

**Commission for Diversity in the Public Realm,**

**House of St Barnabas**

16 May 2023 | 14:00 – 16:00

**Record of the meeting**

**Chair(s):**

Dr. Debbie Weekes-Bernard, Deputy Mayor for Communities and Social Justice

Justine Simons OBE, Deputy Mayor for Culture and Creative Industries,

**Attendees**

**Commissioners**

Eleanor Pinfield

Gillian Jackson

Lynette Nabbosa

Pedro Gil

Revd Professor Keith Magee

Sandy Nairne

**Apologies**

Aindrea Emelife, Binki Taylor, David Bryan, Jack Guinness, Jasvir Singh, Robert Bevan, Zoé Whitley

**Guests**

Julie Dixon – Head of Customer Information Design & Partnerships (and Project Sponsor)

Sumaiyah Moolla – Customer Experience Lead

Simon Yewdall, Strategy Director at DNCO

## 1) Introduction and Welcome

## 2) Commission Overview and Update:

- Team presented updates on the programme delivery.
  - In February, we announced Round 2 of Untold Stories grants with another 28 projects funded, totalling 70 projects supported across the fund.
  - In March we also announced the site for a new memorial to victims of the transatlantic slave trade at the Museum of Docklands, where we had some great media coverage. This marked the start of the public engagement for the memorial to the transatlantic slave trade including roundtables and launched a small funding pot to enable Community Conversations to inform the artist brief.
  - In April we had a presence at the ICOMOS Conference (International Council on Monuments and Sites) at the University of Greenwich. London Unseen practitioners were offered free funded places.
  - London Festival of Architecture announced the programme for this year which includes a #LondonUnseen collection with several London Unseen and Untold Stories projects.

## 3) Influencing practice: TfL London Overground naming

Mayor of London: *“I will establish a naming programme for the six London Overground lines and give Londoners the opportunity to tell more of our city’s diverse story and put some of our forgotten people and places back on the map.”*

Responding to the Mayor’s manifesto commitment above, colleagues from TfL presented to the Commissioners plans for the London Overground renaming process and engagement which reflect the Commission’s values and principles. Five Commission representatives have been working with TfL to design the approach and process for this.

A transport naming project of this scale has never before been done in the UK. The concept of naming the Overground lines presents a unique, once in-a-generation opportunity to create a lasting legacy.

It aims to:

- Capture public imagination and reflect our city’s diverse stories.
- Be futureproof and befitting of London’s first-class transport system.
- Provide intuitive journey planning and wayfinding (using colour indicators and names)

The principles on naming should centre around:

- The experiences of under-served communities.
- Supporting systemic change
- Having a presence in spaces that are meaningful to these communities and informing a future legacy.

- Commission members were asked to respond to the presentation and advise on voices and groups who are essential to include in the engagement plan
- Commissioners were unanimously positive about the proposed approach. Commission members and team members who had taken part in the design to date were thanked for their involvement.

#### **4) Deep Dive on Impact and Legacy – Influence of the Commission**

- The group discussed in groups how the work of the Commission can be amplified and how the work can continue to be embedded within the GLA and more widely when the Commission comes to an end.

#### **4) AOB**

- Date of next Commissioner's meeting: **Tuesday 11 July, 14:00 – 16:00. City Hall**
- Closing statements, and thanks by the Chairs.
- Future Commission dates
  - Tuesday, 3rd October 2023 14:00 – 16:00
  - Tuesday, 28 November 2023 14:00 – 16:00