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Summary

This report summarises recent strategic partnership developments, particularly in relation to the Under 18 offer and City and East London Cultural Education work.

Recommendation

Members are recommended to note the report.

Main Report

Background

Strategic Partnerships

1. The Strategic Partnerships team have now been in post for two months with a scope to work across the development of the City Cultural Education Partnership, including the City Academy Trust, supporting the East London Cultural ecology over a period of expansion and change, and the progression of the Cultural Hub. Having a team which straddles these three important strategic areas is proving advantageous as they are able to easily identify quick win opportunities and potential areas for alignments.

City Cultural Education Partnership

2. Over the last month there has been significant progress made around the development of a City Cultural Education Partnership. Through funding from the Education Board the Learning and Engagement Forum, which now has 21 members, is commissioning 'A New Direction', and the Arts Council Funded Bridge organisation for London, to carry out a scoping exercise which will inform and advise the process. All partner organisations will be deeply involved in the shaping and development of a shared vision for the CCEP.
3. They plan to carry out an auditing process both of current activity but also gathering and comparing high-level strategic documents of all partner organisations to understand the aligning goals that will serve as the foundation of the Partnership. A New Direction are well placed to carry out this work as they have worked extensively with the development of other CEPs across London.

Music Co-ordinating Committee

4. The Music Co-ordinating Committee, whose member organisations are: Guildhall School, Junior Guildhall, LSO, CYM, and Barbican Guildhall Creative

Learning, continues to meet regularly to share ideas, to strategise, and ultimately to provide a “through one-door” music offer which is easy to negotiate and holistically coherent.

5. ***Cultural Education in East London***

The East London Cultural Education Partnership, with Barbican’s co-ordination, has played a key role over the last three years in strategic working of cultural institutions, East London’s Music Hubs, Schools and young people.

6. As planning progresses on the conversion of the **Olympic Park** into a permanent area of cultural interest including museums, a dance venue, and a university campus, Barbican has been considering its future role in the East London cultural ecology. Together with the Park’s Cultural and Education District Barbican Guildhall is exploring the creation of an Alliance to ensure a strategic approach to cultural education in East London, particularly in relation to employability and skills development.
7. **Creative Schools**, the flagship programme of ELCEP’s strategic planning is currently recruiting schools for its second year of activity. Working directly with 50+ East London cultural and education organisations, Creative Schools provides brokerage support to link-schools with East London’s incredible creative opportunities. In 2017/18 the programme has joined up with Arts Council England’s national Artsmark programme to offer a bespoke ‘Creative Schools Artsmark’ for East London schools, ultimately making it easier for schools to commission high-quality artistic activity for their students aligned with whole school improvement.
8. Through all of these strands we are endeavouring to work as closely as possible with the **City of London Academies Trust** to ensure that the City’s cultural offer is as joined up, and accessible, as possible for this growing family of schools. Milton Court hosted a City Schools Concert on the 30th January, a vibrant showcase of the Trust School’s talent and evidence of their creative focus.
9. The Strategic Partnerships Team is now represented at the **City’s Education Board** and will be regularly updating them on the progression of these various strands.

Conclusion

10. The Strategic Partnerships Team will be providing regular updates at Barbican Board meetings over the next six months, as this will be a particularly eventful period.

Appendices

- Appendix 1: List of Learning and Engagement Forum Member Organisations

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Appendix 1

Member Organisations of the Learning and Engagement Forum:

1. Barbican
2. Barbican Library
3. City Business Library
4. City Gardens
5. Epping Forest
6. Guildhall Art Gallery
7. Guildhall Library
8. Guildhall SM&D
9. Hampstead Heath
10. Highgate Wood
11. Keats House
12. London Metropolitan Archives
13. Roman Amphitheatre
14. Museum of London
15. Museum of London Archaeological Archives
16. Museum of London Docklands
17. The Monument
18. Tower Bridge
19. West Ham Park
20. The City Centre
21. The City of London Police Museum