POST-EVENT RESOURCE PACK

Parks and green space: does everyone feel welcome?

#LearningFromCrisis

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Event recording:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H5QjlpbplUM

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BACKGROUND

Public green space can help improve our mental and physical health and increase social cohesion within communities. Throughout the pandemic parks have provided many people with respite from cabin fever, as well as a Covid-secure place to meet with family and friends. But whilst the Covid-19 crisis has highlighted the importance and value of green space for everybody, it's also emphasised what research was already telling us - that there is unequal access. Barriers experienced due to religion, race, ethnicity, age, disability, gender and LGBTQ+ identity can impact on their enjoyment of public space.

As part of Future of London's **#LearningFromCrisis** series, FoL hosted a roundtable discussion exploring how parks and green spaces can be made more inclusive. We were joined by Dr Bridget Snaith, University of East London, who presented a research paper entitled 'weeds, wildflowers and white privilege.'

A lively panel discussion followed, with industry professionals sharing their insight and lived experience. The panellists included:

- **Dan Cook**, Landscape Institute
- **Andrew Harland**, LDA Design
- **Mary Karooma-Brooker**, RB Greenwich
- **Rowan Longhurst,** Engie/Our Parklife
- **Trina Lynskey**, Independent children and families consultant
- **Koen Rutten**, Town and Country Planning Association
- **Ossie Stuart**, Disability consultant
- **Carole Wright,** Community gardener

The webinar was attended by 111 participants, who took part in a wide-ranging audience Q&A and networking discussion. During this discussion, a number of resources were shared, and this document collates the key materials.

EVENT RESOURCES

Webinar recording: please find a recording of the presentation from the webinar **here** on Future of London's YouTube channel.

Dr Snaith's research: Bridget's PhD thesis is available **here** and slides are available to attendees on request.

Community green: Using local spaces to tackle inequality and improve health: research in 2010 by CABE Space investigated the relationship between urban green space, inequality, ethnicity, health and wellbeing. The report can be found **here**.

Inclusive environments – free training available from Design Council **here**.

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The Bristol Approach - a new way of working that puts communities and their needs at the heart of innovation, details **here**.

Planning Aid for London – supporting communities to get involved planning, information **here**.

The Association of Collaborative Design: The ACD is a network of individuals, professionals and organisations that endorse the collaborative process of creating and managing environments with and for people and nature. Find out more **here.**

Resources for co-design and meaningful engagement: The Glass House is a national charity dedicated to connecting people with the design of their places and connecting design with people. They have a number of resources available **here**.

Diversity in volunteer programmes: recent research into the experiences of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic and White volunteers can be accessed **here**.

Inclusive design guidance from the Landscape Institute: The LI has produced technical guidance on inclusive design which can be accessed **here**.

Upcoming Landscape Institute events: sign up to upcoming events **here** - including the free Jellicoe Lecture, which is dedicated to diversifying the profession (Oct 13 2020).

Get involved with the diversity at the Landscape Institute: If you would like to get involved with LI work on diversity, please contact **diversity@landscapeinstitute.org.**

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