

**Dalston Square Culture and Community Engagement Forum**  
**6.30pm, Wednesday 17 May 2017**  
**Education Room, Dalston CLR James Library**  
**MINUTES**

**Present:**

Maia Chiara Rossi, Donna Fugassa  
 Gubsie Agolia Aspinal, local resident  
 Ramona, Café Route  
 Lucy McMenemy, Cultural Programme Officer, LBH

**Apologies:**

Ellen Cosgrove, Dalston Square resident  
 Cllr Peter Snell

**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.	<p><b>Forthcoming events:</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>1) Dalston Children's Festival on Saturday 27 May, 11am-2pm.</b></p> <p>Festival activities in Dalston Square will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hackney Play Association – street play, chalks, skipping etc.</li> <li>• Universal Board Games - board games from around the world</li> <li>• Hackney Play Bus – play on the grass</li> <li>• Bump Buddies, (Shoreditch Trust) – water play and play dough to attract new and prospective parents to find out how to use creativity and everyday materials to have fun with their kids.</li> </ul> <p>The PA system will be used for low key, background music.</p> <p>The festival has been promoted through the many organisations involved, so we are expecting approx. 500 people over the course of the day.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>2) Donna Fugassa: Pasta Armando Day, Saturday 3 June, from 11am – 9pm.</b> (Also part of the Dalston Children's Festival.)</p> <p>The flour supplier Grano Armando are sponsoring a taste event, involving chefs from Italy. They plan to show people simple it is to cook pasta from scratch. 500 portions of freshly cooked pasta will be shared with the community.</p> <p>Universal Board Games will be part of the event, bringing their board games from around the world to entertain all ages. The event is for all Hackney</p>

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	<p>residents, and will be family friendly.</p> <p>The schedule will be as follows:</p> <p>11am- event starts  12noon – speeches  12-4pm – free pasta is shared with the community  5-9pm – laid back DJs</p> <p>The PA system will be used throughout.</p> <p>There will be two live bands – Italian jazz trio ‘Stanza de Tre’ and Dalston Community street band ‘Band Off the Wall’. Both will perform for 45 mins.</p> <p>From 5-9pm two DJs will play laid back music, appropriate to the event.</p> <p><b>3) Hackney Playbus and Carnival Crafts – 4 Saturdays from 1-4pm</b></p> <p>The Hackney Playbus will return to entertain the under 5s. They plan to park at the south end of the square and to spread out their toys on the grassy area.</p> <p>Drop in carnival arts workshops for all ages will take place under the large tent, where participants can make decorations for the carnival route and children’s headdresses), plus live music on 3 Saturdays, from 1-4pm.</p> <p>15 July – live music – to be confirmed  22 July – National Citizenship Project musicians  29 July – Pantonic Steel Orchestra  5 August - Gahu Dramatic Arts</p> <p>When the live music stops we will play low key background music.</p> <p><b>4) Global Games – 3 Fridays: 11, 18 and 25 August, 2-4pm.</b></p> <p>Drop-in games days by Universal Board Games for all ages. On tables and chairs outside the Dalston CLR James Library.</p> <p>No PA system at these events.</p>
4.	<p><b>Stop Press!</b></p> <p>This next item was not discussed at the meeting but has since been proposed:</p> <p><b>Street Orchestra London – Sunday 16 July, either 1pm or 7pm</b></p> <p>Street Orchestra London propose to return to Dalston Square and bring 45 musicians (many of whom live in Hackney) to perform non-classical orchestral music. The Orchestra will be entirely acoustic except for a singer.</p>

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	<p>This event was very successful in June 2016, with the orchestra attracting at least 300 people to watch and take part. The performance was very high quality, humorous, engaging and interactive, and encouraged the audience to dance and sing along. It was good for people of all ages.</p>
6.	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p>Date to be confirmed in September – at Dalston CLR James Library, in the Education Room (2<sup>nd</sup> Floor)</p>