

Dalston Regeneration

How can culture and the arts contribute?

Hackney is allegedly home to the highest concentration of artists in Europe and the progression from post-industrial decay to artist colony to 'young professional lifestyles' is in full swing.

Arcola Theatre, along with many others, is keen to deploy the arts as a means of brokering a new set of relationships and keeping Dalston real, by capitalising on the opportunities offered by the new indoor and outdoor spaces being. One of the purposes of this exercise is to ask the question *"Must 'adding value' always displace the value that is already in situ?"*

First Step: Friday 6 June at 2pm, Arcola Theatre: Local creatives were invited to 'put yourself on the map' and to contribute to a discussion of creative futures for Dalston.

Next Steps: Partnership working between the community and the council with further meetings to be held at the Arcola Theatre.

