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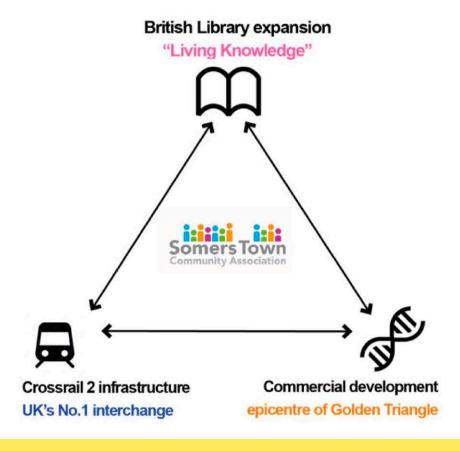




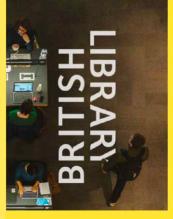




A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY: ELEMENTS



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We make our intellectual heritage accessible to everyone, for research, inspiration and enjoyment

1. Custodianship 2. Research

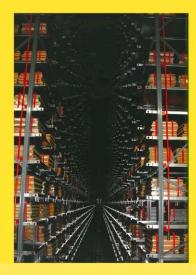
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5. Learning

3. Business

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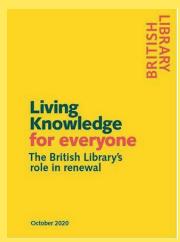








A Library for Everyone





A major cultural space for London, designed managed and programmed to be inclusive for all, and specifically integrating the needs and creating opportunities for the local community.



SMBL and BL will support a programme of events to bring the local community, businesses, library and KQ partners together to explore opportunities and local projects.







Community Engagement : So far...

Based on fact-finding workshops and events in 2015 and ongoing conversations, we have focused on developing relationships with the local community by delivering the following outreach initiatives: a few examples

- Show and Tells Working with local groups to highlight the Library's exhibitions for Show and Tells e.g Working with the Somalian, Ethiopian and older age communities
- Free tickets for exhibitions
- **Story Garden** working with local young people for the *Voices of the Earth* programme
- **C4WS Film Club** supporting local homeless residents
- The Stories we Tell working with local youth charity, New Horizon Youth Centre
- **Informal meetings for local residents** to meet with curators and other colleagues to learn more about the work that they do







Community Engagement: So far...

Hosting public events - using the Piazza for local events including:

- Somers Town festival a local festival curated by local residents;
- Bengali New Year bringing diverse communities together;
- Ramadan Tent's 'Open Iftar' and Christmas events working with local schools and community groups for tree lighting and carols

Supporting existing local community events – Having a presence at key local festivals including:

Bloomsbury Festival, the Camden Mela and Hillview Festival

















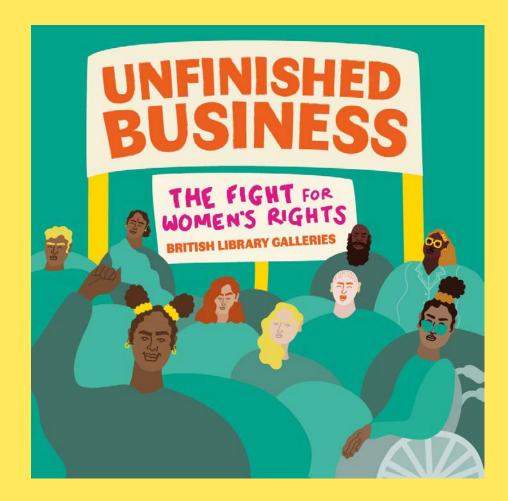


Community Engagement : Future opportunities...

