

Summer 2021



On the 24th of June 2021, at Westway Sports Centre, Maxilla City invited residents (including children) and stakeholders to eat, dance, play and create together. Activating Our Spaces was an informal open space event: people could drop in and out from 3pm to 8pm. Childcare was provided so that parents were able to contribute. In exchange for their expertise, participants were given vouchers, as well as food and entertainment. Maxilla City asked the community: what will North Kensington need to thrive after Covid-19? Working in groups, participants came up with ten proposals. We stuck these ten proposals up on a big wall for everyone to see.

Participants were then given six dots each. They stuck these dots next to the ideas they thought would make the biggest difference. We called this “Dot Democracy”. It helped us identify the most pressing needs for change. This was North Kensington’s community-led call to action. This showed how our empty venues could be transformed and how our community could be revitalised. We were blown away by the attendance and engagement from local people and the following months were spent following up on connections and ideas, as well as working with our Facilitator to capture all the learning from the day.