

Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm,

GLA, Union Street, US-G.5W

31 January 2024, 3pm-4.30pm

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

Binki Taylor

David Bryan

Eleanor Pinfield

Gillian Jackson

Jack Guinness

Jasvir Singh

Lynette Nabbose

Pedro Gil

Revd Professor Keith Magee

Apologies

Andrea Emelife, Zoé Whitley, Sandy Nairne

Guests

Emma Strain – Customer Director, TfL

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

Sumaiyah Moolla, Customer Experience Lead - TfL

Simon Yewdall and Lizzie Anders - DNCO

1) Welcome

Apologies due to work commitments were noted.

Co-Chairs welcomed Commissioners to the sixteenth and final meeting of the Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm.

Co-Chairs thanked the Commissioners for their contributions and commitment over the last three years.

Co-Chairs provided a summary of some of the Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm's achievements to date, including Untold Stories; London Unseen network of community heritage practitioners; funding to HIV/AIDS Memorial; announced new memorial for the victims of the transatlantic slave trade; and thought leadership exchanges throughout the programme.

2) London Overground Naming

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

- Review of the process and stakeholders engaged;
- Presentation of the final names chosen

TfL shared reflections on undertaking this process, which represented a new way of working for TfL and highlighted the richness of the Commissioners and other stakeholders joining the process.

Commissioners asked TfL to develop a case study of lessons learned.

Commissioners requested that the stories uncovered through the re-naming consultation be made public and celebrated.

3) Emblematic Projects: HIV/AIDS Memorial and Memorial for the Victims of the Transatlantic Slave Trade

HIV/AIDS Memorial

Jack Guinness provided an update on project progress:

- Funding was announced on World AIDS Day on 1 December 2023 at a candlelit vigil at the site.
- Artist shortlisting has taken place. All artists have a connection or some lived experience of HIV/AIDS.
- Final Artist will be announced in June 2024.
- Memorial aims to be unveiled by December 2026.

New Memorial for the Victims of the Transatlantic Slave Trade

Co-Chairs provided an update on the artist commissioning process for the new memorial for the victims of the Transatlantic Slave Trade:

- Artists have been shortlisted and an announcement will take place in the Summer, whilst proposals are developed further.

Further dates will be shared in due course.

4) Evaluation Update and Retrospective

Evaluation

Following a full tender process, The Social Life has been appointed to evaluate the Diversity in the Public Realm programme. Work will start in February.

Commissioners would like to be included in meetings/feedback on the evaluation process.

Retrospective

Commissioners shared their feedback on what worked well, what could be improved and what they would like to see in the future.

All Commissioners saw a value in the group continuing either formally or informally.

- Closing statements, and thanks by the Chairs.