

# Dalston Square Culture and Community Engagement Forum

7pm, 10 October 2012

Education Room, Dalston CLR James Library

## MINUTES

### Present:

Vaida Baltrusaityte, Dalston Square resident  
Carmen Karuse, Dalston Square Residents Association  
Ellen Cosgrove, Dalston Square Residents Association  
Tricia Davies, Chair, Mayfield Close Estate TRA  
Cory Defoe, Dalston Town Centre Manager, LBH  
Jim Dummett, Lost Picture Show  
Dominic Ellison, Managing Director, HCD  
Lydia Fraser-Ward, Lost Picture Show  
Lloyd French, Trinity Centre  
Xavier Llarch, The Decorators  
Anna McSweeney, Dalston Square Residents Association  
Lucy McMenemy, Cultural Programme Officer, LBH  
Setura Mahdi, Hard Hat  
Marie Murray, Dalston Eastern Curve Garden  
Edward Rogers, Head of Libraries, Heritage and Culture, LBH  
Tom Sheppard, Young Hackney

### Apologies:

Gubsi Agolia-Astinall, Keswick Lodge resident  
Cllr Michele Gregory, LBH  
Cllr Sophie Linden, LBH  
Cllr Jonathan McShane, LBH  
Cllr Angus Mulready-Jones, LBH

### Notes:

Minutes by Lucy McMenemy (LBH)

Item		Action
1.	<b><u>Welcome/Introductions / Apologies</u></b>	
2.	<b><u>Minutes of the last meeting</u></b> The actions from the last meeting were all met. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dominic Ellison pointed out that his name had been missed off the list of attendees.</li></ul>	
3.	<b><u>Approval of proposed license hours for the square</u></b> The following hours were approved by the group for licensable activities in the square:  <b>Provision of regulated entertainment:</b>  <u>Sunday - Thursday:</u> plays, films, live music / recorded music / performances of dance / anything similar: 10am - 8pm  <u>Friday - Saturday:</u>  plays / performances of dance / live music / recorded music / anything similar: 10am - 10pm	

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	<p>films: 10am - 11pm</p> <p><b>Provision of entertainment facilities:</b></p> <p><u>Sunday - Thursday:</u> dancing: 10am - 8pm</p> <p><u>Friday - Saturday:</u> dancing: 10am - 10pm</p> <p>LM will use the above times on an application to Hackney's Licensing team for a premises license for the square.</p> <p>It was agreed to trial the above time limits for licensable activities in the square over the next 10 months and review how effective they are in May 2013 when the construction of the square should be complete.</p> <p>As discussed, these will be the outside parameters of event times and are not necessarily the times for events that we are planning in the programme. All proposals for programming will go through the Forum, so decisions on individual events and their times can be made as we go along.</p> <p>The inclusion of alcohol on the license was also discussed and it was decided that it would not be included in the first instance, but could be reviewed in May 2013.</p>	<p>LM to apply for the premises license</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p><b><u>Review of recent events in the square</u></b></p> <p><u>1. Mass Movement T-shirt printing in the library, 2 Sept 2012</u> T-shirt printing, where participants were able to choose imagery from any of the library's books and a selection of the archives' photographs. The event was well-attended and brought many people into the library who have not previously been there before. Very positive feedback from participants. The organisations delivering the project offered their services for free and all t-shirts for children under 18 years were given to participants for free. Some aspects of the project could have been improved – there was not enough equipment to manage the demand and not everyone got their t-shirt printed on the day. However, if those points can be addressed, it would be a good project to hold again.</p> <p><u>2. Saturday morning cricket training 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2012</u> For three Saturday mornings, Hackney's Sports team worked with local cricket clubs to provide free cricket training in Dalston Square from 10am-12pm. A small number of local children, some with their parents, came each week – and several passing adults sat down to watch. One passer-by said "This is the most joyful thing I have seen in a very long time."</p>	

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	<p><u>3. Black History Month CLR James Cricket celebration, 29 Sept</u> CLR James, whom the library is named after, is renowned for his writing about cricket (and other subjects), and the game's importance to the West Indies. To celebrate his legacy, the ECB brought their free pop-up 'Cricket Factory' to Dalston Square, where people could test their bowling strength and develop their skills. The event was popular, with several hundred people attending throughout the day. Music workshops with the steel pan group were also popular. The exhibition of photographs and oral history interviews with local cricketers was launched in the library foyer on the same day. A free film screening of Fire in Babylon (about West Indies cricket players of the 70s and 80s) was held in the evening.</p> <p><u>4. Big Draw by V22 and Dalston Eastern Curve Garden</u> Free drawing and making workshops for children and their families in Dalston Square and Dalston Eastern Curve Garden. The event was well attended and participants stayed from start to finish. It was a popular event and it has been proposed to repeat this next year.</p> <p>Feedback from the group was generally positive. The lateness of publicity materials was raised and it was agreed that the marketing of events needs to be improved.</p>	LM to address this on an on-going basis.
5.	<p><b><u>Forthcoming events</u></b></p> <p><u>1. Big Draw with Julian Wild, 13 October</u> A free participatory sculpture project.</p> <p><u>2. Bungee Trampoline, 27 October</u> A free bungee trampoline, to celebrate the opening of the Forest Road Young People's Centre.</p>	
6.	<p><b><u>Presentations of proposals for future activities Sept-October 2012</u></b></p> <p><u>1. Tom Sheppard, Young Hackney</u> Tom talked about the opening of the new Young People's Centre on Forest Road (the context for the bungee trampoline on the 27 Oct.)  LM pointed out the next two proposals need to be fundraised for.</p> <p><u>2. Xavier Llarch, The Decorators</u> Xavier presented a proposal that has a special focus on the older residents in the area. The Decorators intend to work closely with the older residents to explore how they might like to use the square. Initial ideas are to develop a creative project, whereby participants are invited to make items that help to make the square more comfortable, possibly culminating in a community 'long table' meal in the square in June 2013.</p>	LM to scope out all sheltered housing in the area and get in touch with relevant



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	<p>Clowns International are available for children-related events – contactable via Lloyd French at the Trinity Centre.</p> <p>It was suggested that any new Section 106 funding in Dalston could be contributed to the Dalston Square programme. In response, it was proposed that any available new Section 106 in the area could be put towards all of the open spaces in the area that have cultural programmes to sustain.</p> <p>The forthcoming World Mental Health Day event in Gillett Square and the Halloween project at the Dalston Eastern Curve Garden were promoted to the group.</p> <p>It was also mentioned that Gillett Square now has permission to hold markets. Any contact details for people planning a Christmas market that could come to Gillett Square would be welcome.</p>	
9.	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>7pm on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan, at Dalston CLR James Library, in the Education Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</p>	