

Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm,

City Hall / Online

15 November 2022 | 14:00 – 16:00

Record of the meeting

Chair(s):

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

Attendees

Commissioners

Binki Taylor (online)
Eleanor Pinfield
Gillian Jackson (online)
Jasvir Singh (online)
Lynette Nabbosa
Pedro Gil
Keith Magee
Robert Bevan
Sandy Nairne
Zoé Whitley

Apologies

Aindrea Emelife, David Bryan, Jack Guinness

Guests

Zerritha Brown, Head of Culture, Camden Council
Emily Gee, Regional Director, London and South East, Historic England

1) Introduction and Welcome

2) Commission Overview and Update:

- Team presented updates on the programme delivery
- Untold Stories
 - Currently assessing applications
 - Panel meetings in December with a request for Commissioners to be part of each panel – 6-8 hours commitment needed to include reading preparation time and panel meeting.
 - Decision to applicants Feb 2023
 - Projects to commence from March 2023
- [London Unseen](#): Walks and Tours:
 - Final stages of the successful season
 - Last public events Tuesday 29 November.
 - Closing event at City Hall, 13 December. Peer network event – sharing best practise and highlights from the season with partners, potential partners and GLA colleagues
 - To date more than 40 events hosted, with more than 1500 attendees

3) Problematic Monuments and what to do with them?

- Presentation from Commissioner Robert Bevan on [problematic monuments](#) internationally and how cities / institutes have responded to them.
- Presentation from Zerritha Brown, formerly of Brent Council, now Head of Culture at Camden, including case studies on [Brent and Gladstone Park](#) and work currently being done in Camden.
 - Importance of convening and championing best practice that is already happening on a local level, internationally and through institutions
 - Importance of support for Boroughs in connecting them to this best practice
 - Ensuring institutions embed duty of care when responding to this work

4) Emblematic Projects

Update on conversations to progress key emblematic projects for London including working with

- National Sikh War Trust to support the structure of the memorial project
- London Aids HIV memorial team
- Feasibility study being drafted for “Stories of Honour/Honouring Londoners’ proposal
- Memorial to the Transatlantic slave trade

4) AOB

- [Cultural Infrastructure Map](#) - The Mayor has developed London's first Cultural Infrastructure Map, bringing together new research and information that has previously not existed in one place. It plots the location of cultural infrastructure and enables the user to view it alongside useful contextual data, like transport networks and population growth.
- Date of next Commissioner's meeting: **Tuesday 24 January, 14:00 – 16:00.**
In person at City Hall
- Closing statements, and thanks by Deputy Mayor Justine Simons

- Future Commission dates
 - Tuesday, 16 May 2023 14:00 – 16:00
 - Tuesday, 11 July 2023 14:00 – 16:00
 - Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 14:00 – 16:00
 - Tuesday, 28 November 2023 14:00 – 16:00