

**Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm,
Museum of London**

7 July 2022 | 15:30 – 17.30

Record of the meeting

Chair(s):

Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice.

Attendees

Commissioners

Binki Taylor
David Bryan MBA FRSA
Jack Guinness
Jasvir Singh OBE
Lynette Nabbosa
Pedro Gil

Apologies

Justine Simons OBE, Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries,
Aindrea Emelife
Eleanor Pinfield
Gillian Jackson
Revd Professor Keith Magee ThD FRSA
Riz Ahmed
Robert Bevan
Sandy Nairne CBE FSA
Dr Zoé Whitley

1) Introduction and Welcome

2) Commission Overview and Update:

- Untold Stories
 - 42 community-led organisations across the capital will receive funding.
 - Over £500,000 to be awarded to projects to improve representation of London's achievements across the capital's rich and diverse history
 - Projects within 19 boroughs will be awarded funding
 - Round 2 launched on 13 June, deadline for applications 5 October 2022
 - Targeting areas and groups/ communities which were underrepresented or where no applications were received in Round 1.
 - Outreach sessions happening – in person and online. Sessions promoted through local partners and also published on [CDPR web pages](#)
- [London Unseen](#): Walks and Tours
 - Launched beginning of July.
 - Season will run until November 2022
 - Events comprise of guided walks, talks and panel discussions and web pages being updated as new events come online.
 - Partners: Layers of London, London Festival of Architecture, Open City
 - Heritage directory created
- Podcast Series
 - Seeds of this programme sown in November 2021 from the Heritage Roundtable
 - Commissioner participation encouraged
 - Recording sessions starting in late Summer
 - 10 episodes to start weekly from Autumn
 - Great legacy resource
 - To include data / research in the show notes
 - How to link in with other work Smartify are doing
 - Commissioners to be invited to be interviewed
- TFL Meeting (15 Nov) - Focus to bring together relevant teams and policy areas.

3) Borough Research

Research Paper for discussion – toolkit, borough training, next steps

- Commissioners fed back on the draft and approach set out by the team
- Noted that London has long been diverse, not just in recent years and that this should be reflected
- Research has highlighted the challenge within boroughs of working across departments and teams
- This is also an opportunity - this work can connect regeneration and culture departments in councils

- Further discussion with Borough Working Group on next steps, including possible development of a toolkit and workshops
- Discussion about best practice examples –for example London Borough of Culture bids require collaborative approach across Council departments – and LBOC winners could be good partners in this work
- Important to create a legacy for this work so that it changes approaches in the long term – including in the London Plan and local plans.

4) General review of the Commission to date / Legacy Plan

- Team presented overview of programme delivery and successes to date, including engagement, research, and development of grant funded projects
- Next phase is to consider how this work can be further embedded for the long term

5) Emblematic Projects

Update on conversations to progress key emblematic projects for London including working with Sikh War memorial group to support the structure of the project; London Aids HIV memorial team and feasibility study being drafted for “Seat of Honour” proposal as well as the recruitment of a fixed term stakeholder engagement role (part time) to work with communities

5) AOB

- Date of next Commissioner’s meeting: **20 September, 14:00 – 16:00 – In person at City Hall**
- UNESCO Day for Remembering the Transatlantic Slave Trade and Abolition, **Tuesday 23 August 2022**, 6:00pm to 7:00pm, City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London, E16 1ZE, United Kingdom
- Closing statements, and thanks by Deputy Mayor Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard
- Future Commission dates
 - Tues 24 Jan 2023 14:00 – 16:00
 - Tues 7 March 2023 14:00 – 16:00
 - Tues 16 May 2023 – CDPR Conference ALL DAY TBC