

**Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm,
UCL Institute for Innovation and Public Purpose**

3 October 2023 | 14:00 – 16:00

Record of the meeting

Chair(s):

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

Justine Simons OBE, Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries,

Attendees

Commissioners

Eleanor Pinfield

Pedro Gil

Revd Professor Keith Magee

Sandy Nairne

Binki Taylor

David Bryan

Lynette Nabbosa (online)

Jasvir Singh (online & part-time)

Apologies

Aindrea Emelife

Jack Guinness,

Zoé Whitley

Gillian Jackson

Guests

Julie Dixon, Head of Customer Information, Design & Partnerships (and Project Sponsor) - TfL

Brenda Sjahrial, Senior Strategist – DNCO

Sumaiyah Moolla, Customer Experience Lead - TfL

Rav Singh – A Little History of the Sikhs (Borough Toolkit Work)

Ash Kotak – Aids Memorial UK

1) Welcome and Updates

Apologies due to work commitments were noted.

Welcome to 15th Commission Meeting and thanks to UCL for hosting.

2) London Overground Naming

TFL and DNCO gave an update on the programme to name the six London Overground lines. The update included:

- Overview of research and engagement phases, which included transport intercepts, expert interviews, surveys, over 60 stakeholder workshops and interviews, and desk research.
- The research findings have driven a longlist of names that are real, compelling and authentically authored.
- DNCO presented a longlist of names to Commissioners.

Commissioners commented that some of the research and process could be archived or available in future to make connections with people and places that could easily be forgotten, to encourage connectivity.

A final list will follow TFL's approval process.

Timeline for announcement of new names TBC.

3) Embedding the Commission's work / How to deepen areas of influence for the Commission

This was a practical session facilitated by Rav Singh who has been commissioned to develop a toolkit resource to support boroughs and community groups.

The toolkit will present a range of best practice case studies from the Commission and boroughs.

Discussion included the need to keep the toolkit practical and usable with a straightforward charter, guidance for accessing regeneration and Section 106 funds.

Commissioners were keen that a clear and compelling case is made for why Boroughs should consider diversity and wider representation in planning and the public realm based on the learning from this programme.

4) Update on the Transatlantic Slave Trade Memorial

GLA Officers presented an overview of community engagement for the new memorial to the victims of the Transatlantic slave trade and a summary of the next steps.

6) Update on the HIV/AIDS Memorial

Ash Kotak from AIDS Memorial UK presented an update on the London memorial for HIV/AIDS and why the memorial is important as a recognition of the impact of AIDS and also to encourage continued work to eradicate AIDS.

Commissioners recorded thanks to Ash for developing this project and wanted to offer their ongoing support for the memorial. Jack Guinness is advising from a CDPR perspective.

- Date of next Commissioner's meeting: **January 2024 – final date/time TBC**
- Closing statements, and thanks by the Chairs.