



WELLSPRING

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Time, Space and Being

This project attempts to address a challenging dual mission: honouring the memory of Damilola Taylor and envisioning a hopeful future for Peckham. We're committed to capturing Peckham's vibrant and lively patchwork of cultures and communities, via similarly diverse arrays of aesthetic inspirations, materials, and textures. The conceptual framing is rooted in our common desire to learn lessons of the past while looking to the future.

A wellspring offers a continuous supply of something essential to life: water. In Taylor's ancestral Yoruban culture, water is symbolic of healing, recalling young Damilola's calling to become a doctor. Our reliance on water creates a powerful common cultural significance - a life-giving element no-one can do without.

The structures combine futuristic geometry with flowing organic forms, integrating the contrasting aesthetic inspirations in Afrofuturist art. Cascading steps facing the fountain are a gathering space where groups of viewers can assemble and interact, while three boulders, grounding earth elements, encourage more solitary contemplation.

The use of natural materials in the structures and throughout the public engagement strategy responds to ultra-urban residents' need to reconnect with nature. Tree bases, terracotta 'word wall', and botanical medallions surround the fountain, recalling our need to respect, understand, and coexist with the natural world. The pebble ground designs evoke a Zen garden, their ripples and patterns punctuated by lush, green moss.

These structures are designed for ongoing interaction — through quiet contemplation, collaborative performance, or other forms of public participation. Our community engagement strategy makes Peckham neighbours co-creators and stewards of the space, and will interact with the other forms included in the Peckham Square development to make this a true civic space. 'WellSpring' is a gathering place of interaction and reflection. It commemorates the light that Damilola was to others while reinforcing how community wisdom is the root of resilience.



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'WellSpring' honors Damilola Taylor's memory through water symbolism and Afrofuturist design. Blending natural materials with futuristic geometry, it creates a Peckham gathering space fostering reflection, interaction, and community-rooted resilience.