

## Dalston Square Culture and Community Engagement Forum

7pm, 17 April 2013

Education Room, Dalston CLR James Library

### MINUTES

**Present:** Lauren Barnes, Barbican Centre  
 Jim Dummett, Lost Picture Show  
 Andrea Enisoh, Hackney Unites  
 Lloyd French, Trinity Centre  
 Yashar Ismailoglu, Alevi Centre  
 Carmen Karuse, Dalston Square  
 Cllr Michele Gregory, LBH  
 Lucy McMenemy, Cultural Programme Officer, LBH  
 Setura Mahdi, Hard Hat  
 Marie Murray, Dalston Eastern Curve Garden  
 Alona Pardo, Barbican Centre

**Apologies:** Gubsie Agolia Aspinall, Keswick Lodge resident  
 Dominic Ellison, Managing Director, HCD  
 Ted Rogers, Head of Libraries, Heritage and Culture, LBH

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

Item		Action
1.	<b><u>Welcome/Introductions / Apologies</u></b>	
2.	<p><b><u>Minutes of the last meeting</u></b></p> <p>The minutes were approved.</p> <p>LM informed the forum that the application for a Premises License for Dalston Square has not yet been approved – a sound survey has been commissioned in order to provide Hackney’s Noise Pollution team with some baseline data about noise levels in the square. The Noise Pollution team will refer to this data in their response to the application.</p> <p>In the meantime, TENS licenses will be applied for.</p>	LM to report to the forum.
3.	<p><b><u>Review of recent events in the square</u></b></p> <p>An event by Hackney Wow was scheduled to take place in the square on the afternoon of 27 March, but due to bad weather, the event was held within the library instead.</p>	
4.	<p><b><u>Reports on on-going work, previously presented to the forum</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Jim Dummett, Lost Picture Show re Dalston Square Cinema</b></p> <p>Jim updated the group about the weekly film club the LPS has set up for young people in the area. The sessions have been going</p>	

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	<p>very well, with between 8-15 participants taking part each week. There are three more sessions to go before the group decide on a programme of films to screen in the square on 25/26/31 May and 1 June 2013 (both half term weekends). The films will be rated 12 or Pg / U.</p> <p>Two TENS licenses have been applied for, to cover both weekends. Films will be shown from sunset, which will be 8.30pm / 8.45pm.</p> <p>Open access workshops are also planned as part of these events, earlier in the day on 25 May and 1 June from 2-5pm.</p> <p>The Lost Picture Show intends to serve refreshments.</p> <p><i>A discussion was held on whether it would be appropriate for alcohol to be served at this event. It was agreed that Young Hackney should be consulted about this.</i></p> <p><i>NB. After the meeting, Young Hackney's advice was to avoid serving alcohol at an event that has a strong focus on young people. The Lost Picture Show has taken this advice and will not be serving alcohol at the event.</i></p> <p><b>2. Andrea Enisoh, Hackney Unites, re Dalston People's Festival, 13 July</b></p> <p>Plans for the Dalston People's Festival are developing well, after 3 community planning sessions. The date has been confirmed – 13 July – which coincides with the Dance Nations Dalston event in Gillett Square. The Dalston People's Festival will function as a fringe to that larger event.</p> <p>Activities in Dalston Square will include a human library, live music and food-selling stalls.</p> <p>A tabloid style paper will be produced to promote the event.</p> <p><i>A discussion was held about the relationship between the Dalston People's Festival and the Dance Nations Dalston event, particularly relating to live music. Andrea suggested that the Dalston Square event would have a greater emphasis on performances by community members.</i></p> <p><b>3. Lucy McMenemy, LBH re Dalston Children's Festival, 25 May – 31 August</b></p> <p>The Dalston Children's Festival will comprise mainly free events delivered by a wide range of Dalston organisations throughout the summer. It aims to celebrate the fact that there are many great places and on-going activities for children in Dalston. Events in Dalston Square are still being planned - confirmed events include:</p>	<p>Jim to follow up with Young Hackney service</p>

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	<p><u>25 May</u> Climbing wall 11am – 5pm Lost Picture Show family film workshops 2-5pm Dalston Square Cinema 8.30pm</p> <p><u>26 May</u> Dalston Square Cinema 8.30pm</p> <p><u>31 May</u> Dalston Square Cinema 8.30pm</p> <p><u>1 June</u> Lost Picture Show family film workshops 2-5pm Julian Wild, Making the Connection communal sculpture making workshop 12-5pm Dalston Square Cinema 8.30pm</p> <p>Other potential activities to programme are being investigated, including Mimbire (local acrobatic company), Anorak Magazine (magazine-making workshop), Punch Drunk (immersive theatre) and House of Fairytales (visual arts).</p> <p><b>4. The Decorators</b> are currently working with the residents of Keswick and Parton Lodges to remove barriers to participation in cultural events in Dalston’s public spaces. They will report back at the next forum meeting.</p>	
5.	<p><b><u>Presentations of proposals for future activities</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Yashar Ismailoglu, Alevi Cultural Centre re Alevi event</b> Yashar explained that the Alevi Centre is taking part in a pan-London project, whereby Alevi people hold events in large tents in public spaces, to raise awareness of the Alevi Turkish and Kurdish people in those areas. One tent will be based at St Martin in the Fields, another at Wood Green. The Alevi Centre in Dalston would like to hold a similar event in Dalston Square.</p> <p>The event would comprise a large tent installed for one or two weeks, hosting different cultural activities everyday.</p> <p><i>A discussion was held about the duration of the event – it was proposed that Dalston Square residents should be consulted. Lucy McMenemy proposed that a newsletter is regularly sent to residents to keep them informed about future events, in which this event could be proposed.</i></p> <p><i>NB. Since the meeting, the Alevi Centre opened their tent on 20 April at an alternative location in Manor House and it remains open until the end of May.</i></p> <p><b>2. Lucy McMenemy on behalf of, Circulo Creativo London re Wall People, 1 June 2013</b> Wall People is a collaborative art project using a free standing wall for people to populate with their own images.</p>	

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	<p><i>NB. Since the meeting, the event remains unconfirmed by Circulo Creativo London.</i></p>	
6.	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <p><b>1. Alona Pardo and Lauren Barnes, Barbican Centre re Dalston House, an installation by Leandro Erlich in Ashwin Street, 26 Jun – 4 August, 11am-8pm</b></p> <p>This is a free project comprising a life-sized façade of buildings that used to be on Ashwin Street. A light weight mirror structure will create an illusion of the buildings, which people can interact with.</p> <p>The programme will include workshops, family events and walking tours. It will be part of the London festival of Architecture and also the Dalston Children’s Festival.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>7pm on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, at Dalston CLR James Library, in the Education Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</p>	