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Your September Update



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

Join our event about plans for Old Oak



Come to our drop-in event at The Lab, Oaklands Rise, NW10 6DU on 19th September, anytime between 2pm and 7pm to find out about OPDC's plans for regenerating Old Oak.

In 2023, we held co-design events called Place Labs to gather your views and explore how we can co-create a new urban district at Old Oak, of new and affordable homes, lots of job opportunities, highstreets, services and green space, reflecting local needs and aspirations.

Now, we're holding drop-in events to update you on our plans, including early master planning - demonstrating how your feedback has informed our plans - and plans for meanwhile use and early activation.

Thank you to everyone who joined us at our August drop-in it was great to see you!

If you have any questions, please get in contact with us by emailing info@opdc.london.gov.uk or by calling 0207 983 5732.

[Click here to find out more!](#)

Young Ealing Foundation Awards 2024



The Young Ealing Foundation are hosting an awards ceremony to celebrate the achievements of Ealing's young people and the organisations that support the community!

Tickets for the event are free but are limited to one per person – don't miss out and sign up today. It's set to be an exciting evening with a stellar line up of guests!

Sponsored by OPDC, Mindfulness, Let's Leap and Freshwater Foundation.

Date: Thursday 19th September

Time: 5.30pm

Location: ECC, Northfields, W5 4UB

[Book your place!](#)

A circular economy at Minerva Road – our first meanwhile use project!



Before turning our new site on Minerva Road into an energy centre in 2026, we're transforming it into a circular economy hub for the community, where local organisations will repurpose waste materials into new, useful and affordable products.

The building will be used to create workspace for local businesses and suppliers, including Remade x Re-collective, Absolute Beginners, Sweet Terrain and Rescued Clay, to create furniture, tableware and panelling using recycled materials like old TV and film sets and clay from major construction projects, like High Speed 2.

This follows some new and innovative research on Park Royal's circular economy, commissioned by OPDC and HS2. It was launched at the weekend with an exhibition on show until 22nd September at our new building on Minerva Road, as part of Park Royal Design District and London Design Festival! Details are below, we hope you can pop along to see it!

[Find out more](#)

Drop-in and meet the OPDC team



You can also come and meet our engagement team at our regular community drop-in surgeries at [The Lab, Oaklands Rise](#).

Held **fortnightly on a Tuesday from 3pm - 7pm**, you can drop by if you have any questions or want to hear about what we're up to!

The next few drop-in dates are scheduled for:

- 24th September
- 8th October
- 20th October

If you have a specific query or detailed questions, we encourage you to email us in advance at info@opdc.london.gov.uk.

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Park Royal Design District 2024



Over the weekend, Park Royal Design District made its return for a fourth year, showcasing the artists and makers across Park Royal.

Held in partnership with the London Design Festival, the weekend was packed with exciting workshops, exhibitions, open studios, talks and markets that celebrated the heritage and talent in the area





We're glad we could join Imperial to support the festival again this year. We're already looking forward to next year!

Brazilian Community Day in Brent



We were thrilled to join hundreds of local residents and businesses, along with Brent Council, to celebrate the Brazilian community in Brent at an annual summer festival!

It was a fun filled day featuring a very competitive football tournament with some great skills on display! There was also live music, delicious food and lots of fun activities to give everyone a flavour of West London's rich Brazilian culture.



The event will return next year, so be sure not to miss it!



Society Dance End of Summer Jam



Earlier this month, our Small Grantee, Society Dance held their end of Summer Jam in Ealing Broadway.

Young people from across the local area performed to a busy crowd of shoppers, showcasing the skills learned through the free dance training programme, culminating in a competitive dance battle. It was amazing to see the talents of our young community and even the Mayor of Ealing, Councillor Yvonne Johnson, popped by to check it out!



We're so proud to support this inspiring community-led programme through Small Grants. If you missed the event, don't worry, you can see some amazing highlights on Society Dance's Instagram, [@societydance](https://www.instagram.com/societydance).

Make sure you check it out!

Find out more about Society Dance

Find a Place – preventing homelessness in Brent



Brent Council have launched a new campaign to support people in temporary accommodation and at risk of homelessness.

Working with the local community, Brent Council is supporting their residents to secure a rental property in a place that's affordable to them.

If you or anyone you know is struggling to find suitable accommodation and is at risk of homelessness or in temporary accommodation in Brent – please use the information on the link below to find out more and reach out to Brent Council.

[Find out more](#)

Funding Opportunity with Arts Council England



Arts Council England have opened their funding programme for the **National Portfolio Creative People and Place Funding for 2026 – 2029**.

The funding focuses on parts of the country where involvement in creativity and culture is significantly below the national average. It supports partners in local areas to work with residents on what creative activity they want to see on their doorstep.

You can apply for funding from £750,000 - £1,000,000 for a three-year term for projects based in eligible areas which includes Brent and Ealing.

Applications close on Thursday 16th January 2025.

[Find out more](#)

Apply to sing at Trafalgar Square



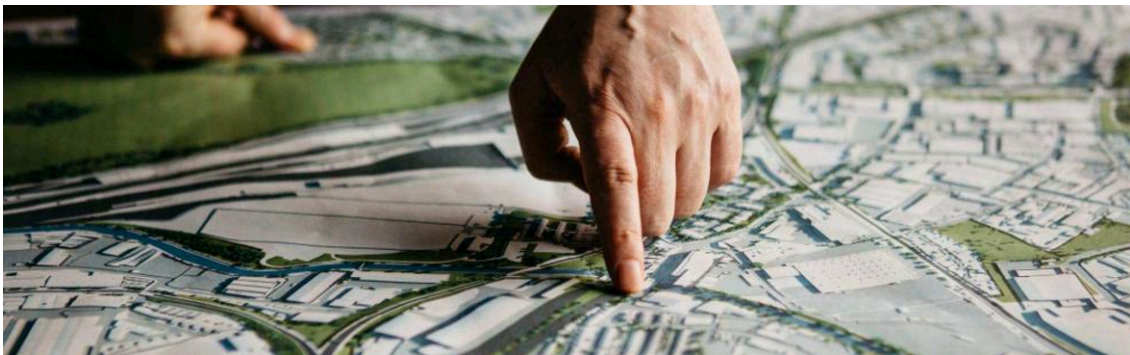
The Mayor of London has opened applications for carol singing at the Trafalgar Square Christmas tree in December!

Groups will be given a one-hour slot at the base of the tree. PA systems and a stage will not be provided to allow an intimate and authentic experience for everyone.

Applications close on Friday 8th November 2024.

[Find out more](#)

Live planning applications



- [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.
 - [24/0051/FUMOPDC](#): 4 Portal Way, North Acton - redevelopment to provide 669 homes, a hotel and commercial use.
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