

# Dalston Square Culture and Community Engagement Forum

6pm, Tuesday 1 April 2015

Education Room, Dalston CLR James Library

## MINUTES

**Present:** Gubsie Agolia-Aspinall, resident of Keswick Lodge  
Lloyd French, Trinity Centre  
Anthony Kane, Library Service, LBH  
Mark Loftus, Dalston Square resident  
Lucy McMenemy, Cultural Programme Officer, LBH  
Sian Mogridge, Hackney Archives, LBH  
Ted Rogers, Head of Libraries, Heritage and Culture, LBH  
Cllr Peter Snell  
Vicky Whyte, Universal Board Games

**Apologies:** Kate Angus, Shape Arts  
Fiona Duffellen, Dalston Square resident  
Caroline Connelly, Lambert Smith Hampton  
Ellen Cosgrove, Dalston Square resident  
Cory Defoe, Dalston Town Centre Manager, LBH  
Juliet Formby, Age UK  
Monica Sever, Children and Young People, Library Service, LBH  
Katie Shemesh, Smooth You

**Notes:** Minutes by Lucy McMenemy (LBH)

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1.	<b><u>Welcome/Introductions / Apologies</u></b>	
2.	<b><u>Minutes of the last meeting</u></b>  The minutes were approved.	
3.	<b><u>Project proposals</u></b>  <b><u>1) Film Screening on Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2015</u></b>  This proposal relates to a one-off free film screening in Dalston Square to launch the Library Service's Hackney Film Club – Turkey East Asia.  The launch will consist of an outdoor screening of the film Bana Masal Anlatma, a Turkish film (English Subtitles, rated 12A.)  The film club will then continue in the library, showing films from Turkey and East Asia on the first Thursday of every month.  The film screening will use the PA system that has been specially calibrated for the square.  <b><u>2) 'Super Dads' Games Days in Dalston Square - Sat 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> &amp; 22<sup>nd</sup> August</u></b>  Universal Board Games propose to hold a series of 'Super Dads' games days in Dalston Square, as part of a research project about the impact of game-playing on the family, with an emphasis on improving parenting, relationships and wellbeing (particularly in relation to fathers	

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	<p>and children) in a low-cost, supportive environment.</p> <p>These public events are open to all families living in Hackney. The public events will pique parents' game-playing interests, encourage families to enjoy time playing games together while boosting literacy and numeracy in a fun, low-cost manner.</p> <p>Universal Board Games will use traditional games such as chess, backgammon and dominoes, plus less well known examples such as Mancala from Ghana, Crokinole from Canada, Go from Japan and Carrom from India and many more games from around the world to reflect the cultural diversity of the area.</p> <p><b><u>3) World Food Market – dates in May to be confirmed</u></b> (originally wanted four days including one Sat)</p> <p>11am – 3pm on weekdays 11am – 6pm on Saturday</p> <p>The property management company Lambert Smith Hampton (managers of the retail units in the square) have invited Epicurean Events Ltd to propose a World Food Market for Dalston Square.</p> <p>The market will feature up to 18 traders selling high quality products. The food market will be unique and specialist with a clear international flavour to celebrate food from around the world.</p> <p>In addition to the products on sale, there will be literature to take away and an element of free tasting for the general public.</p> <p>There will be no amplified music at this event.</p> <p><b><u>Feedback from the forum members</u></b></p> <p>All of the above projects were welcomed and there were no objections raised.</p> <p>The duration of the World Food Market was discussed (four days) and Mark Loftus was able to quote the findings of the resident survey carried out approx. 18months ago, which showed a high level of support amongst residents for events in the square, including those lasting a number of days. The survey also showed that residents were not disturbed by cooking smells in the square itself (as opposed to the issue of cooking smells inside the blocks).</p> <p>There was some concern about the dates selected for the World Food Market as it overlapped with the film screening, however, since the meeting, the event proposers have asked for a different set of dates, which are yet to be confirmed.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Date to be confirmed - July 2015, at Dalston CLR James Library, in the Education Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</p>	