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Newsletter One

It has been a busy year so far, so this is a very belated Happy New Year!

We have been creating a community allotment and seating area in a green space attached to a housing block in Hoxton. The first part of this project was the community consultation on what was needed and who could help us. This part was called 'Everyday on the Canalside' and was funded by Metropolitan Housing who own the site.



Owing to the diverse nature of the community, we worked with Counterpoints Arts (a migration charity), Shoreditch Trust (a youth charity) and Marcia Chandra, a local photographer. Our work involved consultation with the residents, local community and businesses; and meetings with Metropolitan Housing. In June 2014, we organised a

community fun day with pottery and gardening workshops run by local organisations. Finally in November 2014, we put up sketches of the proposed design for a final consultation with residents and businesses.



The second part of the project, which started in parallel with the first phase, runs until end of March 2015 when we will finish constructing the seating and allotment garden. For this part we are working with Groundworks Trust, St Mary's secret garden (a local charity), Turning Earth Ceramics and Gareth Shiels, a stone sculptor. Our work is being facilitated by Taylor Wimpey, the construction company, who are building housing near the site. Charushila has received a grant from the Mayor of London's Pocket Park programme. Groundwork London is administering the Community Strand on behalf of the Mayor.

- See more at: <http://www.projectdirt.com/project/14201/>

We will have a 'planting day' on 28th March, starting 11-00 am, so do come along. Other activities are planned on that day by our Partners- Counterpoints Arts, Shoreditch Trust and Marcia Chandra- so there will be plenty of fun activities to do.

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