

# CREATING A FAIRER FUTURE FOR THE CALLY

## Workshop Three Report on the Youth Employment Hub proposal for the unused first floor, West Library

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### Supporting more young people into jobs and training at West Library



View of the entrance to the hall as youth employment hub



View of the flexible small event and workshop space

On 11 January we held the third and final residents workshop to present proposals 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 designs are the result of conversations carried out in the local area through an extensive engagement process. The proposed designs were developed through:

- 3 Online Residents Workshops (16 November, 14 December and 11 January)
- 5 Workshops with local youth organisations (both in person and online)
- A number of conversations with different local youth providers
- A number of conversations with different teams at Islington Council who will be managing this space

- Visits and meetings with Islington Libraries management

As part of the design process, the project team have created two paid placement positions for two young people from Cally who joined the design team in November to work on the interior design of the hall space and transform it into a space for young people. The placement, which will end in February, provides training and mentoring while creating a collaboration between the project team, young people from the Cally and key local youth provider Copenhagen Youth Project.

#### 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 centre 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.

### Have your say

There is still time to influence our plans.

Visit [www.islington.gov.uk/westlibrary](http://www.islington.gov.uk/westlibrary) for more information and to feedback. You can also call the architects on **079 2671 0660** or email [carlotta@publicworksgroup.net](mailto:carlotta@publicworksgroup.net) to let us know what you think of the designs.

Closes 1 February 2021

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The Youth Employment Hub will provide:



View of a more private area with sound proofed meeting and consultation rooms

## A space to develop entrepreneurship and showcase local skills and creativity

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

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

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 will allow young people to showcase local talent and creativity and will be an informal space where they can use computers and free WIFI.



View of the larger meeting room which can host up to 6 people

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

West Library provides programmes and facilities which benefit residents of all ages. The new employment hub will become an exciting addition to the existing library offer and will open up the building to young people in need of support, guidance, and tools to develop rewarding careers.

## An additional lift which connects the ground floor to the first floor

We want to install a new lift to connect the main lobby on the ground floor to the new youth employment hub.

The works will not impact on the exterior of the building, as they will only be carried out inside the library and the new youth focused programme will not affect the existing library services as the hub will be on the unused first floor of the building.

The design team is now focusing on the lift element and is further developing the interior designs of the hall, which will enhance the historic architecture of the building through a very light-touch approach.

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# Resident Feedback

- “Looks motivational and young people need to look into a space which they deserve - looks nice, sharp, tidy and customisable”
- “Looks like a really good job in such a small space. Now the skill will be in managing the space”
- “The space must appeal to young people. We often visit the new creative companies in Kings Cross. The seating area they have is funky - the young people get hooked as the interiors there are fresh and new - it is a draw, a magnet! The entrance hall needs to have that, needs to have some soft furnishing and something fun and engaging”
- “The new hub should speak to everyone and should look at local heroes and aspirations”
- “When it comes to the launch of the hub you need to ensure that there is this clear overlap and crossover between the existing functions and new ones”
- “Think about how you can invite people up - reduce alienation towards the library and make the lobby more welcoming”
- “The lobby is a rather old piece of architecture, quite intimidating - it is a valuable heritage access but needs refreshing”
- “As a mother of a teenager he would find that lobby very intimidating..”
- “The space needs to freshen up, especially the lobby”

- “We need something which brings all those parts of the library together (the adults library, the children library, the new hub etc..) and the lobby could do so. How can we make it more contemporary?”
- “Developing this signage to create a narrative about the future being upstairs: this is what it can become and we will help you create that opportunity, that top floor is the opportunity.”
- “A young person would say ‘I have aspirations and I want to go upstairs and make the most of the opportunities up there.’ I can get there!”
- “You should tie into the Roundhouse / Sadlers Wells and create some long lasting creative collaborations”
- “Peabody has some funding to invest in local projects - we would like to create a connection”
- “Create those connections when launching the space through a series of events which make this new space available and well known”
- “You should integrate building experience for local young people in the building process for this space
- There are always young people which would be interested and engaged in building experience but you need to think what is the young people’s journey? You need to plan very well ahead so that young people can be involved in in multiple areas: What will they build? When and how? What will be the final produce? What skills will they gain?”

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### Let us know what you think

You can find out more and give feedback online at:

**[www.islington.gov.uk/westlibrary](http://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.

If you have any queries please contact the architects at **079 2671 0660** or **[carlotta@publicworksgroup.net](mailto:carlotta@publicworksgroup.net)**

The consultation will close on **Monday, 1 February 2021**.

### Timeline:

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

### We are Cally

We are Cally is a £1.6M project aimed at shaping a fairer future for local people in the Cally area by:

- creating better opportunities for children, young people and families
- improving health and wellbeing,
- strengthening community connections and belonging
- creating jobs and opportunities for local people and supporting local businesses
- making public spaces greener, safer and more attractive for all to enjoy

We want to involve as many local people, community groups and organisations as possible in shaping these plans.

Find out more at **[www.islington.gov.uk/wearecally](http://www.islington.gov.uk/wearecally)**

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