

Creative Network Meeting – Friday 30th January, 2026

Agenda:

- Arrivals
- Introductions and update on RDO 27
- Guest Speaker: Jessica Ihejeto from Newham Heritage Centre
- Creative Network Stocktake and Check In
 - Discussion of original terms of Reference
 - Current purpose and role of network
 - Review of meeting structure
 - Review of socials structure
 - Projects and Subgroups
 - Meeting format/agenda
 - We page
 - Next steps re. feedback & actions
- Creative Network member updates/hive mind
- AOB

Comms outside meetings

- Finding a way (outside of emails/surveys) to have cross network chat & comms: possibly Whats App (invite link here if you'd like to join: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Dx9Xs2lfcM79EKllEw22Eq>) or online noticeboard/chat room. Suggestions welcome.

Suggestions re meeting structures / agenda / set up

- Idea of an RDCN member being a co-Chair to the RDT Chair to add an RDCN element to the network process/structure (please note this is a question included in the RDCN survey which will be recirculated as part of the next bulletin, so do let us know your thoughts)
- RDT bringing RD area updates to RDCN meetings (map / updates on development sites / buildings etc)
- Sub-groups as a means of progressing identified key RDCN projects
- Suggestion of break-out groups for some elements of RDCN meeting agenda
- Guest speaker - suggestions welcome (external, or internal from RDCN membership)
- The idea of having a one-off meeting to have a more detailed description of everyone in the group and what they do (ie a mini 5/10 min guest speaker slot for everyone)
- Support for RDCN mtgs to be hosted in different spaces around the Docks - possibly hosted by RDCN member spaces where relevant
- Idea of producing support for RDCN sourced from trainee local Cultural Producers

Member Content / AOB

- Mark Kass: suggestion re. links between RDCN and NCC (SB/MK to pick up direct)
- Natasha Cox did a call out for theatre designers that could work with groups of young men through Actively Seeking
- Stella call out for current Green Street project – please check the Culture Within Newham website
- Suggestion that RDCN could be more connected and outward-looking to other areas of East London