

Report Title	Manor House Development Trust / Redmond Community Centre Update
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1	Redmond Centre Usage	<p>Bookings at the RCC have continued to rise following successful summer program and events. The Centre is fully booked the majority of the time.</p> <p>A report generated by the RCC Booking system has been appended to this report for WDCO Board Members perusal.</p>
2	Facilities Issues	There are no FM issues in the Centre to report.
3	October Activities	<p>During August we delivered 9 days of training to 8 local young people as part of the My Place project. The training focused on social research skills and was delivered by Social Life, Kings College London and MHDT project officers.</p> <p>We delivered a 10th anniversary edition of Hidden River festival in September. The program included 12 performers, 15 stall holders and 6 food vendors as well as a Zen bus, bird watching, nature walks and activities for children. The event was well attended by around 1000 people and the response from attendees was very positive, with many commenting it was the best Hidden River yet. The Zen Bus reported being the busiest they've ever been at a festival, and the Coal House Café and London Wildlife Trust noted high attendance and uptake for workshops as well.</p> <p>We began a new project called A Taste of Home which provides free use of the RCC kitchen for refugees and asylum seekers living in local temporary accommodation to batch cook nutritional, culturally familiar meals for themselves and their families. Many of these people don't have access to cooking facilities and the food the hostels provide is often unfamiliar to them and low in nutritional value. The project is a 4 week pilot during October.</p>
4	Ongoing Activities	Regal Ballet, Capoeira, 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, Boxing club, Community Garden, and Lunch-Up Club.

	Future Events	<p>There will be a Black History Month celebration on Friday 24th November at the RCC with food and activities including storytelling and sewing taster classes. Flyers will be sent out next week.</p> <p>Winterfest will take place on 6th December. MHDT are meeting NHG and Hackney on 9th November to begin planning.</p> <p>Berkeley are hosting a masterplan consultation event at the RCC on Saturday 25th November, 10am-2pm</p>
	Woodberry Wetlands Neighbourhood Forum	<p>The next neighbourhood forum will be on Saturday 2nd December 12-3pm at the Redmond Centre. It will be in the style of a fun day with targeted information stalls, free food, and children's activities. The theme is support for asylum seekers and refugees., please see the flyer attached</p>
	My Place	<p>During half term the My Place Community Ambassadors went on the following trips as part of their training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NHG organised a trip to Grahame Park; their other regeneration scheme in Colindale where the Ambassadors got to meet young people doing similar work in Grahame Park. NHG also delivered a tour of the estate and gave presentations on the social value work taking place in Grahame Park - Berkeley Homes hosted 4-week the Ambassadors at the marketing suite and gave a talk on the background of the Woodberry Down regeneration, as well as plans for the masterplan and future phases. They invited the Ambassadors to attend consultation events in November and gave them a tour of a show flat in residence tower <p>We met with members of Hackney's Woodberry Down regeneration team to discuss potential youth engagement in the cultural strategy and library feasibility study</p> <p>The Ambassadors are continuing to work on their research, aiming to conclude it before Christmas and present to the delivery partners in January</p>

