

Learning from the Our Museum Initiative

Hackney Museum is a
community history museum,
so participation and co-creation
are central to our work.

Through the Our Museum programme
we have worked intensely
in specific geographic areas,
experimenting with different ways
of working with community partners.

Sometimes the partners challenged
the direction we were taking
and we were open
to changing our approach.

We now have
a better understanding
of what role our wide range of partners
want the museum to play.

Our current partners want us to act
as a catalyst to start conversations
and then provide space
for people to think and respond.

The museum's role is to collect
and reflect these responses.

Now we develop our forward plans
with space for communities to co-create
and we have less rigid

expectations of outputs.