

## Informal sharing and self-selection as creative: a story of urban resilience in London's Hackney Wick & Fish Island

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The area referred to as Hackney Wick & Fish Island is comprised of some of the most deprived boroughs in London: Hackney and Tower Hamlets. Hackney and Tower Hamlets are two of the Olympic Legacy 'Growth Boroughs', and are currently undergoing major built environment regeneration. Popularly understood as an enclave of self-reliant creatives and self-starters, Hackney Wick & Fish Island has gained attention from local government and academics, hoping to understand the community living and working there. In this study we worked with local citizen scientists to investigate the practices that currently define this community, namely, the informal sharing economy that had been identified by previous studies and observations of the area. It was found that the engagements that both the physical spaces and online tools enable have an impact on the community and patterns of sharing behaviours that give insight into the local population's experience of social cohesion and division in the face of major restructuring and construction.