

SHEDx Project Summary

The SHEDx project encompasses a range of activities to activate, energise and engage the local community of Tolworth into taking ownership of the area's unused and green spaces, helping to define and improve the future of their town. SHEDx is funded through the GLA Good Growth Fund and the project is the result of collaboration between The Community Brain and Kingston Council with support from Kingston University and Kingston College.

SHEDx incorporates a wide range of elements and activities. These include:

Three mobile sheds

Arriving like the Tardis and with a striking look, the sheds will tour around approximately 25 locations in Tolworth helping to stimulate and facilitate creativity, entrepreneurship and greening activities across the borough. Each of the three sheds relate to a different theme:

- The **Green Shed** will empower people to plant and green the area in which they live
- The **Play and Ideas Shed** will utilise play to help people imagine how the Tolworth Broadway area can be a centre for low-risk business model testing and a skills hub that encourages new local business and social enterprise start-ups
- The **Heritage Shed** (already built and supported by the Heritage Lottery Fund) is a source for people, in the local area and beyond, to engage with fascinating research into the history of allotments, sheds and land use in the area and its evolution over time, with a particular focus on the Second World War period and the Dig for Victory campaign

Mobile stage

A mobile stage and sound equipment will be used for a programme of community designed and managed events to take place throughout the year.

The animation of Tolworth Station

Using the sheds and the mobile stage, SHEDx will create a regular weekly event, timed to coincide with the commuters as they return. These workers will come home to discover that a previously lifeless station has been energised through entertainment, food, a bar, and a wide range of community activity. These events will also provide training opportunities for the local community.

Brazilian Festival

Celebrating the heritage and legacy of Corinthian-Casuals Football Club in Tolworth, a Brazilian festival will process through Tolworth Broadway.

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Green and urban environment

'Bee Lines' will define and develop bee-friendly flowers to form new paths around the borough, helping to avoid the more industrial and polluted routes and creating new walkways to link Tolworth's communities. This will involve:

- Working with four local schools and volunteers to map and record the Bee Lines
- A green infrastructure audit

Suburban Farming

Empowering people to grow their own food through the development of requisite skills. Outputs will include:

- The delivery of a Food Festival and occasional communal meals
- The trial of aquaponics with a view to delivering a new local social enterprise

Community Space

The takeover of a vacant premises on Tolworth Broadway as a base for social activity, low risk trials and business and community developments. This will include:

- Animated space with a Community Kitchen as a resource for local organisations, businesses, and individuals
- A new space for community use and complementary identification of existing resources within the area
- Skill sharing and cross generational engagement

The Hybrid BID

To trial the potential for a new form of 'Business and Community Improvement District' (BID) comprising local business, landlords, industrial estates and the local community.

Pride in Tolworth

SHEDx will foster community activity that will enable heightened pride and positive perceptions of the Tolworth area. This will include:

- Better use by the community of open/green spaces achieved through improving linkages between existing green areas and reducing the impact of A3 severance
- Putting Tolworth on the London and national stage through the SHEDx project - at the Hampton Court Flow Show, the V&A museum, and other high profile settings
- Developing local links with the Royal Horticultural Society
- Celebrating the illustrious history and continued local presence of the Corinthian-Casuals Football Club
- Animating the area around Tolworth Station ahead of Crossrail 2, encouraging residents and commuters to engage with the space

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