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Your July update



Welcome to our community newsletter! Read on to find out what is happening in our area, including the latest updates and upcoming events.

Community Updates



OPDC launches search for Old Oak Delivery Partner

In a hugely significant milestone for OPDC, we have recently launched our search for a Delivery Partner to help us deliver the Old Oak scheme, which will bring transformational change to West London.

OPDC's Old Oak project will deliver a new urban district in West London, with 8,000 new homes, up to 200,000 sqm of commercial and community space, and over 11,000 jobs.

It is also set to be one of the most connected places in the whole of the UK with the opening of the Old Oak Common station, which will provide a single interchange for HS2, the Elizabeth Line, the Great Western Mainline and the Heathrow Express.

The procurement opportunity was launched at an event at the London Centre on 27 May, attracting 150 guests from the development industry who heard from speakers including Rail Minister, Lord Hendy, and London Deputy Mayors, Tom Copley and Howard Dawber, alongside OPDC Chair Dame Karen Buck and Chief Executive Matthew Carpen.

The event also featured an exclusive preview of OPDC's new video! We have developed this with video production agency Two Thunder, and with input from the local community. You can watch the video [here](#). More exciting filmed content will be coming soon, so watch this space!

On 16 June, we held a community drop-in session at Oaklands Social to give an overview of progress made on the Old Oak project and provide an opportunity to speak to members of the OPDC team – thank you to everyone who attended! If you weren't able to join the session, you can find all the materials [here](#).

To find out more about the Old Oak project and the search for a Delivery Partner, you can view the Old Oak Masterplan Framework and our press release via the links below. If you have any questions about the project, please get in touch with us at info@opdc.london.gov.uk

Old Oak Masterplan
Framework

Old Oak Press Release



Small Grants 2026 – £110,000 in funding awarded to community-led projects

We are delighted to announce that OPDC has awarded a total of £110,000 in funding this year to 19 local community organisations as part of our 2026 Small Grants Programme.

Now in its fifth year, the Small Grants Programme celebrates the huge range of grassroots action happening across Brent, Ealing and Hammersmith & Fulham.

This year's grants support a wide mix of community action, including home makeovers for families in unsafe housing, new youth and creative media opportunities, expanded access to nature at Wormwood Scrubs, and evening meal provision for residents facing homelessness.

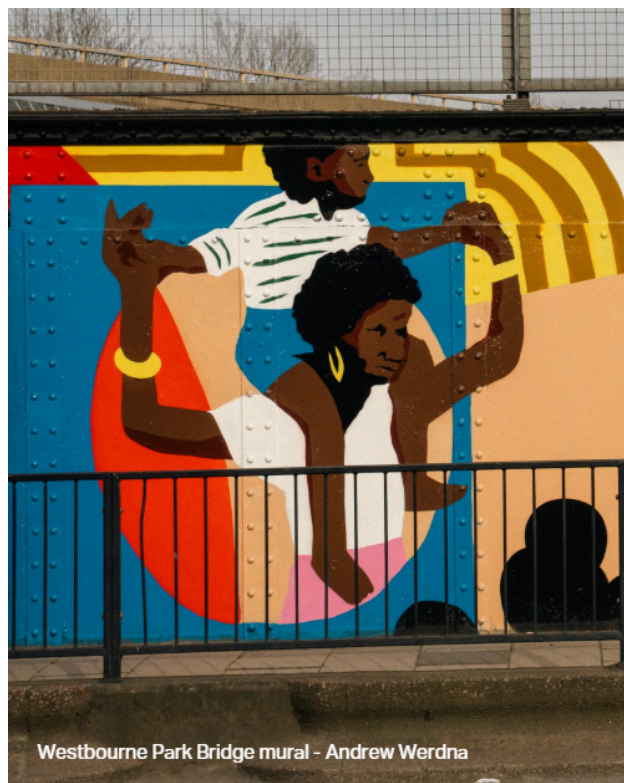
Since 2019, the Small Grants Programme has awarded funding to over 70 community projects, reaching over 62,000 beneficiaries across West London. This has enabled residents across the OPDC area to access programmes, funding and support that they otherwise would not have been able to.

Peter Charalambides, CEO of The Upper Room, which runs UR4Meals, said: *"For many of our guests, UR4Meals at The Upper Room is more than a meal service. It is a place where they are known, welcomed and treated with respect and dignity. Receiving this grant from OPDC means we can continue creating that safe and supportive space for people facing some of life's toughest challenges."*

To find out more and view the full list of this year's Small Grantees, click the links below.

[Press Release](#)

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Artist commissioned for Park Royal subway mural

We are excited to have appointed Andrew Werdna to design a new mural for the Masons Green Lane subway - one of the key gateways into Park Royal and an important arrival point for the UK's largest industrial estate.

Last year, we launched an open call inviting local artists to help transform the subway into a brighter, safer and more welcoming entrance to Park Royal, working closely with the community and drawing inspiration from the area's people, stories and identity.

Andrew Werdna is a West London-based muralist and illustrator with a decade of experience creating community-led public art. His work includes one of London's largest community-designed commissions, the Great Western Road Overbridge in Westminster.

Andrew and his team went to Park Royal station two weeks ago to hand out disposable cameras to passers by, inviting them to document everyday life in the area. These images will inform the mural's design, reflecting Park Royal's character and community. Work on the mural is expected to be completed this summer – watch this space for further updates.

This commission is jointly delivered by OPDC and Transport for London (TfL).



Victoria Road and Old Oak Lane improvements

We are working with Ealing Council to deliver early improvements for walking and cycling along Victoria Road and Old Oak Lane.

In October and November last year, we held two drop-in events and hosted an online survey to collect feedback on the proposals. You can see the materials from these drop-ins and the feedback report [here](#).

