

Dalston Square Culture and Community Engagement Forum
7pm, Wednesday 9 October 2013
Education Room, Dalston CLR James Library
MINUTES

Present: Lucy McMenemy, Cultural Programme Officer, LBH
 Margot Moseley, City Showcase
 Marie Murray, Dalston Eastern Curve Garden
 Nanette Rigg, City Showcase
 Ted Rogers, Head of Libraries, Heritage and Culture, LBH
 Monica Sever, Children and Young People, Library Service LBH

Apologies: Ellen Cosgrove, Dalston Square resident
 Fiona Dufellen, Dalston Square resident
 Eileene, Rhodes Estate
 Dominic Ellison, Managing Director, HCD
 Cllr Michele Gregory, LBH
 Charlotte Handel, Volunteer Centre Hackney
 Carmen Karuse, Dalston Square
 Cllr Sophie Linden, LBH
 Suzanne O'Connell, The Decorators

Long term apologies:

Anna McSweeney, Dalston Square resident is away for one year.
 Anna would like to resume her position on the forum when she returns to London.

Notes: Minutes by Lucy McMenemy (LBH)

Item		Action
1.	<u>Welcome/Introductions / Apologies</u>	
2.	<u>Minutes of the last meeting</u> The minutes were approved.	
3.	<u>Update on premises license application for the square / new PA system</u> The Premises License for Dalston Square is still pending police feedback.	
4.	<u>Review of recent events in the square</u> <u>Dalston People's Festival by Hackney Unites 13 July 2103</u> This event comprised a number of information stalls and both live and recorded music. It was one of many events that took place that day, including Dance Nations Dalston in Gillett Square and Street Feast at Thames House. The Festival continued for a week in a wide range of venues. <u>Soft Play by the Trinity Centre 27 July 2013</u>	

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	<p>Unfortunately, this event had to be relocated due to unscheduled works in the square. Fortunately, it was possible to hold it on the MUGA area of the Rhodes Estate as part of National Play Day.</p> <p><u>Dalston Town Tales by Landsky 27 July and 30 August 2013</u> These were two children's author events held at the Dalston CLR James Library. The events included talks by leading authors and workshops with illustrators in the library, and live, participatory music by Mrs H and the Singalong Band in Dalston Square. Both of these events were very popular. Further partnerships with both Landsky and Mrs H and the Singalong Band are being explored.</p> <p><u>Anorak's Summer Fete by Anorak Magazine 31 August 2013</u> The fete was held in Dalston Square and the Dalston Eastern Curve Garden and comprised many creative workshops for children led by illustrators invited to take part by Anorak Magazine. Activities included a drawing wall, giant doodle pad, Kids bingo, hop scotch, totem workshops, giant egg and spoon races, paper pizza decorating, teddy bear's picnic etc.</p> <p>The Poetry Takeaway was also there, making poems to order. People gave the poets a subject and came back after half an hour to collect their finished poem.</p> <p>Several partner organisations had stalls. Some promoted their work e.g. Urban Explorer, a website that promotes things to do in London for families. Others sold their products, e.g. Anorak Magazine (prints and magazines), Carousel (children's toys), Route Café (ice cream) etc. Carousel also delivered the teddy bear's picnic in the Dalston Eastern Curve Garden.</p> <p>Overall, the event was very popular and attracted people from all over London, thanks to very effective marketing by staff at Anorak Magazine.</p> <p><u>House of Amau Summer Weekend 28 & 29 September 2013</u> This event comprised a small number of stalls (information plus one book stall) in the square on both days, some recorded music and a steel pan music workshop. The events were very low key, with low numbers of people due to poor weather. (The event continued in the Dalston Eastern Curve Garden on the Saturday evening and this proved to be very well attended.)</p> <p><u>Launch of the Fountains 29 September 2013</u> The Dalston Square Residents Association held a launch event to celebrate the new fountains in the square.</p>	
5.	<u>Reports on forthcoming events</u>	

