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MANCHESTER CREATIVE STUDIO BOARD MEETING
Wednesday 12th June 2013, 6.00pm

Present: Raja Miah (RM), Bernard Phillips (BP), Ben Barsky (BB), David McCall (DM), Amina Lone (ALe), Max Larcombe (ML), Steve Kunczewicz (SK), Dave Barter (DB), Denise Proctor (DP), Nina Dar (ND), Rosie Clayton (RC)

Apologies: Liz Forrester (LF), Andy Lovatt (ALt)

Chair: David McCall

Minutes: Max Larcombe

Welcome: DM welcomed ND and RC to the meeting. ND is joining to help facilitate a session around MCS values and RC is the Partnership Manager from the Studio Schools Trust to MCS.

Minutes: The board signed off the minutes from the previous meeting.

Matters Arising:

- Building Update

ML & RM updated the board on the building search. With the Education Funding Agency (EFA) a number of buildings have been viewed and they are now pursuing Gulam House on Blossom Street in Ancoats. It is available on a 999 year lease with an asking price around £1m plus land at the side which they would also try to procure.

It is a good size space (c2500sqm) which is flexible and could potentially host businesses as well. In a good location, just out of the city centre ward but close to where TechHub will be developing their 'Google Campus' and in an urban neighbourhood. The EFA have visited the building with their technical advisers and anticipate that an offer on the property will go in soon.

- Grant Update

RM updated the board on the grant letter which has been signed and approved. The first payment of £90,000 from the £300,000 grant should come through soon. A budget breakdown proposing how the grant will be spent will be provided at the next board meeting.

- Specialist Advisers Update

18 people/organisations have applied to be specialist advisers, including a good number of people not already known to MCS and who have useful and relevant skillsets. RM is waiting for LF to come back from holiday before arranging interviews with applicants to decide who will be recruited to support the pre-opening process.

Values Workshop: ND facilitated a workshop on MCS values. A separate document is attached with further detail on this.

Working Groups: ML introduced the board to the working groups the project team are suggesting should be established to support the opening of MCS. RM asked the board to submit information to a Google document to show which groups they feel they could contribute to and why. At the next board meeting these working groups will be discussed in more detail.



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AOB: Admissions Policy: BP is working on this and a document will be sent out so the board can approve remotely or raise issues if they are concerned about anything as this needs to be submitted by the end of June.

Next Meeting: It was agreed that the next Board meeting would be on Thursday 11th July 18:00 at Fourways House. This would focus on building on the previous values session and looking at the working groups and board responsibilities.

CLOSED: 9.00pm