

# OPDC

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## Your October Update



Welcome to the OPDC newsletter, keeping you up to date with event, opportunities, insights, and news in Old Oak & Park Royal.

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**Old Oak drop-ins - thanks for coming!**



Thank you to everyone who attended our community drop-ins in August and September and the session we joined at the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum meeting in October. It was great to speak to you about our proposals to create a new urban district at Old Oak, with new and affordable homes, jobs, facilities and green spaces.

We will soon be launching the Old Oak regeneration strategy - our plan for a new and revitalised district at Old Oak - and the Ideas Book - where local artists and illustrators bring your feedback to life, capturing the ideas shared during our Place Labs about how Old Oak might take shape.

***Next steps: We'll be holding an exciting launch event later this year and we'd love to see you there! Keep an eye out for more details.***

If you were unable to attend our events, you can view all the materials on our consultation platform [here](#)

## Shape your local park with Make Space for Girls





We've teamed up with Make Space for Girls to hold workshops to give teenage girls a voice in shaping local parks and spaces, designing in safety for women and girls.

We're looking for girls aged 12-18 to join us in this important work. Your feedback will help shape the future of Wesley Playing Fields, making it a space that truly reflects the needs and interests of young women. Too often, parks and public spaces overlook the perspectives of teenage girls, and we're determined to change that.

Join us at one of three after-school workshops. The first took place in early October and the next workshops will be held at OPDC's offices, at **One West Point, 7 Portal Way, North Acton, W3 6RT** on:

- **Monday 21st October, 3:30pm - 6pm**
- **Monday 4th November, 3:30pm - 6pm**

If you're passionate about making a difference and want to have your say, we'd love to hear from you! Please share this opportunity with anyone you think might be interested.

Complete the online survey to sign-up and take part in the project

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## Help shape North Acton's public realm



We need your help in shaping the design of public realm improvements along the southern end of Portal Way in North Acton.

With several key developments securing recent planning consent, the area is set to undergo a transformation over the coming years.

We want to work with you to help develop a vision for the area – one that will benefit existing and future residents, workers, and visitors to the area.

We'd love to talk to you about your experiences of Portal Way and the surrounding area to understand specific local challenges and identify opportunities that should be explored to create a great place to live and work.

We're holding an engagement session on **Tuesday 29th October** to hear from community groups local to the area. If you would like to join and help shape the future of Portal Way, please email us on [info@opdc.london.gov.uk](mailto:info@opdc.london.gov.uk) by 25th October. We'd love to see you there! Please ensure you include your full name and organisation in the email.

**Date:** Tuesday 29th October

**Time:** 1:30pm – 3:30pm

**Location:** Event space in North Acton, exact location to be confirmed.

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## Midland Terrace Playground – proposals to improve your local park



Following public consultation with local residents, OPDC and Ealing Council unveiled our proposals to make improvements to Midland Terrace Playground. We're proposing to deliver new play equipment, paths, landscaping, planting and wildflowers.

Your feedback has helped shape our plans to make this a better park for you and your family to enjoy! Thanks to all who have come to our events and shared your views.

### Next steps:

- Construction will begin in Winter 2024
- Your new playground will open in Spring 2025

If you weren't able to make it, you can see our plans online here

# Park Royal Design District X London Design Festival



For the third year running we celebrated another successful weekend of Park Royal Design District (PRDD) as part of the London Design Festival (LDF).

We supported this event along with Imperial - thank you to all the organisers and visitors who made it so special!

Check out some highlights:

**Chase Tag**

**Arabic Calligraphy and Oud  
Performance at Levant Café**





Standard Market



Circular Economy Blueprints



Watch a recap video of LDF 2024 here:

