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CREATIVE COMMUNITY SPACE FOR CATFORD – PROJECT UPDATE

It's been six months since we received the keys to the Thomas Lane Depot, and we felt that it would be a great moment to look back and celebrate our first few months in Catford. After receiving planning permission, we worked with local architects, LJT, to plan and deliver extensive works to renovate the derelict building.

In case you didn't see our lovely building when it was less lovely, here's what you missed:



Since those photos were taken, we've:

- Cleared the grounds and replaced the roof
- Demolished the old office/toilet block and rebuilt the office including a first floor extension
- Fitted new electrics; plumbing; fire and burglar alarm systems; security doors and a shiny new shutter
- Painted inside and out (including the internal floors)

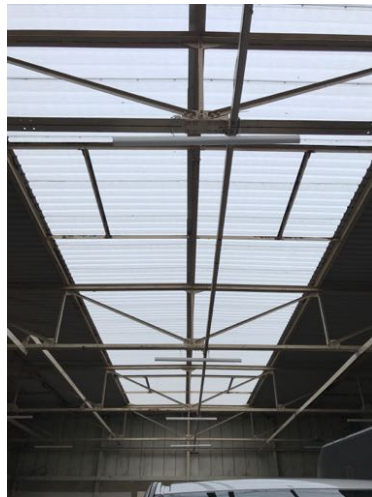


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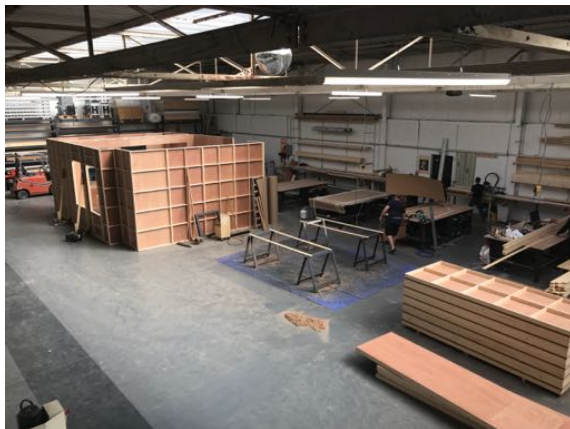
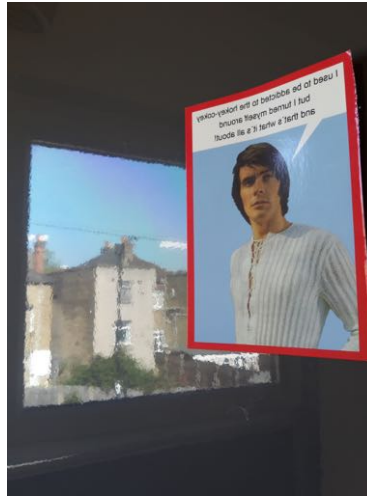


Once the renovations were complete, we moved all of our workshop equipment on site and set up our new offices. With the essential additions of our mirror ball, bubble machine and phone-booth tea station, our workshop was ready to move in to!



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And so, with the first phase complete, it was time to get to work on some on the exciting projects planned for phase two! We've recruited local staff; hosted two local students on industry placements and set the ball rolling for our first scenery construction apprenticeship program; welcomed the first users of our community workspace initiative – the amazing Lewisham Youth Theatre, and all of this while continuing to create film and television sets both in the UK and abroad.

Those of you who are familiar with our crowdfunding campaign will know that our plans for the Depot are divided into several parts with a range of timescales for completion. As well as working with local residents to develop our outside space even further, our plans also included creating job opportunities and work placements, and offering workspace to local people.

Job opportunities:

We decided to start by building capacity within Supersets, and we did this by creating a new job opening in our company office, which we were delighted to fill with a local resident. We're committed to providing further opportunities and will soon be advertising roles through the 'Current Opportunities' page on our website: www.supersets.co.uk. In the meantime, if you'd

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like to register your interest for future roles with Supersets, please email your CV to workwithus@supersets.co.uk.

Work experience and training:

We've also given a warm welcome to George, a student from Goldsmiths University who came to us for an industry work placement. During his time with us, he worked hard assisting on a set build in the workshop and then seeing it through to the installation at a London television studio. If you'd like to apply for a similar work placement opportunity, please email training@supersets.co.uk to register your interest. We're also delighted to have just signed up our first apprentice who will be joining us from September.



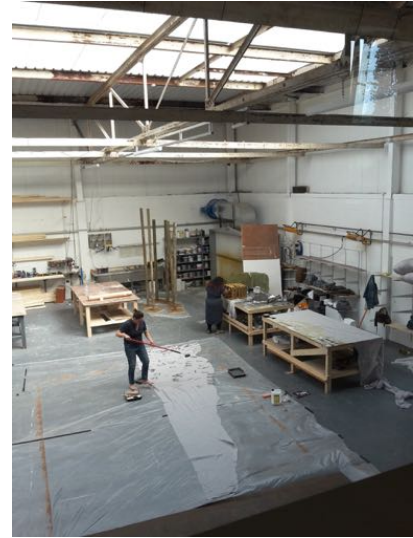
Creative workspace:

Our community workspace initiative is also underway! We are delighted to be offering ad-hoc workspace, and last week we hosted the wonderful Lewisham Youth Theatre who are busy creating sets for their forthcoming Shakespeare productions of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' and 'The Tempest'. It's been fantastic to share resources with such a great group of people and to get feedback including *'Excellent working environment, friendly staff and great hospitality'*. We look forward to more collaborations in the future! To register your interest in our ad hoc creative workspace, please contact workspace@supersets.co.uk



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...and then there's the set building:

Yes, we've been busy with our day job too - creating large and small sets, both in the UK and overseas. Although our recent work isn't airing just yet (we'll be sure to tell you when it is), some of our previous work is – check out 'Britain's Best Home Cook' and 'Masterchef the Professionals' on the BBC, and 'High and Dry' on Channel 4 - a comedy about being marooned on a desert island following a plane crash, which saw our carpenters jetting off from South East London to the slightly less picturesque Seychelles...



So we're off to a flying start, and with Catford making us so welcome, we've got lots more projects in the planning and development stages. We'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you again to everyone in the community that threw such fantastic support behind our crowdfunding campaign. We can't wait to share more very soon, but for now, we're keeping some things top secret at Supersets... watch this space!

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