

Vice-Principal for Public Engagement and Student Enterprise's report to Senate

External recognition and Watermark

In December we received final sign off of the reporting for our 3 year *Catalyst for Public Engagement* project from RCUK, with praise for our efforts particularly around leadership.

Work has begun on developing the UK's first Public Engagement Watermark, in collaboration with the National Coordinating Centre for Public Engagement.

Festival of Communities 21 May – 4 June 2016

The first QMUL Community festival is planned for the Summer term including:

- Family fun day, Stepney Park, in collaboration with Tower Hamlets Council and Whitechapel Vision
- Poetry readings, book grouped, walking tours, performances, lectures and workshops on and off campus, led by QMUL staff and students as well as community groups. Programme TBC.
- Events at our major public engagement projects, such as Centre of the Cell and the Pathology Museum.
- Finale event at Mile End on campus, showcasing a range of QMUL and community services and projects, and opportunities to contribute to research.
- All to be followed up with invitations to future events to maintain community links to QMUL.

Student Enterprise

Our first endorsed Tier 1 (graduate) entrepreneur secured his full Tier 1 entrepreneur visa in February, allowing him indefinite leave to remain in the UK to work on his Korean Tour Guide company.

Launched the Makers Market, an opportunity for student and local entrepreneurs to trade and advertise their businesses on campus – have run two so far with another planned as part of the Community festival in June.

March will see the first QMUL social enterprise focussed bootcamp in collaboration with the School of Social Entrepreneurs and UnLtd – 50 students will be developing solutions to social problems in Tower Hamlets, with £5000 of funding available to launch the best ideas.

Looking ahead, priorities will include new partnerships with stakeholders outside of the university to enhance support for student entrepreneurs, contributing to the QMUL Model.

Large PE projects

Centre of the Cell have just released their new "Menu", including advice and guidance on how to incorporate them into plans for public engagement, with example costings.