

Report Title	Manor House Development Trust / Redmond Community Centre Update
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1	Redmond Centre Usage	<p>Bookings at the Redmond Centre continue to be strong. The Centre is booked for most weekdays with limited availability at the weekends.</p> <p>The old MHDT office at the Redmond Centre has been rented out on a long-term basis to EK Outreach. EK Outreach provides educational support for young people facing barriers to education, including those with SEND (Special Educational Needs or Disabilities). Additionally, they will continue to hire the hall/kitchen for activities/classes on some days of the week. 4 of the rooms at the RCC are now let on a long-term basis; 2 to groups providing support for young people with additional needs, 1 to Hackney Library and 1 to Hackney Works who provide employment and training support for residents.</p> <p>Following on from the last WDCO meeting, we will be able to provide a better breakdown of booking rates soon, using the new reporting template we have developed for the MHDT board. We are still working out the finer details of this, and what data is needed, and so it is not available for this meeting.</p> <p>We are currently training one of our staff members to update our website. Once the training is done and she has had a bit of practice, our website should be up to date.</p> <p>We have started creating a monthly What's On flyer for center users and the community.</p>
2	Facilities Issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a leak from the flat above the center, and it triggered our Fire Alarms, causing problems with the electrics, which are being fixed. • A 10-year girl threw a rock at our window, that faces the garden and is in the library. It broke the window, and we are trying to get that fixed. The library had to be closed for this week. • We were supposed to service the partitioning door, but are unable to do so, as the engineer said it was too old. We are waiting to hear back from them regarding a solution.

3	Activities	<p>Fun Day update: Flyers for the fun day happening on Saturday 22nd June 11am-4pm have gone out across Woodberry Down estate. There will be a bar, BBQ, children’s entertainer, arts and crafts, henna and much more!</p> <p>Our A Taste of Home project supporting asylum seekers and refugees in Hackney to batch cook culturally appropriate meals is now delivering 2 weekly sessions on Mondays and Fridays due to increased funding that will see the project continue until June 2025.</p> <p>Hackney Food Bank’s Giving van is now at the Redmond Centre each Thursday 12-2pm. Residents with no access to food can receive food bank vouchers from the RCC team.</p> <p>Regular activities like Community Fridge, the garden, and Lunch Up Club are going well. Representatives from the King Charles Charitable Fund visited Community Fridge to see how their funding is helping to tackle food waste and food insecurity.</p>
4	Ongoing Activities	<p>Regal Ballet, Mrs. Independent Living, Parent Club, 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, A Taste of Home, Lunch-Up Club, Hackney Foodbank Giving van.</p>
5	My Place	<p>The Community Ambassador’s youth talent show will now take place as part of the Summer Fun Day on 22nd June. This will wrap up My Place in Woodberry Down. We hope to secure funding to continue the project in the future.</p>
7	Fundraising	<p>We have applied to the Adobe Community Fund to deliver new rounds of the Virtual Community Centre and Digital Connect projects, both of which ran during the pandemic. VCC provides free online activities such as yoga and arts and crafts for those unable to attend the community centre. Digital Connect provides digital literacy training to help tackle the digital divide. We expect a decision on our application in July.</p>

