



Press release

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London Met seeks views of local people on Islington's new central space

- **New central space to be created at the heart of Islington**
- **Part of multi-million pound 'One Campus, One Community' investment project**

London Metropolitan University is seeking the views of local neighbours on the creation of a new public space at the heart of its Holloway campus.

The University is set to transform its central courtyard to create a large plaza that is accessible to the local community.

Proposals for the open space will enable members of the public to pass through the campus from surrounding streets, having access to a new cafe that is also to be developed as part of the project.

This project is part of the University's multi-million pound One Campus, One Community initiative that aims to strengthen ties with the local community.

In March 2017 the University invited the people of Islington to comment on its plans to develop the Holloway campus. The proposals received overwhelming support from local residents and business owners, with one saying: "I'm really happy about it. Change is good and the ideas are clever. I hope [the University] can achieve these brilliant ideas."

Proposals for the central space have since developed and there is more detail to comment on, so the University is once again asking for the views of local people in an online consultation, available from Wednesday 1 November – Wednesday 15 November.

Professor John Raftery, Vice-Chancellor of London Met, said: "We are delighted to present the latest plans for our new central space. The aim of this project is not only to enhance the experience of our students and staff, but our local neighbours as well.

"We want to strengthen our relationship with the local community by creating a safe

and welcoming environment that brings people together and inspires collaboration.”

The latest designs of what promises to become an ‘Islington landmark’ by renowned landscape architecture practice Gustafson Porter + Bowman can now be seen online and there are a number of ways through which local residents can share their views.

People can fill out the University’s online survey by visiting londonmet.ac.uk/consultation, or by sending an email to onecampus@londonmet.ac.uk. Alternatively feedback can be submitted via the One Campus One Community Google+ group.

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Notes to editors

- Images: Design concepts for the central space from three different angles courtesy of Gustafson Porter + Bowman.

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About London Metropolitan University

London Metropolitan University has been providing education to people from all backgrounds since 1848, with the creation of the Metropolitan Evening Classes for Working Men. Six schools teach cutting-edge, relevant courses across the arts, sciences, business, law and humanities. Accelerator – London Met’s specialist business incubator – helps graduates get their enterprises up and running and was named among the Top Five ‘Most Active’ accelerators in Europe in 2015, highlighting its contribution to London’s booming start-up industry.

London Met is home to world-leading academics who regularly give expert comment to the media. The University scored well in the 2014 Research Excellence Framework, being ranked 4th in the country for Area Studies and performing strongly in Education and Social Studies.

The University is strongly focused on employability. In 2017, London Met recorded its highest ever graduate employment score, with 95% of all 2016 graduates in work or further study six months after graduation. It was also ranked above all five Russell Group universities in London for teaching quality in 2016.

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