



## Meanwhile Space CIC Profile

### WHO ARE MEANWHILE SPACE CIC?

Meanwhile Space are a Community Interest Company that incorporated in July 2009, stimulated by a combination of the directors' track record for project delivery and a central government grant to the Development Trusts Association to deliver a nationwide initiative called the Meanwhile Project. The CIC is the delivery arm of the Meanwhile Project which aims to boost community uses of empty properties and sites. The project has built a 'library' of ideas and information as a resource to make it easier for both the landlord and the project sides to realise Meanwhile opportunities, including the Meanwhile Manual, Lease and Insurance policies.

In addition, Meanwhile Space works with landlords, landowners, developers and local authorities to advise and deliver projects that relieve them temporarily of liabilities (insurance, rates, security etc.) associated with holding redundant shops, offices, cleared land etc. whilst an appropriate commercial solution is being sought. By working with local communities and other stakeholders, interim or 'Meanwhile,' uses are deployed to reanimate the space and provide opportunities for community benefit and social enterprise.

We combine knowledge and experience to:

- make the concept of meanwhile more mainstream
- support people to access space that is less exclusive
- advise the public and private sector to initiate schemes
- directly deliver space animation projects

Since our incorporation we have seen the delivery of the Meanwhile Project, as well as consultancy advice for Luton (winner of Luton Community Award 2010), Craigavon and Hastings Borough Councils, a research project for the East of England Development Agency, activated shops with the Meanwhile Centre in Hoxton Street, Seaside shop in Clerkenwell and supported Make-Do in their Somers Town shop.

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### MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE & KEY STAFF

**Eddie Bridgeman - Director**

Having been involved in regeneration since 2005, most recently as Projects

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Director at the British Urban Regeneration Association (BURA), Eddie enjoys identifying and disseminating cutting edge regeneration ideas and practice.

Eddie also leads Seaside, an enterprise to seek out and promote the contemporary activities of the British seaside. Prior to his career in regeneration Eddie worked in Europe and Asia Pacific creating, marketing and producing business to business products and services.

Eddie has the highest profile of the team members, appearing on Radio 4 and Radio 2 speaking on regeneration issues, contributing articles, interviews and video blogs to numerous national and trade publications.

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### **Emily Berwyn - Director**

Having studied Fine Art at London Met University, Emily has worked in a broad background in the creative industries and the built environment: as a project manager in the non-profit sector working for BURA, consultancy advice, as a photographer and graphic designer, workshop leader, collaborative local regeneration and urban design schemes, and as a host at the Hub Islington.

Emily's passion in the built environment lies in shaping animated and successful places that challenge inherent assumptions and consider temporary and future possibilities. In November 2010, Emily was awarded her MA in Urban Design from the University of Westminster. Emily enjoys exploring the conceptual opportunities for meanwhile use and often delivers presentations and workshops, and contributes articles and papers for Urban Design and trade publications.

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### **Jessica Courtney Bennett – Project Manager**

Jessica has an extensive background in project management spanning the public, private and charity sectors. Having joined Meanwhile Space CIC in 2010, Jessica has delivered projects in London, Luton and Hastings encouraging local people to pilot ideas and assisting start up businesses. Jessica is particularly skilled at relationship management and mentoring new projects.

Also at BURA for four years as a Network Officer, Jessica coordinated knowledge sharing regeneration and coastal town networks and ran a national competition to design a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Pier which received wide spread media attention and resulted in a larger public interest in the history of piers.

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### **Associates**

Meanwhile Space also work with a variety of skilled Associates to deliver meanwhile activity where appropriate. Current Associates are experienced in project management, facilitation, policy, community engagement, urban design, PR and marketing.

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