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	<p><u>Nanette Rigg re Dalston Christmas Market by City Showcase</u>, Sunday 1 December 2013, 11am-7pm</p> <p>City Showcase is a not for profit organisation that supports emerging young talent. City Showcase has a strong track record in supporting emerging musicians and more recently has started to promote young designers through their annual Soho Flea Market.</p> <p>The Christmas Market in Dalston Square will present at least 40 designers, selling a wide range of their own products, ideal for buying as Christmas presents. The aim of the event is to create a platform for emerging designers to display and sell their works.</p> <p>The stall holders are being selected by a panel of representatives from City Showcase,</p> <p>There will be a programmed stage. Performers will include at least two children’s choirs (primary school age); Vox Voices (a female choir led by local musician Tara Franks); a new, ad hoc community choir formed for one day as part of the event led by singer Iris Ederer; and a selection of singer-song writers. The music will not be entirely based on carols – rather, it will be an eclectic mix and will reflect Christmas ‘Dalston style’.</p> <p>Decorations in the square will include a christmas tree which will be decorated by design students recruited by Hackney’s Regeneration Team; and hand-made lanterns produced through community workshops at the Dalston Eastern Curve Garden.</p> <p>The market stalls will be provided by Ray Linge, who will also provide a team of people to carry out a ‘quiet build’ of the stalls.</p> <p>A drinks stall will be part of the event, selling mulled cider.</p> <p>A small number of food stalls will be included, but not too many so that the market doesn’t compete with anything sold by Café Route. The main focus of the market will be design.</p> <p>Stall holders arriving by car will enter the square via Blues Street to drop off their goods and then park their car elsewhere for the duration of the event.</p> <p>One letter to residents has already been sent out, with details of the event and an invitation to apply for a stall or to perform on the stage. Another letter is due to go out in Mid-November, to remind people of the event.</p> <p>The market will have something for everyone, including t-shirts, ceramics, artists’ prints, children’s clothes and toys, bags, knitwear, home-wares etc.</p>	

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	<p>The stall holders have been selected to suit a range of budgets – the selection panel have steered away from designers selling very high cost items and all stalls have been asked to include some low cost items. (All items will be hand made or made in small editions and it is inevitable that prices will be higher than everyday items for sale in the high street.)</p> <p>Coinciding with the market, the Chocolate Factory N16 artists' studios in Farleigh Place will be hold their annual Open Studios Days on Saturday 30 November and Sunday 1 December from 11am until 6pm. City Showcase is working closely with Chocolate Factory, to co-promote both events.</p> <p>The market will be covered by a large marquee, which will be set up on Saturday 30th November in the evening, from 7.30pm.</p> <p>On Sunday 1 December the stage and market stalls will be set up from 7am. The event will be fully de-rigged and out of the Square by 1am on 2 December. City Showcase will be operating a quiet build and de-rig policy. The aim is to keep any disruptions or disturbances to an absolute minimum and Ray Linge (stalls providers) have an excellent track record of successfully doing so in other residential settings.</p> <p>If residents have any questions regarding the event or setting up, please contact City Showcase on 0845 094 4254.</p> <p><u>Monica Sever re 'Make your own Christmas Present' workshops in Dalston CLR James Library on Sat 30th November and Sun 1st December.</u></p> <p>It is intended to hold a number of free, drop-in creative workshops in the Dalston CLR James Library on Saturday 30 November & Sunday 1 December 2013 to complement the City Showcase: Dalston Christmas Market in Dalston Square. The workshops will include Christmas card and Christmas gift workshops using a variety of different creative techniques.</p> <p>An invitation to submit proposals has been sent out to local artists. Officers from Hackney's Culture and Library teams will select a range of proposals to be delivered and will promote the workshops alongside the Christmas market.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Date in Jan 2014 to be confirmed, at Dalston CLR James Library, in the Education Room (2nd Floor)</p>	