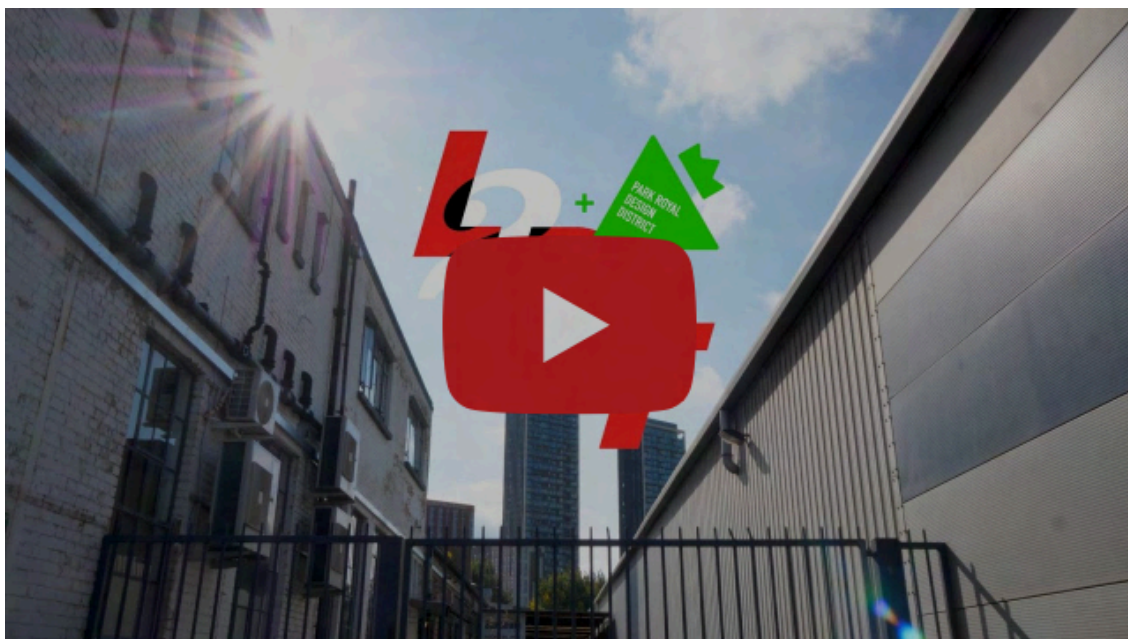


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## Drop-in and meet the OPDC team



Come and meet our team at our regular community drop-in surgeries at [The Lab, Oaklands Rise](#).

Held **every other Tuesday from 3pm - 7pm**, drop by to hear about our projects and plans and talk to the team. If you have a specific query or detailed questions, we encourage you to email us in advance at [info@opdc.london.gov.uk](mailto:info@opdc.london.gov.uk).

The next few drop-in dates are scheduled for:

- **22nd October**
- **5th November – Spotlight: Park Royal's new [Circular Economy Hub](#), our exciting new meanwhile use project!**
- **9th November**

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## Harlesden Canalside: Charity Boat Race





After launching improvements to Harlesden Canalside, making the towpath a more accessible, welcoming and enjoyable place for all the community, we've partnered with Young Brent Foundation and The Sharks to bring fun community activities to the space, using OPDC grant funding.

The Sharks run free canoeing lessons for young people and Young Brent Foundation host The John Lyon boat, a floating classroom for young people to explore the canal.

Earlier this month, we brought a range of local organisations, including Murphy's, SCS, Young Brent Foundation and McVities, together for a charity boat race on the canal. Well done to all the competitors, especially to Murphy's contractors for the win!

It was great to get out on the canal, all while raising money for the Brent Food Bank and the Canoe Foundation. Click the link below to donate and help us reach our goal of raising over £1,000 for these important causes.



[Donate to the fundraiser](#)

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## Community mooring - be part of Harlesden Canalside





This is an exciting opportunity for local businesses or community groups who are looking for space in the OPDC area to run activities.

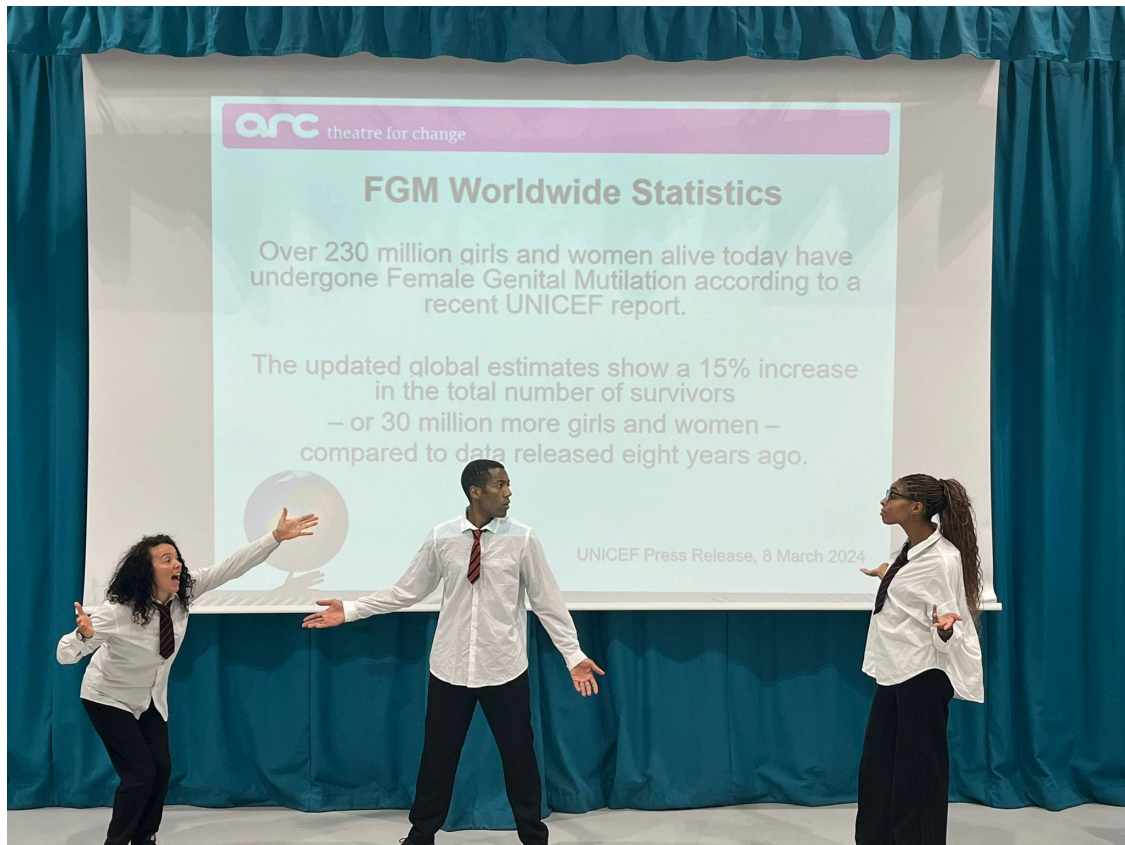
As part of our Harlesden Canalside improvements, we've created space for a permanent narrow boat mooring for community uses, to neighbour the Young Brent Foundation's floating classroom. Moorings usually cost up to £600 every year and this is an excellent opportunity to deliver a community centre, a café, a pop-up shop or library or any use for local people to enjoy, without the added mooring costs.

