

## **Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm, City Hall**

14 September 2021 | 13:00 – 16.00

### **Record of the meeting**

#### **Co-chairs:**

Justine Simons OBE, Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries,  
Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice.

#### **Attendees**

##### **Commissioners**

Aindrea Emelife  
Binki Taylor  
Dr Zoé Whitley  
Eleanor Pinfield (Digital)  
Gillian Jackson  
Jack Guinness  
Jasvir Singh OBE  
Pedro Gil (Digital)  
Revd Professor Keith Magee ThD FRSA  
Robert Bevan  
Sandy Nairne CBE FSA  
Lynette Nabbosa (Digital)

##### **Apologies**

David Bryan MBA FRSA  
Riz Ahmed

#### **1) Introduction and Welcome:**

- The commissioners were welcomed to the second hybrid meeting at City Hall
- An outline of meetings was provided including discussion items:
  - Commission update and overview
  - Recap of commission key work strands and objectives
  - grants Programme update
  - Discussion in break out groups and agreement of Commission's key values and principles

#### **2) Commission Overview and Update:**

The Commissioners re-looked at the programme plan and its three work strands including:

- **Improving Representation** - Increase visual representation of diversity in London's public realm by increasing representation across sculptures, artworks and monuments in London.
- **Guidance and Best Practice** - Understand the current landscape and fill the gaps of missing data.
- **Tell the full story** - Change the narrative, improve representation and tell a broader story.

#### **Grants Programme update and planning:**

Followed by a series of consultations the grants developed by Commissioners, Partners Board, Borough Working Group and GLA Officers plans to:

- Support grassroots ideas that represent the diverse experiences of Londoners
- Create meaningful resources to fund the development of community-led activity in shaping the public realm
- Identify the challenge of communities accessing funds as well as a need to increase understanding of the processes needed for commissioning.

### **3) Breakout Sessions and Discussion**

Commissioners agreed that all work strands will underpin three key values and principles. Values which define the culture which we work alongside key stakeholders (including the Partners Board and Borough working group), the GLA team and Londoners. These include:

- **Diversity, Inclusivity, Equity and Equality** – A commitment to build a programme which is sensitive to the beliefs, views and opinions of all Londoners
- **Inclusive and accessible working methods** - Centring the perspectives of Londoners and partnership with communities at the heart of all our work
- **Legacy** – Leaving an imprint which encourages the capital's population and diverse history to be celebrated and commemorated equally

### **4) AOB**

Closing statements and thanks by Deputy Mayor Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard