

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Manor House Development Trust / Redmond Community Centre Update</b>
<b>Report To</b>	<b>WDCO Board</b>
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<b>1</b>	<b>Redmond Centre Usage</b>	<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 Redmond Centre on a long-term basis from mid-April. 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>
<b>2</b>	<b>Facilities Issues</b>	We are currently working to replace some of the emergency lights and one hob in the kitchen that was damaged by a private hire.
<b>3</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<p>The latest round of our A Taste of Home project supporting asylum seekers in Hackney to batch cook culturally appropriate meals began on 5<sup>th</sup> April and will run until early June. The project provides space for 4 people per week to cook up to 5 culturally familiar meals each.</p> <p>We delivered 2 Kitchen Social sessions during the easter holidays. Across the 2 sessions we had over 40 children and parents attend and provided 61 meals and recipe boxes. We also hosted a performance by Really Big Pants; a children's theatre company and an Easter Egg hunt.</p> <p>We hosted a work experience student from Stoke Newington School in late March. He shadowed our projects team and Centre Workers, helped to update the Redmond Centre What's On poster, wrote a blog post for LDT's website and designed posters for Kitchen Social and our upcoming Eid celebration on Sunday 21st April.</p> <p>Regular activities like Community Fridge and Lunch Up Club are going well.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ongoing Activities</b>	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, Junior Youth Group, Career Wise, Community Garden, Kitchen and Lunch-Up Club.

<b>5</b>	<b>Woodberry Wetlands Neighbourhood Forum</b>	The next Woodberry Wetlands Neighbourhood Forum is on Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May, 1-3pm at the Redmond Centre. If you would be interested in joining our first action group looking at two health priorities for the neighbourhood then please contact Finn at <a href="mailto:fionnuala.kc@ldtgroup.org.uk">fionnuala.kc@ldtgroup.org.uk</a> or by calling 020 8802 7580.
<b>6</b>	<b>My Place</b>	<p>The Community Ambassadors continue to plan their youth talent show, which will now take place in mid-May at Clapton Girls Academy. Unfortunately, Skinners Academy were unable to host the event in Woodberry Down.</p> <p>Aside from the talent show, the project has now come to a conclusion. If/when we are able to secure funding from the delivery partners the project will continue with a larger cohort of young people.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<p>MHDT has applied for £40,000 from Hackney Council's Community Kitchens for Asylum Seekers Fund to expand our Taste of Home project into a twice weekly, 12-month project. We have been shortlisted and will find out if we are successful by mid-April.</p> <p>We have set up a crowdfunding page to raise match funding for our Eid party on 21<sup>st</sup> April. We expect to raise £500. Anyone who wishes to donate can do so <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>We have applied to Discover Young Hackney to deliver creative arts workshops themed around Hackney Carnival. Taking place in August, the project is aimed at local young people and is delivered in partnership with Jun Mo Generations. The workshops will include costume and headpiece making, dance classes, Soca music and flag twirling and give young people an opportunity to celebrate and learn some of the traditions of Carnival. At the end of the workshops there will be a performance showcasing everything the young people have learned and created.</p>

		<p>We have applied for £20,000 from Hackney Council's Young People's Projects Grants for match funding for a second year of My Place in Woodberry Down. Berkeley Homes raised several questions regarding our funding proposal to them for My Place which we are currently reviewing.</p>
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