

Redmond Community Centre/ Manor House Development Trust
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Redmond Community Centre

We continue to see an increase in bookings for the Redmond Centre

Recent events include an Eid celebration at the beginning of the month, which was attended by an estimated 400 people and we raised almost £500 through a Just Giving campaign and donations.

The new Digital Connect classes will be starting soon, teaching digital skills and open to everyone.

The garden is looking great, it's been lovely to see the plants blooming and the volunteers working amazingly hard.

We are really excited to be collaborating with WDCO and the other partners on the Jubilee event on Sunday 5th June. MHDT have received funding from Hackney VCS to invite 10 voluntary and community organisations to have a stall at the event, so please do pop down and find out what's going on.

Woodberry Blooms

Woodberry Blooms is sadly closing. The pandemic took a heavy toll on us as a small business. We will continue to sell plants, flowers and drinks from the Redmond Community Centre as a way to bring in income to the charity.

As a space, WB is going through a transition period. We plan to use it as a project space, and it will be available to hire for local businesses and community groups. We are in talks with Hackney Cooperative Developments to run a series of pop up shops in the space.

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We are waiting to hear back.

Food projects

The MHDT team & volunteers continue to take in weekly food deliveries from the Felix Project which is picked up by groups on a Friday, and the community fridge on a Monday.

Volunteering and opportunities

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the Jubilee event.

We are also looking for a volunteer with to support Charlotte Arnold, our communications and marketing specialist.

Please get in touch if you would like more information about any of these roles.

Funding bids and reports

We have published a number of reports related to what we did over the pandemic, notably, the food projects, the virtual community centre and research with Middlesex University Into the ways people used green and blue spaces differently during the pandemic. These are Included In the papers.