- More collaboration and greater co-curation— working with the local community on diverse projects that will be hosted in The British Library's new spaces
- Working with the Living Centre and other local groups to support key employability initiatives including work experience, mentoring and offering support for those further from the job market through the proposed Food Hub.
- Convening opportunities from external stakeholders to support local residents including the KQ, commercial tenants and BIPC alumni
- Offering new space Setting up a roster of community programme hosting and events on our site
- Supporting local residents to upskill and work with Library colleagues to support career development

Current St Pancras Cultural Programme

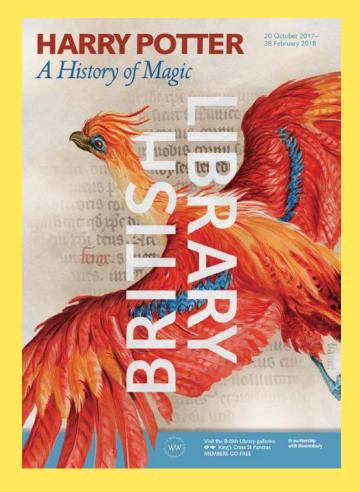
- Exhibitions four exhibitions per year
- Treasures permanent gallery
- Exhibition previews for local residents and special family events
- Co-curation Paddington exhibition project
- Cultural Events 250 pa all currently digital and many are free
- Free events on the Piazza including Open Iftar



New St Pancras Programme

New Spaces:

- Gallery Spaces Small, medium and large (5 exhibitions per year)
- Event Space (160 capacity) ca 125 events pa
- Public Spaces Pop-up exhibitions, displays, events, screenings and a public meeting space open to all



Cultural Programme: Future Opportunities

- **Exhibitions Opportunities for co**curated exhibitions/displays working with schools, community groups in our new galleries
- **Events Wider variety of live** programming including music, performing arts and family/community programming. Free digital programming accessible for all
- Free tickets and previews for the local community groups



Current Business & IP Centre

Enable people to make informed decisions about the development of a business or business idea through providing:

- Access to premium information
- Training
- Advice and support
- Networking opportunities

Ongoing programmes

- Core service for all users
- Innovating for Growth
- Startups in London Libraries
- BIPC National Network roll out



New Business & IP Centre

These are services and activities that are currently not offered but which could be of value to current and new audiences.

- Prototyping and product development services and facilities
- Expanded training and events programme
- Workspaces and incubation spaces for small and early stage businesses
- Facilities for showcasing new products developed by our users



Perceived Challenges faced by local community

- High levels of unemployment
- Lack of affordable spaces for those wanting to start and operate a small business
- Difficulty in building networks of contacts outside the community.
- Challenges in developing and maintaining skills in use of emerging technologies
- Lack of opportunity for combining the experience of the community with the skills and knowledge of Knowledge Quarter organisations to shape services and resolve local challenges.

Business & IP Centre: Future Opportunities

- Free/affordable workspaces for those looking to start and run businesses
- Training and education in the use of new technologies, such as virtual/augmented reality and the use of production and design equipment.
- A 'democratic space' for projects which are community focussed and can be community led.
- Mentoring opportunities for local residents with small businesses that have used BIPC services.



Current Learning Programme

Onsite

- Schools
- Family & Community
- Access & Outreach
- Adults

Digital

Online Learning Resources

National

- UK-wide outreach
- Leeds

Camden

- Schools
- Young Researchers Projects
- Partnerships with local organisations
- Family Outreach workshops & projects





What we are building?

- A new, purpose-built learning centre at the heart of the library
- Ideal learning environment
- Open and accessible
- Flexible
- Double size of current learning spaces 1150m²
 - Workshop rooms
 - Lunch spaces
 - Reception area, lockers & loos
 - Informal, drop-in space
- Access to internal courtyard garden
- Expand all existing programmes & create new





Why we are building it?

Schools

- STEAM
- BIPC
- Digital skills
- Career support

Access

- Core offer of tours and events for visitors with
- sensory needs
 Extend Relaxed Openings to neuro-diverse young adults
 All public events fully accessible

Family & Community

- Increased capacity for large-scale events Co-curated family exhibitions Permanent onsite offer: 'art cart', small children's library





Why we are building it?

Adults

Subsidised adult learning programme

Young People

- Homework club
- Youth Advisory Panel
- Youth membership scheme
- Careers, business and entrepreneurial skills





