

Highams Park Community Plan – Ideas List

Arts & Culture (ARC)

Description	Comments
NEW AND EXISTING BUILDINGS	
Permanent multi-functioning arts centre	Space for exhibitions, talks, demonstrations, classes and workshops. An arts centre for young & old to bind the community Collective Base to include young people too.
Ice skating rink	
Theatre\concert hall	Puppet theatre Rehearsal space for local theatre/spoken word groups
Reopen the Regal Cinema	The Regal should have been used for the community – i.e. Soft play, markets, youth club, cinema, theatre, elderly club Yoga & Meditation facilities in the Regal Not possible as TSS Security moving offices to the building
Art Gallery	Pop up temporarily – permanent later. Signal Box at level crossing? with tea and cake Regal Cinema/Shelz site -owner open to help with Art Gallery
Empty shops to be available for 'pop up' events/projects/classes etc	Looking for pop up arts space
Lee Avon Sailing Club House	To be available for artists/ groups/classes
Scout hut	To be available for artists/groups/classes

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Performance/rehearsal space for local performing groups	
Library to be open more often	Currently only open 3 days a week. They have received community funding, suggest working with them on our community projects
Affordable Studio/designer/workspaces	Ref workshop in Blackhorse Road. Could suggest to Borneo Chemist that their office spaces could be offered as studios Empty offices?
Cinema	An outdoor cinema could be investigated within The Highams Park for temporary summer even It was noted that the Regal building had been sold for use as offices Open air cinema in the park. All Saints Church Hall? The library and Baptist Church/Highams Park Society all ready run popular events, build on these
Open air stage/ Band Stand in The Highams Park	For summer comedy and music Concerts in the Park Weekend performances by local artists and bands
GROUPS/CLUBS	
Form local arts group and societies for young and old	
Creative writing group	Space for writers etc to engage with others/ writer groups/poets/workshops

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Arts homework clubs	
Film club	Film quiz nights – similar to Mc Guffins in E17
Drama club	
HP choir	Gospel choir being set up
Book club	
'Art Socials'/'Craft Socials'	Regular informal meeting for creative souls – possibly in pub or arts space Informal meetings for those practicing/interested in crafts. Lili hoping to set up in pop up arts space
CLASSES/WORKSHOPS	
Educational creative workshops/classes	Photography, drawing, life drawing, drama, creative writing, Arts and crafts, sculpture etc Daytime and evening
Talks/demonstrations/ taster workshops	Arts talks/demonstrations/skill sharing Sam Johnson (designer) happy to do talks Experiential learning
Senior citizens arts classes	Over 60's art classes are the only classes available in HP

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EVENTS/PUBLIC PROGRAMME	
A programme of events throughout year at various venues	Suggested 3 or 4 projects each year for people to participate – actors, musicians, live literature
Art Trail/Festival	Possibly combined with future HP Days – Lili has joined organising committee Artists/creatives to contribute to HP Day this year With walking tours Expand on HP Day and move from Vincent Green to The Highams Park Lili taking advice from Artillery - E17 Art Trail organisers
Public art installations	In HP ‘village’ centre Sculpture trails in woods/around lake
Temporary exhibitions	In Tesco/local cafes etc Library exhibition space to exhibit local artists Library to move PCs to first floor and host temporary exhibitions in space?
Live music	Jazz Night moved to County Arms Nigel & Paula organising ‘Highams Park Live’ at the County Arms We need to encourage and support local music events Gill has set up a live music night at local café Volunteers could be contacted to expand current nights.
Open air theatre/ around the lake/woods	Dependent on build of café & toilets

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Picnics/ concerts in the park	Friends of The Highams Park organising a picnic end of summer. Fireworks and new year events could be developed in the park at other times of the year and organised by the local community
Live literature	Pop up - Spoken word, theatre readings, storytelling events - similar to Hornbeam café in Hoe Street (?) Nigel/Paula are organising an open mic /live literature night at County Arms
Set up 'Free Little Library' in HP	Thomas has been in touch
Concerts in local churches	Forest school stopped supplying place for such concerts. Maybe an opportunity for Highams Park to step in, poss local churches
Street Party / Community events	
Performance art/live art events	
Forest walks to learn about the medicinal/culinary use of plants growing locally	Lili has contact. First walk could be part of an arts trail/festival
Beer festival	
Family friendly arts events	Children's arts and crafts activities/whimsical events
MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS	

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Skill swap website	A space where creative individuals and beyond can swap skills via a token system.
Create online HP Arts Network	Funded central network - Research similar initiatives. Provide access and information to arts and culture borough wide Create a database of creatives' in the area For networking/where people can employ their services
Arts in HP newsletter	
Central ARC Facebook/Twitter accounts	Already established on FB - Lets Inject Some Life into HP (Bea) and Louise Highams Park Creatives.
Town Crier	
Develop partnerships with arts venues and organisations borough wide	William Morris Gallery, Vestry House, Toska Gallery, Stone Space, Waltham Forest Arts Club, E17 Art Trail, East London Printmakers, local schools and theatre
Connect with existing LBWF networks	Waltham Forest Arts Network, Apex Arts, WF Arts Club, HP Society and Forum, E17 Art Trail, LBWF Arts Practitioners Forum
Develop partnerships with arts organisations London wide	ACE, Arts Admin, Live Art Development Agency etc
A website listing up to date arts and culture information in HP	

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Create a vision/brand for ARC in HP	