

Civic Engagement at Queen Mary

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Queen Mary, East London and the wider world

Our civic work is:

- rooted in Queen Mary's founding heritage as an institution in and of East London, as connected to the world as East London itself.
- place-based and globally connected.



The changing landscape of east London from the Queen Mary Mile End campus

Looking West



1964

Westward panorama from Queen Mary College



Early 2000's



2023

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VICTORIA PARK

EPPING FOREST RIDGE

WANSTEAD FLATS

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Eastward Panorama from Queen Mary College

WEST HAM POWER STATION

BRUSHWICK WHARF POWER STATION

BLACKHALL POINT POWER STATION

SHOOTERS HILL

EAST INDIA DOCKS

LIMEHOUSE CHURCH

DEPTFORD POWER STATION



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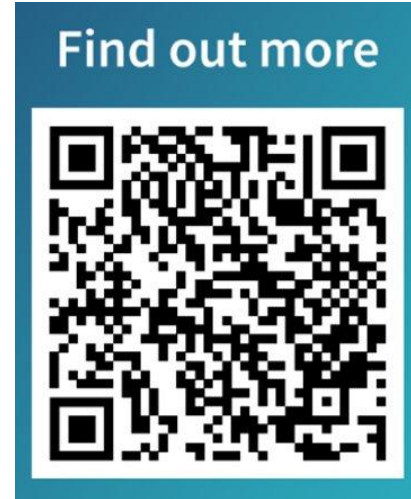
Partnerships, Purpose and Profile

- Equitable partnerships
- Impact and engagement
- Profile and reputation

- *All local, national and international*



Our Civic University Agreement



www.qmul.ac.uk/civic

Our Civic University Agreement: five priority areas

Inclusive place-making

- Convene East London Civic Action Network
- Support innovation and enterprise
- Access to QM space
- Student volunteering
- East London Research Network

A healthy and sustainable future

- Strengthen health equity
- Partner on Tower Hamlets HDRC
- Lived experience at the heart of research
- Focus on climate and sustainability

Pathways for life

- Local student recruitment
- New education and employment opportunities
- Lifelong education
- London City Institute of Technology

A cultural hub for east London

- Celebrate local heritage and history
- Provide spaces and support to local arts and culture
- Access to arts and culture

Enabling civic practice

- Fair local employer
- Equitable partnerships
- Procurement policy
- Apprenticeship levy transfer
- Connect and align with others, including as partner on CUN and NCIA

Our Civic University Agreement: seven East London boroughs



Civic networks

East London Research Network (ELRN)

- Internal network to bring together academic colleagues working on research in, with and for East London across QM's three faculties.

East London Civic Action Network (ELCAN)

- Convening a network of East London external stakeholders and QM staff, academics, students and alumni around our civic themes for further collaboration and action together.

East London Research Network

- **To support interdisciplinary research in East London** by facilitating exchange and new collaborations
- **To share information** about members' research interests; internal and external funding opportunities; publications, reports, datasets and other outputs; and activities and events relevant to researchers working in East London.
- **To facilitate collaborations and partnerships** with communities, organisations, policy makers and other partners in East London, including through themed meetings on research and civic priorities and a shared commitment to equitable partnership work.
- Online meetings 3 times a year
- Annual workshop with East London Citizens



[Join the East London Research Network](#)

East London Civic Action Network (ELCAN)

Next theme: Growth and Skills

- How can skills help unlock local growth in East London?
- How can universities further develop their work with partners and stakeholders to support local growth?

Theme	Sector
Skills and East London workforce	Creative Indworkforce
Inclusive innovation	Life sciences
Entrepreneurship eco-system	Digital and AI
Procurement	Green skills
High streets	Education



Register for
ELCAN

Key resources



Research with East London communities: place-based guidance and resources

- Part of a wider programme to enhance civic research culture at QM
- Co-produced with community partners
- An introduction to East London, borough profiles, guidance, place navigator, case studies
- Launching in February

QM's 'For East London' webpages:

<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/about/for-east-london/>



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