All applicants must provide and maintain their own narrowboat. If you have any questions, please contact us on [info@opdc.london.gov.uk](mailto:info@opdc.london.gov.uk).

Fill out the online form

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## Spotlight: Arc Theatre, No More Whispers



Arc Theatre is a non-profit community organisation, founded in 1984, who visit primary and secondary schools across London to engage with young people through drama and performance to raise awareness and encourage discussion about violence against women and hate crimes.

Using our Small Grants funding, they run dedicated workshops in the OPDC area with young people to facilitate interaction and reflection, helping students to understand the devastating impact of Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) on individuals and communities where it is still practiced illegally in the UK.

The programme uses participative, live performance plus multi-media film, presentation and sensitive discussion to raise awareness of the issues surrounding FGM, helping both students and adults explore the practice and its consequences within the context of human rights and Violence Against Women and Girls.

With OPDC's funding, Arc Theatre also provides teacher training to help teachers in schools support and protect those who may be directly affected.

***“Their engagement with our students allowed them to hear their points being played out without feeling embarrassed to say it in front of the group. The students were made to feel comfortable to talk about this very difficult topic.”***



[Find out more](#)

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## Black History Month – Reclaiming our Narratives



This year's Black History Month theme is "Reclaiming Our Narratives" - shining a light on stories, history and heritage!

We've been promoting events taking place across the OPDC area on our social media channels so keep an eye out! You can also access the programme of events below.

- [Brent](#)
- [Ealing](#)
- [Hammersmith and Fulham](#)

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## Young Ealing Foundation Awards



This year, we were proud to sponsor and attend the Young Ealing Awards, hosted by the Young Ealing Foundation.

The event highlighted the remarkable achievements of inspiring young people and the organisations that support them.

Find out more information about the winners at YEF awards

The audience, which included the leader of Ealing Council, Cllr Peter Mason, Rupa Huq MP and Assembly Member Cllr Bassam Mahfouz , among others, enjoyed a variety of outstanding performances, featuring street dancers, singers, and spoken word artists. Plus a cameo appearance on screen from Hollywood star Will Poulter.

Claire Callow, our Engagement Officer, who presented the award for 'Overcoming Adversity' said:

***"We have no doubt that the world is in safe hands with the passion and commitment of these young people. You are an inspiration to us all."***



You can watch the video of the event below.





