

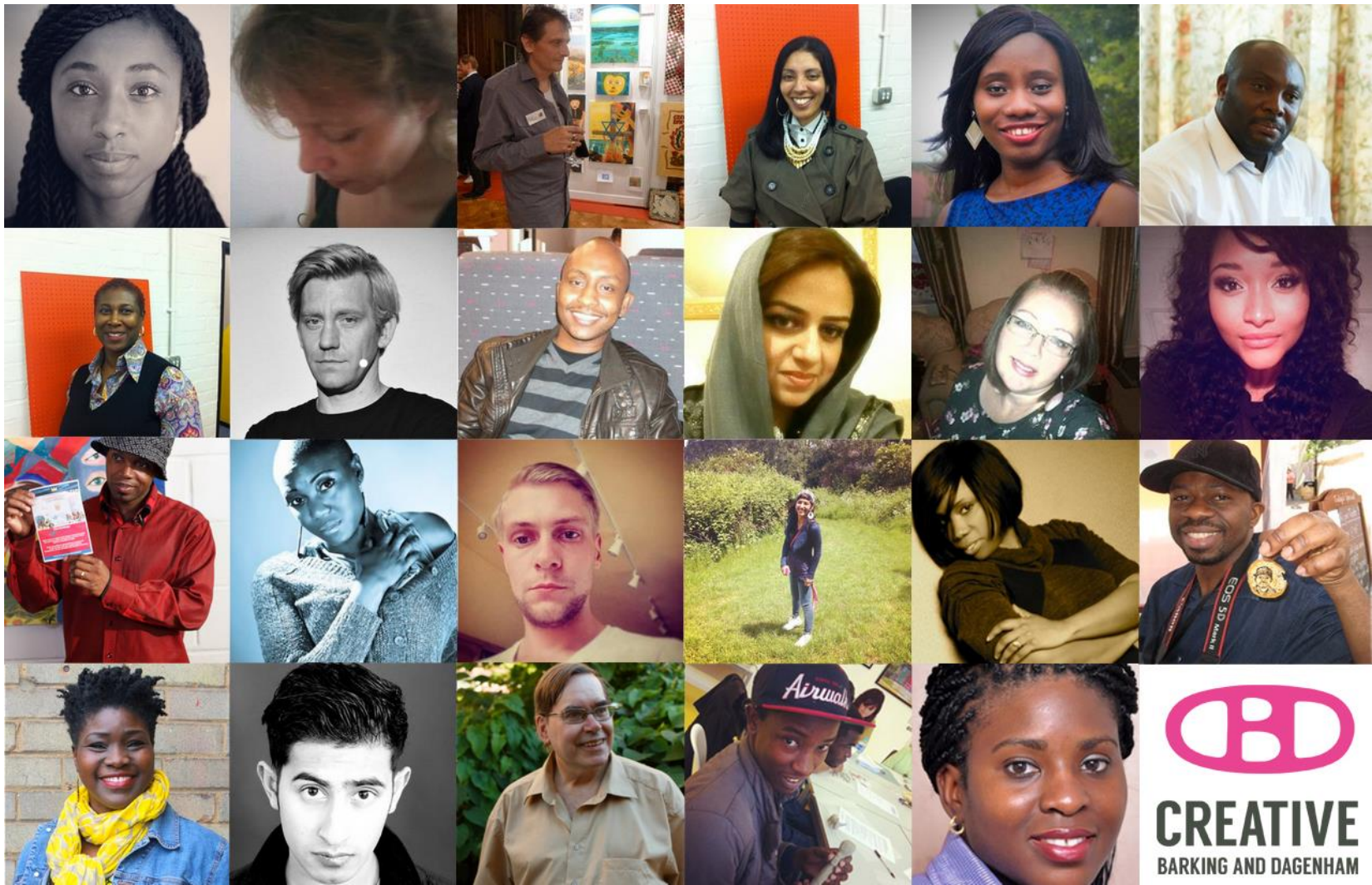
Making creative places: Learning from Creative Barking and Dagenham

Appendix 1



CREATIVE
BARKING AND DAGENHAM





1. Develop creative places by investing in local networks and decision-making

Cultural Connectors quotes

“I am very proud to be a Cultural Connector. CBD has allowed me to meet more people... To me that is something that keeps me going, knowing that I live in a place where things are happening. The connection it’s giving the community is massive.”

Hajara, Barking resident

2. Value what already exists as well as new ideas. Build bridges between competing narratives

“More artists spaces in the town centre and other parts of the borough is key to the regeneration and changing the perception of the borough”.

**LBBD Regeneration
Officer**

I”...the most important thing is the involvement of local people. That is much more important than an artist getting a commission in the borough. It will leave more of a legacy. Having an artist in might change your mind or concept (of art), but having a community of people where friendships can be formed is much more valuable.

**“ Jaha Browne, Barking
resident**

3. Aim beyond consultation and engaging only with community groups



Cultural Connector quotes

“I never used to tell people where I lived when I was talking about my art, now I’ve actually started to say I’m an artist from Dagenham”

Miro Tomarkin, Cultural Connector, Dagenham resident

“Being a Cultural Connector is a chance to have your voice heard locally and to have influence on cultural and creative events in our area, what’s not to love about that!” Susanna Wallis, Cultural Connector and Dagenham resident.

4. Make it easy for people to connect with each other and share ideas





CULTURAL CONNECTOR QUOTE

"I think CBD has really transformed the image of Barking and Dagenham.. the events they've had this year have really opened people's eyes to the arts and there's more of a sense of community too. ... I definitely think it's making the borough a more creative place. There are a lot of ideas out there but I don't think anyone has pulled them all together before, CBD is doing that."

Karen Abaka-Wood, Barking resident

5. Trust local people to make great decisions about culture in their areas (but create the right framework, support and info to enable this)



Cultural Connector Quotes

'It's a spark, a catalyst. We've got well over 100 Cultural Connectors now and if we can grow that, we can use that as a political resource with getting the arts supported.'

Robin, Barking resident

"CBD has given the borough a real foundation and identity, as well as a cohesiveness.. Now I'm more willing to explore local happenings, rather than think I have to go into town. I feel invested in trying to support changes in the borough."

Farrah, Barking resident

6. Encourage creative activities of all scales: seed independent culture



7. Give it time

