellis - The Wick Newspaper

Donna Meierdiercks - Alex Whitley Dance

Erica White - HTA Design

Greg Swaby – Barge East

Jameson Goring - Fish Island Community Network

Jerome Quartey - London Lions

Jen Thompson – Crate Brewery

Cllr Jess Webb - LB Hackney

Joseph Cook - UCL

Josephine Chime - Creative Wick

Martin Saps - Urbanist

Mathieu Rogers - LB Hackney

Michelle Michelon – Hackney Cowlick

Olivia Horncastle - Wick Park

Shivani Laddha – London Lions

Simon Jordan – Turner Works

Patrick Scally - CEZ Manager

William Chamberlain – Creative Wick/CDT

Tamsin Ace - East Bank

Tomoyo Miyakawa - UCL School for the Creative &  
Cultural Industries

Online:

Abbie Hedaux - Creative Wick

Harry Manley - Halcyon

Blossom Young - Poplar Harca

Holy Ashdown – LB Hackney

Darren Evans - Local Artist

Katrina Kilkenny – LLDC/Shift

Jessica Henry - Places for People

Kudzai Matsvai - Architectural Designer and EDI  
activist

Stephanie Devred - Photographer

Sir William Atkinson - Local resident

Onaba Payab - Here East

Tom Kihl – The Lococo

No.	Notes	Email & links
	<b>Introduction</b>	
	Permanent sustainable creative economy  Urge you to reach out to anyone you find interesting  Went over Septembers CIG minutes	
<b>1a</b>	<b>CEZ Update - Patrick Scally</b>	
	SHIFT have launched future industries demonstrator programme - Innovation challenge  <u>Katrina Kilkenny:</u> Shift - Innovation agency based in QEOP Working to support and scale solutions in	<a href="#">Link to presentation</a>

<p>London</p> <p>Awarded funding to deliver a new programme of support to innovative SMEs tackling climate change</p> <p>Consists of 3 innovation challenges running until April 2025</p> <p>Challenge 1: Solutions that can rapidly enhance the natural environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Safeguarding water systems</li><li>- Air pollution</li><li>- Biodiversity</li><li>- Rising temperatures</li><li>- Minimise waste</li></ul> <p>Successful applicants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- £20k grant</li><li>- Additional £10k grant awarded by CEZ</li><li>- Free workspace</li></ul> <p>Open to all types of solutions, not just new tech</p> <p>Hosting information session Tuesday 17th October</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Keen to reach as many SMEs as possible</li></ul> <p>Applications open until November 6th</p> <p><u>Patrick Scally:</u> The State of Hackney Wick Mathieu Rogers is leaving Hackney Council Open event/drinks to tie both together Chat about what's happening in the area 4-6pm Tuesday 17th at BADU cafe</p>	<p>Link to find out more and apply for Future Industries Demonstrator: <a href="https://shiftlondon.co.uk/future-industries-demonstrator/natural-cities-challenge/">https://shiftlondon.co.uk/future-industries-demonstrator/natural-cities-challenge/</a></p> <p>Link to Tuesday's webinar: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ask-me-anything-webinar-future-industries-demonstrator-application-tickets-730366916107?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/ask-me-anything-webinar-future-industries-demonstrator-application-tickets-730366916107?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>
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	<p>Aware from last months meeting there are pressing issues that need to be addressed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looking to do something bigger in the area to tackle this</li> </ul>	
<b>1b</b>	<b>CDT Update - William Chamberlain / Blossom Young</b>	
	<p>Recruiting programme manager for Reroute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Interviews starting next week</li> <li>- Hoping to give update next month</li> </ul> <p>Yodomo have taken over a unit on Fish Island Village called The Textile Reuse Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Connecting industry organisations with a network of makers to reduce textile waste in the area</li> <li>- Launch event happening on the 18th 5-7pm</li> </ul> <p>Sustainable Young Makers Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Small SMEs and individuals working in the circular economy</li> <li>- Launches on Wednesday at the event</li> </ul>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Digital Body Festival 2024 - Alexander Whitley</b>	
	<p>Working on an idea for a festival to celebrate and explore the moving body and digital tech</p> <p>Next year will also be 10th anniversary of the company</p> <p>3-day event at Studio 9294 19-21 April 2024</p> <p>Exhibition spaces, interactive work and screen-based performances</p> <p>Looking to showcase the range of creativity emerging in this area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Combination of emerging artists and</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Link to presentation.</a></p> <p>Does the programme extend to local schools?</p> <p><u>Al. Whitley:</u> Absolutely, reaching out to local schools to arrange workshops</p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> This is fantastic. A great way of engaging the grassroots community here and connecting them with others in this industry</p>

