

Shared Services and Partnerships

Through shared services and partnerships we continue to explore ways of working that reduce the monetary and resourcing costs to the organisation as part of the Service Based Review. This way of working allows us to provide an even more diverse range of services and activities to our stakeholders. Some examples of this are given below.

- We are continuing to work with Community & Children's Services in respect of Artizan Street Library and Community Centre and The Portsoken Health and Community Centre. The facilities provide a welcoming place offering a range of activities and services for City workers, residents and students and Housing Estate and community centre services for residents of the Middlesex Street Estate. Artizan Street staff provide a presence at the Portsoken Centre and organise room hire of the community hall.
- Barbican and Community Libraries has extended its work on Public Health for this year with all libraries offering a good range of health-related stock including Books on Prescription, Smoking cessation clinics and health checks and health related events, e.g. dementia awareness.
- Barbican and Community Libraries continues to work with a wide range of partners. These include internal partnerships with e.g. the City's Family & Young People's Service (Read to Succeed and Messy Play programmes for children); Adult and Community Education (ESOL and Skills for Life classes held in libraries); the Barbican Centre and Guildhall School of Music and Drama (People's Pianos and participation in the Battle of Ideas and the Big Barbican Adventure). There are also a growing number of external partnerships e.g. with the City of London Festival, The Society of Technical Analysts and Just Add Spice.
- Keats House has an established partnership with the Keats Community Library, which operates in the Ten Keats Grove building owned by the Keats House charity. Ongoing events and educational programmes are delivered in partnership with a wide range of organisations including the Poetry Society, Poet in the City, First Story, UCL Department of English, Medicine Unboxed, City Lit, the Geffrye Museum, Templar Poetry and the British Museum. Some receive external funding from the Arts Council.
- London Metropolitan Archives continues to be involved with many partnerships across the London area and beyond. These include strategic work with London borough archive services through the London Archives Partnership and London's Screen Archives; records management and archive service partnerships with public bodies such as London's magistrates and coroners courts, the GLA and the London Fire Brigade; community engagement with local groups and larger organisations such as the South Bank Centre and Toynbee Hall ;

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provision of access services with and for the National Army Museum's archives while it carries out a Lottery funded redevelopment; and digitisation projects with bodies such as the Wellcome Trust, World Jewish Relief and the University of Sheffield. Senior LMA staff also lead key sector partnership work involving archive services across the UK, particularly in the fields of security and access, user surveys and advocacy.

- Tower Bridge Exhibition is currently hosting the 6th installation in the Art at the Bridge series, entitled 'Tides of Change'. This display of work by artists over 55 in the Engine Rooms has been produced in association with Southwark Arts Forum. Work also continues at the Bridge with the Challenge Network, the Southwark Young Pilgrims, the Family Holidays Association, Variety at Work and the Reader's Association.
- Our Visitor Development teams continue to deliver a wide range of partner initiatives, pooling resources, sharing costs and generating sponsorship. Headlines for the coming months include high value partnerships for the City Information Centre (value= £105k by 2017/18); a new Workers' Guide to the City sponsored by the Diocese of London and Grange Hotels (sponsorship and advertising income = £40.5k); sponsorship for the Tourism Managers' Institute's annual conference taking place in the City (£45k); a Christmas in the City campaign with City retailers (£30k); a London-wide Victorian Art Trail in collaboration with London & Partners (£22k); a London offer Magna Carta 800 campaign in partnership with Temple and the British Library (£2k); and shared cost projects with other departments (£85k income to project pots). Non-financial partnerships with VisitEngland, the GLA, Tourism South East and other bodies have also generated significant benefits in kind especially with regards to staff training and City promotions.
- The Policy & Performance Team helps to promote cross-service and cross-departmental working by fostering engagement and information sharing through a variety of forums.