## Young Ealing Foundation fundraising race!

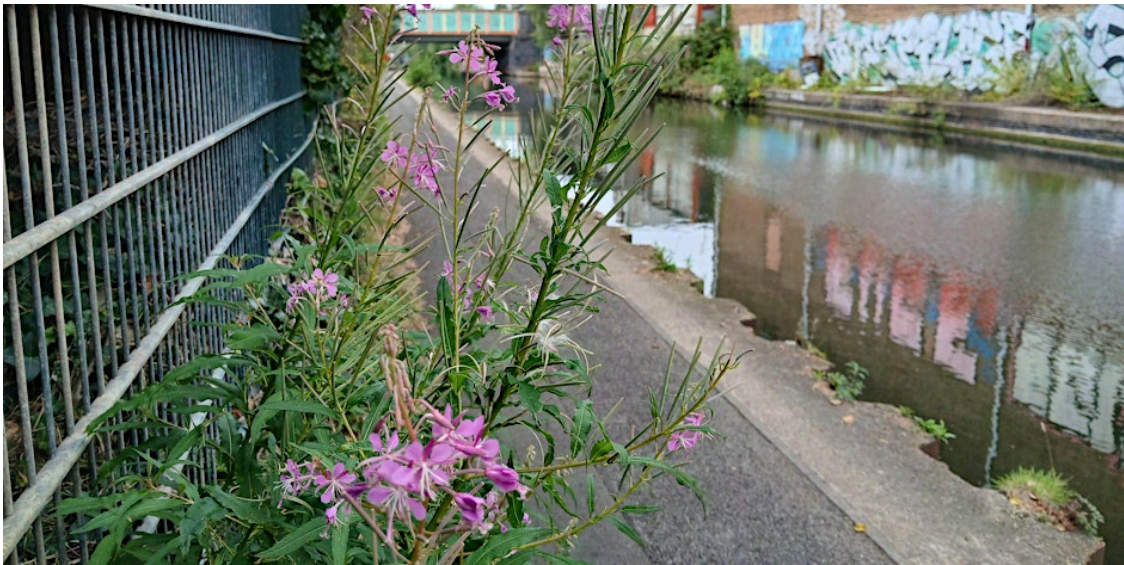


Congratulations team Young Ealing Foundation - Hollie, Luke, Paul, Tom, Carlos, Matt, and Alex, who completed the half marathon and collectively raised an impressive £5,000. All funds will go towards supporting young people in Ealing.

[Donate to the Young Ealing Foundation](#)

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## Family day with the Canal & River Trust



Take part in this fun family day with the Canal & River Trust, identifying the plants that thrive along London's canal with the help of a handy guide and support from their workshop leader.

The print-making session will be held on CRT's floating classroom, the JENA, to go ahead rain or shine. It's designed for family groups, suitable for children aged 5 and over. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

[Reserve your spot](#)

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## Asda Park Royal: public consultation



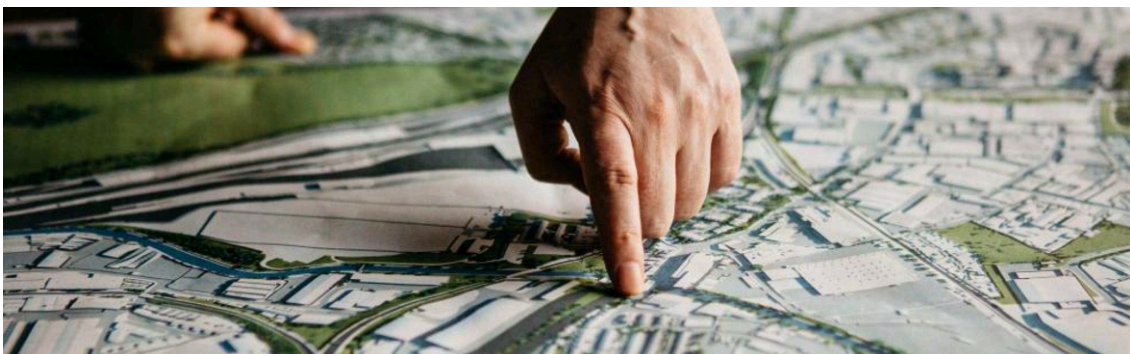


Asda and Barratt London are working in partnership to prepare a planning application for a new development of around 1,500 new homes, community uses, public realm and open space on the current supermarket site in Park Royal.

In early October, they ran the first stage of their public consultation to inform the plans.

Have your say on their proposals

## Live planning applications



- [24/0141/VAROPDC](#): Former Renault Retail Group site, Western Avenue, W3 0RZ - Section 73 application to vary conditions on Planning Permission 22/0059/FUMOPDC for redevelopment to provide a data centre with associated energy and electrical infrastructure, visitor reception building and security gatehouse with associated access, parking, landscaping and boundary.
  - [23/0051/FUMOPDC](#): Holiday Inn Express, Victoria Road, North Acton - redevelopment of student accommodation of 699 bed spaces; 91 homes; ground floor commercial / retail space fronting North Acton Station Square and Victoria Road; and associated amenity space, public realm and landscaping.
  - [23/0235/FUMOPDC](#): 93-97a Scrubs Lane, new development of 63 homes and 129 sqm of ground floor commercial uses (Class E).
  - [24/0103/FUMOPDC](#): 17 Western Road, Park Royal – redevelopment of the site with a single building for general industrial use, storage and distribution and communal offices, together with associated parking, external operational areas and landscaping.
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