

Walford Contemporary: Press Release

Walford Contemporary is an exciting new gallery and community space situated in one of London's most vibrant fictional boroughs. The gallery provides a physical space within which the local community can explore and interact with a world-class collection of contemporary visual art.

Addressing the long-standing paucity of arts facilities in the area, Walford Contemporary features a rolling schedule of temporary and permanent exhibitions from both local residents and contributors from further afield.

Public Engagement

We believe art is inseparable from its wider social context, and as such the gallery has a responsibility to work with the local community towards the goals set out in our CORE document. We have been holding open public consultations since 2014, and despite some teething troubles we have developed strong working relationships with local residents.

In an area with a high level of economic deprivation our community outreach work will focus on fostering important networks and dialogues with key groups. A crucial aspect of our work over the next 3 years will be implementing a large number of legacy projects - most of which aim to be self-funding by the 2nd quarter of 2018.

Our 2020 Vision

The aims of Walford Contemporary are ambitious and long term: current forecasts see us as the main focal point of the EastEnders fan art community by as early as 2020. It is our hope that Walford Contemporary will have a lasting positive effect on the imagined cultural landscape of East London.

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