



Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 16th February 2023 Item 4 – Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the Arts & Culture Sector	Item No 4
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Outline

The Living in Hackney Scrutiny Commission is keen to hear about the barriers faced by under-represented groups in accessing arts and culture opportunities in Hackney, and the work of the Council and its partners to improve access and increase participation.

Inequality of access to arts and cultural services appears consistently as a challenge for the sector, and the Commission sees the discussion as timely given the inequalities and barriers that have been brought into the spotlight as a result of the pandemic and rising cost of living.

Discussion

To review Hackney Council and its partners' progress in advancing equality, diversity and inclusion in the arts and cultural sector.

Particular focus to be given to:

- The barriers faced by under-represented groups in accessing arts and culture opportunities in Hackney
- How the Council and its partners work to ensure there is equal access to arts and culture opportunities in Hackney

Report(s)

To support this discussion the following written submission was included for background information:

- Item 4a. Report from Cultural Development Manager

Invited Attendees

- Councillor Chris Kennedy - Cabinet Member for Health, Adult Social Care, Voluntary Sector and Culture
- Lucy McMenemy - Cultural Development Manager

Invited Third Sector Organisations

- Play Space
- Hackney Shed
- Autograph
- Jun Mo Generation

Action

Members are asked to consider the written submission and ask questions of those in attendance.