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Appendix Two: Teachers' Responses

Name	Helen Panayiotou	Eileen Faherty	Katie Harris	Amanda Szewczyk-Radley
Job Title	Business Manager	KS1 teacher with responsibility for trips across the school	Teacher with responsibility for school trips	Head teacher
School/organisation	St Paul's Primary	Alexandra Primary	St Mary's Primary	St Michael's Primary
Does your school currently visit Alexandra Park & Palace? If yes, how do you use it?	Yes. Annual sponsored walk around the Park's race track. Walks around the Park eg Year 2 look for mini beasts. Ice-skating at Christmas.	Yes. Walks in the Park for activities such as mapping.	Yes, often. Last summer Y6 visited several times to sketch Alexandra Palace. They also made models of the Palace.	No
Which other cultural learning venues does your school visit?	Various museums in central London, eg Natural History Museum. London Zoo, Bright Sparks concerts at the Royal Albert Hall/Royal Festival Hall. Children's library.	Spurs Learning Zone and Highgate Woods (although not recently as they are both too far). Museums in central and east London. Theatres.	Museums in central London, Bruce Castle, Recycling Centre.	Museums where facilitated workshops are offered eg Museum of London, Geffrye Museum, Ragged School Museum
Does the school pay for cultural learning activities? If so how much?	The school looks for as many free opportunities as possible and use free public transport. However, public transport is not suitable for younger children, and the cost of hiring	The school always goes for free museum visits. There is no school budget, so parents have to make contributions where necessary.	Many are free. Sometimes £2 per child charged for facilitated workshops.	No. There is no budget. Schools in LB Haringey are very stretched financially as a result of a political decision 30 years ago, which results in school

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	transport is prohibitive. If there are charges for learning activities, the school asks the children's parents for contributions as there is no budget. They can ask around £1 from children's families, but activities costing £500/£600 for the day for the whole school would be too much			being allocated outer London budgets, but paying inner London costs. Hiring transport results in an additional cost of £10 per child.
Would your school be interested in facilitated workshops at Alexandra Park & Palace?	Yes. "It would be brilliant".	Yes. "We've always thought it would be great as it's on the doorstep."	Yes – something local would be great so the children don't have to go into central London.	Yes. Especially if workshops are very clearly linked to at least two curriculum areas/specific teaching guidance.
Which topics would your school be interested in - Victorians, literacy/BBC, outdoors science, the local area?	The school would be interested in activities across the curriculum. They don't learn about the Victorians, but would be interested in literacy and outdoors activities.	Victorians Year 5. The local area – Y2, Y4 and Y5 look at Wood Green and include Alexandra Palace in their learning. Y2 would be interested in an outdoor mini beasts workshop. Very	Victorians, local area workshops and mini beasts/habitats would all be great. Particularly interested in literacy, drama and ICT, so if a workshop could incorporate all these	Workshops which combined Victorian life with a study of the local area would be very popular. There will be a high demand for local area geography/history workshops. Workshops with

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		interested in literacy workshops linked to the BBC's history at Alexandra Palace.	things, it would definitely be taken up.	literacy/filming outcomes would be very exciting and schools would be keen on these. Important to inspire the children through the history of television, rather than teach them about the history of the technology. Such a workshop would meet English curriculum requirements for 'reasons for writing' ie report-, information- and persuasive writing. Outdoors workshops would be very useful as there aren't many green spaces where schools can participate in such activities – Highgate Cemetery isn't accessible to all schools in Haringey.
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Other comments	Alexandra Park and Palace is a 15 minute walk away from the school.	Would like a workshop that looked at immigration [I suggested this forms part of a local area workshop]. Would been keen on ICT workshops, involving filmmaking. Please include workshops for KS1, as they're often forgotten.		"It would be a wonderful local resource for schools." Would be happy for us to pilot workshops at the school, and also would invite us to speak at a local head teacher's network to publicise the workshops when appropriate.
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Name	Tosh	Sue Shallcross
Job Title	Teaching Assistant with responsibility for school trips	Reading Recovery Teacher Leader
School/organisation	Nightingale Primary	Haringey Council Professional Development Centre
Does your school currently visit Alexandra Park & Palace? If yes, how do you use it?	Yes. Drawing and art activities.	n/a
Which other cultural learning venues does your school visit?	Museums in London, eg Toy Museum. Local churches.	Schools visit the Big Green Book Shop where visiting authors speak. Drama students from Mount View Theatre School sometimes read to school groups at Wood Green library. School groups visit Wools Lane Garden Centre to take part in environmental activities.

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<p>Does the school pay for cultural learning activities? If so how much?</p>	<p>No – they only participate in free activities.</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>Would your school be interested in facilitated workshops at Alexandra Park & Palace?</p>	<p>Yes, as long as they are free.</p>	<p>Is sure there would be a demand.</p>
<p>Which topics would your school be interested in - Victorians, literacy/BBC, outdoors science, the local area?</p>	<p>All of the subject areas mentioned.</p>	<p>Regarding ideas for literacy workshops - making films would be excellent. Improving literacy is part of School Improvement Plans across in Haringey. The borough is trying to encourage children to read more and develop their writing. Many schools in the east of the borough need support with literacy.</p>
<p>Other comments</p>	<p>“It would be great to have led workshops at Alexandra Palace“</p>	<p>There is no humanities advisor in the borough – only a maths advisor and Sue (literacy advisor). There are 3 networks of head teachers in the (north, south and west), which meet regularly. A learning programme at Alexandra Palace could be promoted at these. Meetings for literacy coordinators in primary schools are held termly again the programme could be publicised at these. Invitation to next meeting on 19 June 2012, 9am.</p>