

LISTER STEPS CARNEGIE COMMUNITY HUB PROJECT

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Our Lister Steps Hub 2015 post is written by our Heritage Development Officer Kerry Massheder-Rigby. Kerry joined the Lister Steps team in 2014 when the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) gave us a stage 1 pass and development funding. Her role is now partially funded by HLF and the Architectural Heritage Fund.

The Lister Steps Hub project aims to regenerate a much loved former Carnegie Library in Liverpool and return it to community use. The library was closed in 2006 and sadly the building has suffered neglect, theft and vandalism and has deteriorated considerably. The building is still an absolute beauty despite her mistreatment! Lister Steps, currently a charity providing childcare and family support, aim to create a community hub at the building—heritage activities, additional childcare services, a cafe, business and enterprise space, outdoor play space and a unique venue for events (such as your wedding!).

The team are currently working hard to raise the required match funding, develop the business plan, activity plan, building designs and conservation management plan. We are holding community conversations, online surveys and events to engage the local community in the project. We aim to take part in a review with HLF in October and hope to submit our full application in Spring 2016.

A day in the life of a Heritage Development Officer.....

My role is varied and each day brings a new challenge or experience. I love working with Lister Steps to help develop the HLF funded heritage project and we have some exciting activities planned for the future (if we secure the funding!).

Today I am working on two tasks; developing a programme of activities for the Lister Steps Summer Playscheme project 'Tuebrook Heritage Trail' and gathering ideas of what to do for our next community event.

We have received some funding from Carillion (thank you!) to run a 10 day project to work with 24 Playscheme children to create a heritage trail of Tuebrook, Liverpool. Although we would like the children to take the lead on the project, design it themselves and work as a team to create a resource that can be shared with community members, some planning is required! I've created an 'ice breaker' activity and a sheet to collect their feedback on each activity within the project. I've arranged a trip to start the project off. We will be taking the Old Dock Tour (run by the Merseyside Maritime Museum) to look at the archaeological remains, learn about the development of the dock and its important role in Liverpool's history and hopefully get a few tips on how to make a tour (trail) interesting and engaging. Next we will head to the Museum of Liverpool to take their Liver Bird Trail, have lunch and take part in crafternoon. The children at Lister Steps LOVE fieldtrips and they're really excited to take part in an archaeology

themed day! The Playscheme children have been pro active in helping to develop our Activity Plan-we are really excited to be running a mini version of activities we hope to deliver in the near future.

It is brilliant being a Heritage Development Officer within a charity that serves the local community. The staff and local community are massively supportive of the project and are such fun to work with. Being based in an existing childcare provider has enabled the heritage themed activities in the Activity Plan to be written to focus on children, young people and their families.

This is such an exciting project to be working on-let's hope the project receives its HLF funding and can take part in Day of Archaeology 2016!



3D laser scan, 12th May 2015, Dr Oriel Prizeman, Cardiff University



Model made by children of Lister Steps



