

FUNGUS PRESS is an evolving artist poster project established in 2014.

As concerns grow regarding the privatisation of public spaces across London, and elsewhere, Fungus Press invites artists, designers & writers to respond to Croydon's public spaces across a series of new billboard artworks at Wandle Park, Park Hill Park and Reeves Corner. With a focus on text, the posters aim to discuss and celebrate the importance and potential of Croydon's public spaces. They speak of Croydon's untold past and its yet to be written future; reasserting the essential role that green spaces play: from articulating our sense of place, to encouraging democratic engagement.

The artworks are often accompanied by events, texts, walking tours and an audio guide. Visit turf-projects.com/projects/fungus-press to find them!

The Reeves Corner structure was designed by George Chinnery and Park Hill Park by artist & woodcarver Esme Toler.

Fungus Press Residency: 'Legacy of the Land' by Students from RCA MFA

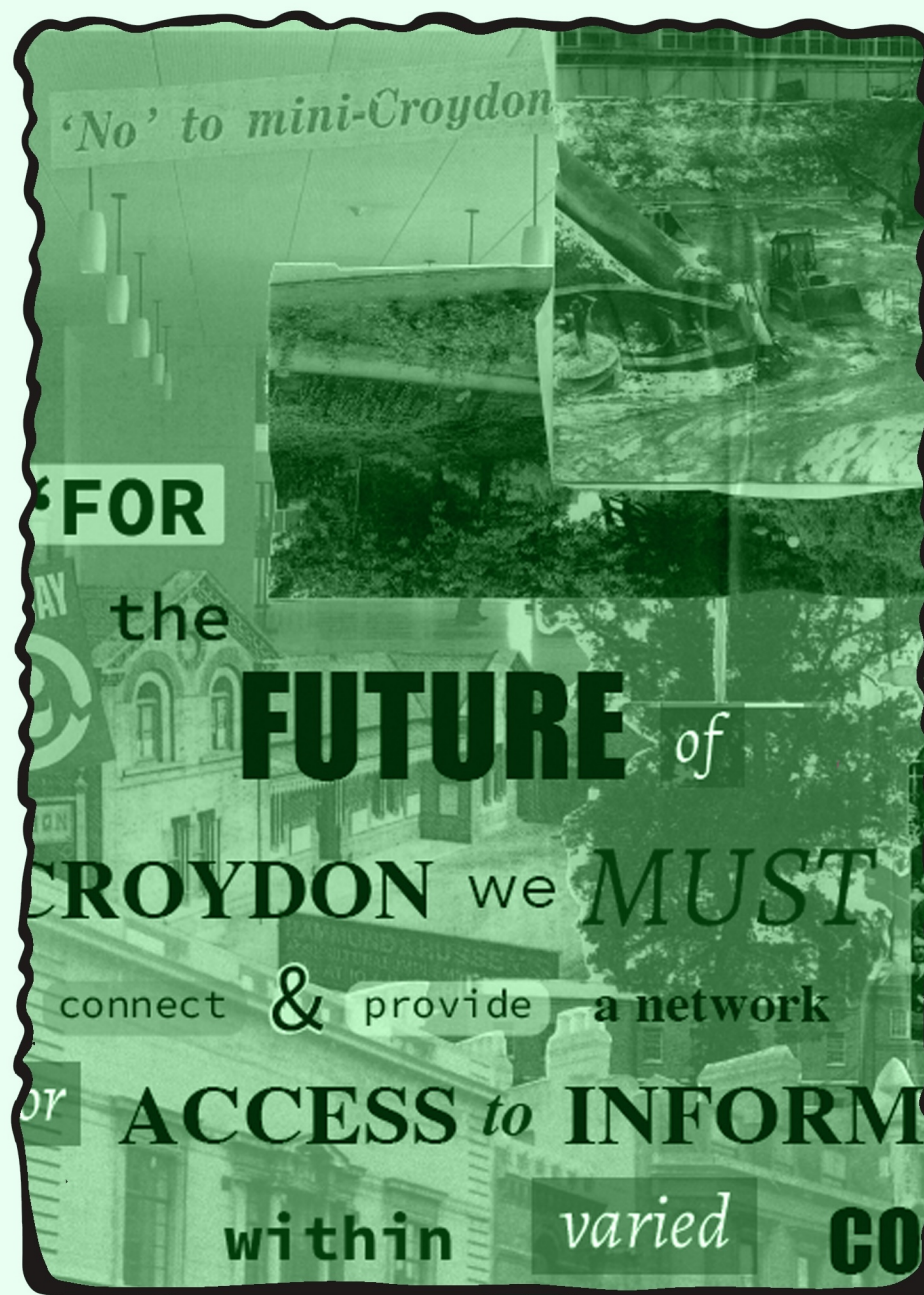
Arts and Humanities

Sat 12 April - Sat 24 May

Community spaces are more than just physical; they connect a history and a people with a center to congregate, facilitating care. But who really owns these spaces, and how are they being used? Are they being overtaken by unseen forces that impact their public benefit?

In collaboration with Turf, this project aimed to explore the potential of these sites through art. By bringing residents together through creative activities, we engaged both the dedicated community of Turf Projects, Croydon Urban Room and other publicly activated spaces within Croydon, positioning community at the forefront, and thriving together.

We hosted two artists' talks in Turf's project space, taking down notable quotes from our speakers that touched upon themes of land, community and a vision for the future. During our workshop with Croydon Urban Room, those who dropped into the workshop created collages using their archives, which were then combined into a communal zine. These collages were layered with the artists' quotes to create the posters that we have installed at Turf's Fungus Press sites.





★ **TURF PROJECTS - Gallery, Workspace & Studios, Whitgift Centre;** Founded in 2013 by young Croydon locals, Turf Projects is Croydon's homegrown artist space and the first entirely artist-run contemporary art space in the borough. A registered charity (#1160527), Turf aims to support artists & locals to create, via free public exhibitions, workshops and events, creative opportunities, a community project space and low-cost artist studios. We also host two artist collectives, Art Press (local 13-18 year old artists) and MOSS (local learning disabled artists). Since 2015 Turf has been based in two repurposed retail units which would otherwise have lain empty.

● **LITTLE TURF, Keeley Road;** Our original home which now houses production space for artists & makers.

- **Fungus Press Wandle Park Pond**
- ◆ **Fungus Press Wandle Park Community Garden**
- * **Fungus Press Reeves Corner**
- * **Fungus Press Park Hill Park Walled Garden**

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● Share & tag us in a photo of Fungus Press on insta @turfprojects or twitter @turf_projects and we'll send you something nice in the post!

◆ Something up with the boards? We try to check them weekly but would love to know if they need any attention! Email us or send us a message.