We have now updated our plans, and will be holding a drop-in event on Tuesday 14 July from 3.30-7.30pm at **Oaklands Social @ Oaklands Rise**, where you can find out more about our current plans and speak to the project team.

If you are unable to attend, you can find the information on our consultation page, linked below. If you have any questions, you can contact the team at info@opdc.london.gov.uk or call us on 0207 983 5732.

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Wesley Playing Fields - works underway!

Works are underway to deliver a series of improvements at Wesley Playing Fields. OPDC is working together with Ealing Council to deliver these improvements, which include improved play areas, more planting, a new shelter, wider paths, and more visible and accessible entrances.

Blakedown Landscapes (SE) Ltd is carrying out the works. Phase 1 began on the week of 18 May and works are expected to be completed by late Summer. There will then be further planting carried out in the Autumn.

We held a 'Meet the Contractor' event on 29 May, which provided the opportunity for residents to ask the contractor questions about the works and find out more about the exciting improvements we are delivering.

For more information on the plans, click below. If you have any questions, please get in touch with us via info@opdc.london.gov.uk

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In Other News



OPDC joins forces with Imperial College

OPDC has entered into a new strategic partnership with Imperial College London.

This exciting partnership will accelerate West London's innovation economy and support Old Oak's emergence as a powerhouse for entrepreneurship, regeneration and inward investment.

Under the agreement, OPDC and Imperial will collaborate to:

- Grow an innovation-led, knowledge-economy cluster at Old Oak and the OPDC Opportunity Area which will deliver inclusive growth.
- Create thriving new working neighbourhoods through exceptional place-making and regeneration, which deliver jobs and homes for all.
- Boost local economic prosperity by developing and upskilling the talent pipeline needed for the industries of today and the future.
- Strengthen collaboration across West London's universities, building an exemplar Higher Education Institution cluster.

To find out more, click the link below.

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Upcoming Events, Consultations & Opportunities



OPDC Community Drop-in

Members of the OPDC team are available on a monthly basis to meet with residents, answer questions, and share updates about ongoing work in Old Oak.

The next drop-in will be combined with the Victoria Road and Old Oak Lane event, mentioned earlier in this newsletter, on **Tuesday 14 July from 3.30-7.30pm at Oaklands Social @ Oaklands Rise**. There is no need to book or register – just come along at a time that suits you.

Address: Oaklands Rise, 19 Green Street, London, NW10 6FT

We look forward to seeing you there!



Re'Market is returning to North Acton Square

Come along to North Acton Square on **Saturday 4 July, 11am–4pm**, as Re'Market returns for a celebration of remake, repair and creative reuse.

Discover inspiring workshops, meet local makers and learn how everyday waste materials can be transformed into beautiful, useful and meaningful new items. Whether you're curious about upcycling, want to learn a new skill, or simply fancy a creative day out, there's something for everyone.

Bring an item to swap or clothes to repair, get inspired, and see waste in a whole new way.

See below for more information.

Re'Market Instagram post

Volunteering Opportunities - How Can We Help?

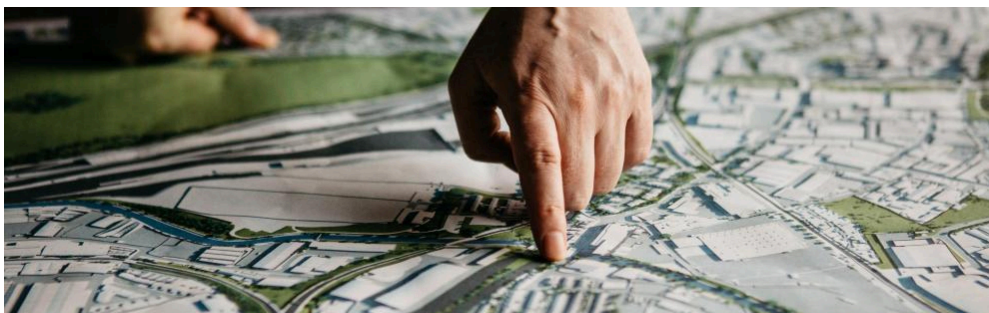


Last month, we supported Mama Haven’s Business Course for Women with a session on Microsoft Excel. The session covered the key formulas needed for basic finances, and other practical examples of using Excel for setting up a business.

We are always on the lookout for new ways to help out in the community, and that is where you come in. If your organisation needs a few extra hands, whether it is just for a one-off project or something ongoing, we would love to hear from you.

We want to work with local groups and projects that could use some volunteer support. Drop us a line at info@opdc.london.gov.uk and tell us what you’re up to.

Planning Applications



Live Planning Applications

- [26/0026/REMOPDC](#): 26 Park Royal Road, Ealing, NW10 7JW – reserved matters application with full details of appearance, layout, scale and landscaping pursuant to outline planning permission 23/0166/OUTOPDC dated 28/03/2024 for redevelopment with a self-storage facility with ancillary office floorspace.
- [26/0070/VAROPDC](#): 1 Portal Way, North Acton, W3 6RS – variation of conditions of planning permission 21/0181/OUTOPDC to change the use of Building E from residential to 1,350 student bedrooms, and alternative layouts for Building F to provide 576 student bedrooms with associated changes to the external appearance of the building.
- [26/0072/FUMOPDC](#) and [26/0074/FUMOPDC](#): Asda Superstore, 2-20 Western Road, Park Royal, NW10 7LW - Comprehensive phased redevelopment to provide: i) a temporary single-storey car park deck, petrol filling station and vehicle access, to facilitate ii) a new superstore and 1,510 new homes, c.2,000sqm of flexible town centre uses, public and private open space, car parking, cycle parking and associated works.

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