	<p>high profile names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Want to offer internships as part of the festival</li></ul> <p>Futures in motion: Interactive exhibition VR, augmented reality Encourages people to engage with the work</p> <p>Digital bodies: Gallery space - non-interactive work Demonstrate the diverse ways artists interpret the body</p> <p>Performing technologies: Interactive performance events in collaboration with artists, dancers, and musicians</p> <p>Hybrid lab: Workshop space for people to learn and observe Making this tech available to the public</p> <p>Bodies of knowledge: Talks and panel discussion platform</p> <p>UCL Innovation Network is running parallel to the festival</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Running a series of knowledge exchange events with a series of partners over the academic year</li><li>- Addressing accessibility and creativity in emerging technologies</li><li>- Opportunity for students, academics and professionals to come together and hopefully come up with solutions</li></ul> <p>Consultation event next thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Opportunity to learn more and show</li></ul>	<p><a href="https://www.eventbrite.com/e/digital-body-festival-introduction-and-live-demo-tickets-736527392257?aff=oddtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.com/e/digital-body-festival-introduction-and-live-demo-tickets-736527392257?aff=oddtcreator</a></p>
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	<p>live demos of the tech that will be used at the festival</p> <p>Currently raising funds to make the festival happen</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anyone with ideas and suggestions of how to make this happen will be greatly appreciated</li> </ul>	
<b>3</b>	<b>East Bank - Tamsin Ace</b>	
	<p>Been working here for about a month</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Previously worked at LCF</li> </ul> <p>East Bank - new cultural quarter in QEOP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- V&amp;A East museum and storehouse</li> <li>- Sadler's Wells East (560 seat auditorium)</li> <li>- London College of Fashion (13 floor building)</li> <li>- BBC</li> <li>- UCL East (Marshgate and Poole Street)</li> </ul> <p>Beginning the ethos of collaboration and making spaces open to the public</p> <p>Interesting position to be in as East Bank doesn't exist as an entity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Spending the next year deciding it's brand and identity</li> <li>- Does it have it's own identity or do we lead with the partners</li> </ul> <p>V&amp;A will be announcing their launch exhibition in early November</p> <p>Internships, shared apprenticeships and opportunities for local SMEs</p> <p>Speak again in a few months once the offer is</p>	<p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Looking forward to seeing everything opening up</p> <p>The arrival of the new students has already changed the area rapidly</p> <p><u>J. Goring:</u> What opportunities might be able to come out of this for the warehouse community?</p> <p><u>T. Ace:</u> It's about listening and understanding what is happening in the area, not just about these 5 buildings</p> <p>Opportunities and callouts going to local creatives for paid work and exposure</p> <p>We can't exist on our own and we shouldn't - we wouldn't exist without what was here before us</p> <p><u>J. Goring:</u> Interested in the general ideal of a new cultural quarter with huge investment</p> <p>Creating a new cultural center alongside one that already exists - not necessarily problematic</p> <p>It is a hard question about how we support existing residents</p> <p>We are organising to discuss how these things have not benefited us as a community so far</p> <p><u>T. Ace:</u> The institutions here have a duty of care to make their resources accessible and available to people already here who need it</p>

	<p>more solidified</p>	<p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> All these East Bank partners have come to previous meetings and been challenged about this</p> <p>Everyone is applying to the same pots of money so there is a tension there</p> <p>Showing Tamsin around HWFI to show the value of the grassroots community</p> <p>Excited you are here, welcome!</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Wick Park - Olivia Horncastle</b>	
	<p>Student accommodation right by the stadium</p> <p>Encouraging locals to come in and have a look</p> <p>Officially opened on Sep 2nd</p> <p>Want to be a part of the community and engage with local businesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Worked with Burnt Umber to provide food and drinks previously</li> </ul> <p>Put on events twice a week at different scales</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recently had a local yoga instructor come in</li> <li>- Keen to open up and not be seen as a big daunting building</li> </ul>	<p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Opportunities for local creatives to come along and deliver workshops?</p> <p><u>O. Horncastle:</u> Absolutely</p> <p>Also want to showcase artwork in the area</p> <p>Want students to get to know the area and begin to contribute</p> <p>Teaching them about what's here and the history of the area</p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Great to have so many students in the area</p> <p>Good to encourage students to go out and spend money to supporting the local economy</p> <p>The Wick paper has done a feature on cheap outings in the area</p> <p>Suggest you have a chat with Josephine</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>London Lions - Jerome Quartey</b>	
	<p>Basketball is not a typically popular sport in the UK</p> <p>Lions were bought out by a Miami based org who saw that basketball was not at a good standard in the UK</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Own 50% of the UK basketball league and 100% of the London Lions</li> </ul> <p>Grassroot community is essential to getting</p>	<p><a href="https://www.linkedin.com/posts/london-lions_london-lions-202223-season-recap-activity-7081651334080278529-f3dJ/?utm_source=share&amp;utm_medium=member_ios">https://www.linkedin.com/posts/london-lions_london-lions-202223-season-recap-activity-7081651334080278529-f3dJ/?utm_source=share&amp;utm_medium=member_ios</a></p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain:</u> Always thought basketball had the best chance of engaging with young people from underprivileged areas and create other</p>

