

JUSTICE IN THE GREEN

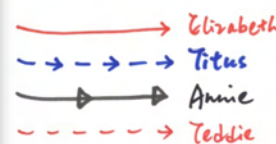
Mapping Local Perspectives in the Appropriation of Hackney Marshes and Surrounding Green Spaces in the light of the Olympics Legacy Process

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THE PROJECT An action research-oriented initiative placed within the DPU's MSc in Environment and Sustainable Development. Students, UCL staff, alumni and community members have been involved in investigating and mapping different experiences in green open spaces in and around Hackney Marshes to understand their potential to enhance environmental justice. The project lies within the concept of street science with an emphasis on the combination of community knowledge with professional techniques to develop better solutions for the community (www.justiceinthegreen.org.uk).



Under the supervision of UCL staff, students have applied a range of participatory research techniques to gather data on the ground. The project provided training to staff and students on the use of mapping and audio-visual techniques, emphasising those tools as effective ways to engage and collaborate with local community groups and members of the public. The students recently presented their findings to community representatives drawing substantially on the maps and audio-visual material collected throughout their research.

MAPPING REALITIES IN THE GREEN



SHARING AND CONSOLIDATING KNOWLEDGE The students are currently producing audio-visual reports, which will feed into the creation of a web-based interactive community map including testimonies and other evidence collected on the ground. There will be a dissemination event in Hackney to promote sharing of knowledge between the community involved. The work will also feature on the **Justice in the Green** website produced as part of last year's BtG project. It is hoped this platform will continue to be appropriated by community members after the completion of this research. Based on an existing community map, this will also consolidate mechanisms for participatory planning and research, which can be applied in future collaborative research between the departments.

