

<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 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. 3 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 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>
<b>2</b>	<b>Facilities Issues</b>	<p>The broken hob in the kitchen has been replaced. We are working on getting a few quotes to replace the emergency lights and fire exit door in Room 2.</p> <p>We will also be servicing the partitioning door between rooms 1 and 2 by the end of this week.</p>
<b>3</b>	<b>Activities</b>	<p>We delivered our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Eid party on 21<sup>st</sup> April, with over 350 attendees. We crowdfunded £400 and MHDT provided £1000 in free space and match funding. There was a free feast, bouncy castle, henna, and face painting at the event.</p> <p>We hosted a focus group for local young people on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, as part of a project for The British Academy. The project's purpose was to explore what social and cultural infrastructure means to young people and to develop a tool to communicate the resources they need to thrive socially and culturally.</p>

		<p>Our A Taste of Home project supporting asylum seekers and refugees in Hackney to batch cook culturally appropriate meals is continuing and is well attended. The project provides space for 4 people per week to cook up to 5 culturally familiar meals each. We are close to securing funding from Hackney Council to double the number of sessions we deliver, and to extend the project until June 2025.</p> <p>Regular activities like Community Fridge, the garden, and Lunch Up Club are going well.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b>Ongoing Activities</b>	<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.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b>Woodberry Wetlands Neighborhood Forum</b>	<p>We had our first action group on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May, the forum aims to improve local health and care services and we are now developing an Action Group to support the work of the forum. The group will meet quarterly to develop a practical plan to address two agreed health &amp; wellbeing priorities and support with planning forums to move the ideas forward.</p> <p>The action group discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The 2 proposed health and wellbeing priorities for the year- supporting young people with mental health and sexual health services and supporting people with long-term health conditions.</li> <li>- How the action group can support an upcoming health fair (5<sup>th</sup> June)- food/promotion/what information stalls to have on the day.</li> <li>- How we would like to communicate as a group, how often to meet (once a quarter more if needs be, in-person).</li> </ul>
<b>6</b>	<b>My Place</b>	<p>The Community Ambassador's youth talent show has been postponed as we have been unable to secure a venue. It will now take place in June, possibly as part of the summer fun day event.</p> <p>Aside from the talent show, the project has now concluded. If/when we can secure funding the project will continue with additional outcomes</p>

		around employability and skills for the wider youth population in Woodberry Down.
<b>7</b>	<b>Fundraising</b>	<p>MHDT has been awarded £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. This project will follow on from the current pilot project from mid-June.</p> <p>Our applications to Discover Young Hackney (to deliver creative arts workshops themed around Hackney Carnival in partnership with Jun Mo Generations) and Hackney Youth Projects 24/25 (for funding to continue our My Place project) were unsuccessful. Both funds were heavily oversubscribed, and we have requested feedback on our applications to help improve future applications.</p>