	<p>started</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Looking for opportunities to collaborate with others</li> <li>- Spaces to run community workshops with young people</li> </ul> <p>Dedicated arm to community initiatives is up and running</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 24th October event</li> </ul>	<p>opportunities through sport, fashion, music etc</p> <p><u>J. Quartey</u>: Accessibility is a problem, there are not enough courts in the UK so trying to be part of the solution</p> <p>Working with other people to create courts in the area</p> <p>Great space to relieve stress and talk to other people</p> <p><u>J. Webb</u>: Have cages in the estate in HW</p> <p>Happy to hear what you are saying - we have cages, it's just getting young people to use them</p> <p>Keen to link up with the estate to make it work.</p> <p>There's a good MUGA in the Gascoyne estate with basketball hoops</p> <p><u>W. Chamberlain</u>: LLDC policy on advertising on the park - is this part of the problem?</p> <p><u>K. Kilkenny</u>: The LLDC comms team will be able to answer better - link up to begin this conversation</p> <p><u>M. Roger</u>: Court on Eastway behind Old Baths is also available</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Growing Concerns petition - Sioban Wall</b>	
	<p>Site is still vacant - no access to the community garden</p> <p>Unclear what will happen to the site</p> <p>Had contact from Clarion Housing (tenants) and CRT (land owners)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarion still have the lease but in process of letting go of it</li> <li>- Not looking to develop the site further, but no details of when tenancy will be relinquished</li> <li>- Had better contact from CRT with a</li> </ul>	<p><a href="#">Listen to Sioban's update here</a></p> <p>Sign the petition here:  <a href="https://chnq.it/LqDQDLRtQ9">https://chnq.it/LqDQDLRtQ9</a></p>



	<p>new area operations manager - who is supportive of having a community garden center, If not in this space, then somewhere else</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catching up with CRT in two weeks time with answers about their plans for the site</li> <li>- Started a small plant business to keep something going from the Viewtube units (open at weekends)</li> </ul> <p>If you are interested or have good contacts with anyone in this area of industry, please reach out to Siobhan</p> <p>Please sign the petition</p>	<p><a href="mailto:hello@awokeplants.com">hello@awokeplants.com</a></p>
<b>Updates &amp; AOB</b>		
	<p>Warehouses: <u>William Chamberlain:</u> Urgency in protecting the Warehouses CDT met with Jameson after last months meeting Important to collect stories of economic activities coming out of the warehouses - Crate Brewery, Dalston Cola, and Rejuice are great examples of rich economic activity that has grown from these warehouses There is going to be a study on this The Wick newspaper are commissioning a story on this topic</p> <p><u>Jameson Goring:</u> Working with the council , getting involved in the local plan Community assemblies - about sharing knowledge and trying to understand what is going on Working towards developing a report to show</p>	<p><a href="https://www.instagram.com/fishislandcommunitynetwork/">https://www.instagram.com/fishislandcommunitynetwork/</a></p>

<p>the importance of warehouses</p> <p>Organising Warehouse rights workshops - don't have housing rights so sharing knowledge about this topic</p> <p>Start to work with people in the area and collaborate with people who might want to support us in this work</p> <p>Find people in power to leverage support</p> <p>There is a lot of distrust in this community</p> <p><u>Wickside:</u></p> <p>In contact with JV partner for the site</p> <p>Cranes have gone up and work is underway</p> <p>All businesses involved in planning are being contacted in the coming months</p> <p>100,000 sqft of commercial space in the scheme</p> <p>- hopefully opportunity for affordable spaces</p> <p><u>Stour Studios:</u></p> <p>Neil said in July meeting he would give an update and engage with studio holders by the summer and that has not yet happened</p> <p>Neil sends his apologies for today and will be able to provide an update in November meeting</p> <p>Michael Trew has been leading this from the studio holders side</p> <p>Has had a massive impact on his mental wellbeing so has withdrawn from the conversation</p> <p>CIG:</p> <p>November meeting: Mirror Works Marshgate Lane</p> <p>December meeting: 3:30pm start with Christmas drinks after at The Yard Theatre</p> <p>Sadler's Wells are now a silver CIG Supporter so hopefully other orgs on East Bank will follow</p>	
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**Next meeting:**

November 10th

9:30-11am

Mirror Works, 12 Marshgate Ln, London E15 2NH

Please send anything to be included on the next agenda to [info@hackneywick.org](mailto:info@hackneywick.org)