

CREATING A FAIRER FUTURE FOR THE CALLY

14 December - Workshop Two Report on the proposals for the unused first floor, West Library

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Supporting more young people into jobs and training at West Library

On 14 December, our second workshop on plans to create an employment hub in an empty space on the first floor of West Library. These plans that have been developed using feedback from local people, West Library management, employment support teams at Islington Council and local youth providers: Copenhagen Youth Project (CYP), Light Project Pro International, LIFT and Prospex. The architects, Public Works, presented ideas around:

The creation of a new Youth Employment Hub

The Youth Employment Hub will:

- host council services who deliver youth focused employment and support programmes
- be used as an additional venue and satellite facility for a number of local key youth providers based in and around the Cally
- provide a safe and welcoming space that can be easily accessed by young people, youth workers and council officers.

A space to develop entrepreneurship and showcase local skills and creativity

The first floor hall should be a flexible hub for drop-in advice and employment support services, co-working and workshop spaces, event and exhibition infrastructures and a Cally base for a number of newly created youth employment and support teams within Islington Council.

The design proposal creates a hub which inspires, motivates and enables young people to develop the tools and connections they need to succeed in life. It includes 1:1 meeting rooms for mentoring, access professional equipment and spaces for young people to showcase local talent and creativity. It will also offer an informal space where young people can use computers and free WIFI.

A new youth focused service expanding the existing offer at West Library

West Library provides programmes and facilities which benefit residents of all ages and this new Youth Employment Hub will add to this offer.

Installing an additional lift which connects the ground floor to the first floor

We are currently exploring the potential to install a new lift to connect the ground floor to the new youth employment support facilities proposed for the currently unused first floor hall.

Please come and have your say at our final workshop:

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Online discussion

Monday 11 January, 7.30pm-8.30pm

Book a place at:

www.islington.gov.uk/westlibrary

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Example uses of space

The new Youth Employment Hub needs to be safe and welcoming for young people and their families. It requires professional equipment, free access to IT and computers and spaces for:

- advice, guidance, counselling and coaching 1-2-1 space
- delivery of employability and skills sessions
- local delivery of local youth services in partnership with council services
- job events in collaboration with council employment services, to recruit for local jobs
- group sessions for voluntary sector partners to celebrate employability projects
- storage of resources and professional equipment for borrowing.



Event space

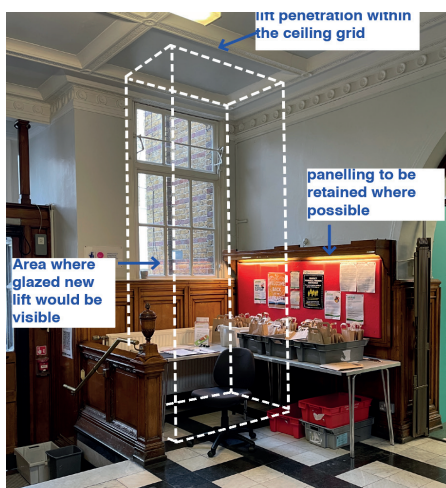


Equipment lending library



Lightweight studio

Examples of design ideas



Potential lift location on West Library ground floor

Two young people from Cally have joined the Architects team to work on the interior design of the hall space. These two roles are part of a paid placement created specifically for this project, providing training and mentoring while creating a collaboration between the project team and local young people of Cally.

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Feedback from residents about the employment hub

Feedback

Do you think the proposed design for the first floor hall Youth Employment Hub can support the needs of local young people?

- “The space should be for those heading towards employment. It must become an industrious space, which engages young people in different activities and provides support, connections, mentoring and tools which the young people really need. We need to connect to local companies and industries which can sponsor tools and training”
- “There are some fantastic youth provisions on the local estates which need to be supported. These projects should have access and use of the space regularly”
- “The hall should be a neutral environment which young people feel comfortable to use at any point”
- “The service must create trust with the local youth organisations. You are currently working very closely with the local youth providers, which is very good”
- “Great that you are employing two young people who are working with you in your design team. It is good to see that this project is creating job opportunities from the beginning as this helps building trust towards the future space.”

Do you think the Employment Hub will meet the needs of the Cally's young people and their families?

- “This project is very timely. It comes at a time when young people are worried for their futures due to the difficult job situation the pandemic created. This space should provide hope and guidance”
- “There is a shortage of opportunities locally and this seems like a fantastic project and the direction the design is heading is in line with the local needs.”
- “It is important that this space is based in Cally. The service must have buy-in from the early stages”

Do you have any other ideas?

- “You will definitely need signage which makes it easier to get to the upper floor so the foyer space doesn't become too crowded. You need a bright light sign that says “come up here.”
- “How important is privacy and discretion? This needs to be designed in the hall space as young people, youth workers and council officers must feel safe at all times.”

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Next steps

You can find out more and give feedback online at: www.islington.gov.uk/westlibrary
Hard copies of the workshop reports and feedback forms are available at and can be returned to a new 'We are Cally' letterbox at the entrance of the Jean Stokes Community Centre.

Timeline:

Summer 2020 - Architects are appointed
Autumn/Winter 2020 - Public Consultation
Spring 2021 - Works to start on site
End of Summer 2021 - Works to finish

Residents workshops:

Following the workshop on Monday 14 December, you are invited to see and discuss our advanced plans on 11 January at our next workshop before our consultation finishes.

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You can comment on our plans until **1 February 2021**.

We will submit a final application for Planning approval later in the winter.

We are Cally

'We are Cally' is an exciting project aimed at creating new opportunities, improving local facilities and unlocking the potential in the Cally and give the Cally a fairer future.

To achieve this we're working on a number of projects that will help us deliver our ambitions:

- improving the Jean Stokes Community Centre
- creating an employment hub at West Library
- making major improvements to Barnard Park
- setting-up a Caledonian Road Trader's Association for local businesses
- creating more affordable workspaces for small businesses to provide local jobs for local people
- running a scheme of small grants for local community organisations

You can find out more at:

www.islington.gov.uk/wearecally

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