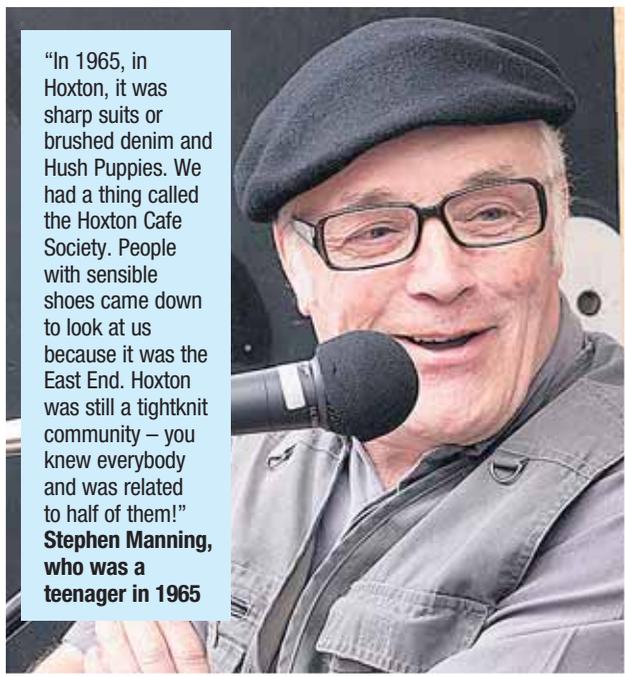


"I am a trainee at the Shoreditch Trust. You need to take opportunities to become the person that you want to be. I was brought up in a good home, and I learned from my brothers. You have to get up in the morning and say I am going to go for this, and there is nothing anyone can do to stop me." **Dina Loufimpou, 17**



"In 1965, in Hoxton, it was sharp suits or brushed denim and Hush Puppies. We had a thing called the Hoxton Cafe Society. People with sensible shoes came down to look at us because it was the East End. Hoxton was still a tightknit community – you knew everybody and was related to half of them!" **Stephen Manning, who was a teenager in 1965**



"There was so much life to live in those days, I loved every minute of it. I loved the Beatles and the flower power, parties all around. There were discotheques every day; I was going dating every day, seven days a week sometimes. I used to go on the buses, taking my girlfriends everywhere. It was very nice." **Moses**



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Residents including DJ Newton Dunbar (above) shared their memories of a bygone era at a live radio discussion called 'Remembering '65'



"During the 60s we stayed in our community. Even today, there's a song that reminds me of that kind of childhood: 'Don't go chasing waterfalls, keep to the rivers and lakes you know'. You felt safe walking in your own neighbourhood because you could knock on a door, you know that woman who lives there." **Gillian Lawrence**

# Summer of '65

**T**HE London Borough of Hackney, as we know it today, celebrated its 50th birthday this month by encouraging residents to take a trip down memory lane.

In 1965, the boroughs of Hackney, Shoreditch and Stoke Newington were merged to form modern day Hackney. Fifty years on, and in celebration of this milestone, residents shared their memories of a bygone era during a live radio discussion called 'Remembering '65'.

The event at Dalston Eastern Curve Garden on 8 May saw four older residents – Gillian, Moses, Daniel and Stephen – talk with younger residents – Dina, Lucia and Joseph – about what life was like in 1965 and how it compared to today. The group talked candidly about their experiences of growing up

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in Hackney, and discussed topics such as employment, the cost of living, fashion, trends and socialising.

Cllr Jonathan McShane, Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture, said: "What a wonderful way to celebrate Hackney's 50th anniversary.

"The borough has seen

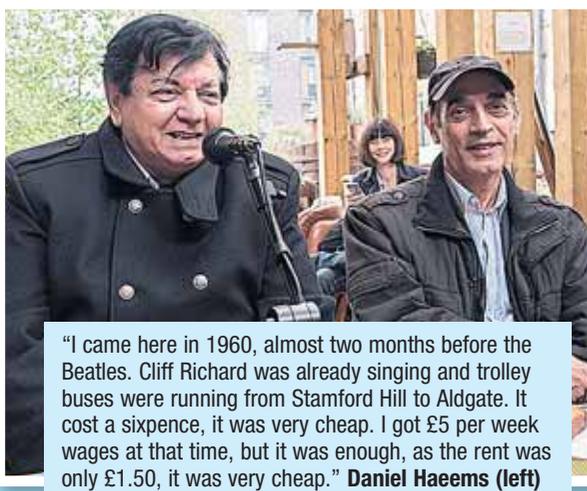
a great deal of change over the years, and it's really interesting to hear people talk about their experiences of Hackney. Projects like this bring people of all ages together and can help bridge the generation gap, and show us that we're not so different after all."

The 'Remembering

'65' project was devised and delivered by Lucia Scazzocchio for the Council.

Most of the recordings took place at Open School East in De Beauvoir with members of Agewell Social Network, Hackney Silver Surfers and Up Your Street.

A short film featuring other intergenerational conversations will form part of an exhibition at Hackney Museum called 'Hackney@50'. A selection of these oral histories will also become part of Hackney Archives.



"I came here in 1960, almost two months before the Beatles. Cliff Richard was already singing and trolley buses were running from Stamford Hill to Aldgate. It cost a sixpence, it was very cheap. I got £5 per week wages at that time, but it was enough, as the rent was only £1.50, it was very cheap." **Daniel Haeems (left)**



## MORE INFO

To listen to the show, visit: [www.spreaker.com/user/parallel-radio/remembering-65-show](http://www.spreaker.com/user/parallel-radio/remembering-65-show); for more info on the Hackney@50 exhibition, visit: [www.hackney.gov.uk/museum-exhibitions](http://www.hackney.gov.uk/museum-exhibitions); or call: 020 8356 3500