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Report Title	Manor House Development Trust / Redmond Community Centre Update
Report To	WDCO Board
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1	Redmond Centre Usage	<p>Bookings at the Redmond Centre continue to be strong. The Centre is fully booked for the majority of weekdays with limited availability on the weekends.</p> <p>EK Outreach has agreed to rent the old MHDT office at the centre on a long-term basis. We are in the process of agreeing a contract with them. EK Outreach provides educational support for young people facing barriers to education, including those with SEND. Additionally, they will continue to hire the hall/kitchen for activities/classes.</p>
2	Facilities Issues	<p>Berkeley Homes have kindly replaced the faulty toilets at the centre and installed new ones.</p> <p>Upon inspection we have discovered that there is faulty wiring, switches, and sensors for lighting in the centre. Berkeley has fixed some of the issues and suggested we get the lights/wire professionally inspected and replaced.</p>
3	Activities	<p>Kitchen Social will be taking place during the upcoming Easter holidays with exact dates and times tbc shortly.</p> <p>Lunch Up Club has held special editions for Pancake day and International Womens Day which have been very successful with a rise in attendees.</p> <p>Community Fridge has been going well despite us receiving much smaller Felix Project food donations. We have secured funding to increase our stocks of ambient and frozen food to provide more and more culturally appropriate food moving forward.</p> <p>The Woodberry Down Ward Forum was held at the Redmond Centre on 14th March for residents to meet with Ward Councillors, Police, NHG and LBH Officers to discuss safety, crime and anti</p>

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4	Ongoing Activities	Regal Ballet, Mrs. Independent Living, Parent Club, Wing Chun, Toastmasters, EK Outreach Services, Ceramics, Active Within Healthy Lifestyle Sessions, Friday Prayers, Solutions Care, Girls Friendly Society, x3 churches, Growing Communities vegetable collection, Community Fridge, Made in Hackney, Junior Youth Group, Career Wise, Community Garden, and Lunch-Up Club.
5	Woodberry Wetlands Neighbourhood Forum	<p>The Woodberry Wetlands Neighbourhood Forum took place on 20th February. The topic of the forum was looking back at what has been achieved so far and thinking about priorities. We had 18 attendees consisting of a mix of residents, health professionals and VCS organisations. We gathered the outcomes and successes that attendees got from attending the forums, identified future priorities and had some very useful information sharing on local opportunities and training.</p> <p>Future priorities identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Money Advice - Young people- particularly around support for mental health - Where to access housing support - Neighbourhood name and boundaries- people do not identify with the name Woodberry Wetlands
6	My Place	<p>The Community Ambassadors attended a session with London Wildlife Trust during half term, learning about the reservoirs and sharing their views on nature in Woodberry Down. They then presented to the delivery partners in the Vision Suite – their research projects and findings, their learnings from the project and their aims for the final months of the project, including hosting their youth talent show. The presentation was very well received.</p> <p>The Ambassadors met Mayor Caroline Woodley during her visit to Woodberry Down and had a meeting with ward councillors to discuss their research into building maintenance. They will be meeting NHC and LBH housing teams to further this.</p> <p>The Ambassadors have been planning their talent show which will take place in mid-late April, either at Skinners Academy or Clapton Girls Academy. It will be open to 11-18 year olds living in Hackney.</p> <p>We have submitted a funding proposal to the delivery partners to continue the project beyond March.</p>

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7	Fundraising	<p>MHDT were successful in our application for £4535 from Hackney Council to deliver an additional 12 weeks of our A Taste of Home project supporting asylum seekers. We are now applying for the Community Kitchens for People Seeking Asylum in Hackney fund to make this into a year-long project.</p> <p>We have been shortlisted for the Hackney Foodbank Community Fund and received £20,000 over 2 years from the Coronation Food Project Fund to continue and expand our food support projects including Kitchen Social and Community Fridge.</p> <p>We have submitted a proposal for a second year of My Place, requesting funding from Berkeley, Hackney and NHC. Our application to Coop Young Gamechangers Fund was unsuccessful but we are applying to the Hackney Young People's Projects Grants to match fund My Place.</p> <p>We applied to Hackney Council's Cultural Grants to fund this years Eid celebration and will be crowdfunding for this in case this is unsuccessful.</p>
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