

THE ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE FUND

CASE STUDY

London

For 25 years the Architectural Heritage Fund has helped voluntary organisations regenerate historic buildings, creating community and education facilities, workspace and homes. This has often been a catalyst for further regeneration. We have supported relevant voluntary groups with grants, loans and advice on more than 700 projects to date. This is an example:

Performing arts centre: The Round Chapel, Hackney, East London

This building was a Methodist Chapel, built in a grand style in 1871. A large auditorium has an arcade running around three sides, supported by intricate cast-iron columns. The Hackney Historic Buildings Trust was able to arrive at a suitable use for the building whilst restoring it to its original splendour. The large space can seat up to 500, but can also host such varied activities as craft fairs and yoga groups. It is used by the Hackney Educational Music Trust as an impressive setting for concerts in which local schoolchildren perform. Many cultural and ethnic groups from the



surrounding area hold an annual fair here, and community groups use it for their activities.

Organisation: Hackney Historic Buildings Trust

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Grade II* (Chapel), and Grade II (adjacent cottage) listed

Architectural Heritage Fund assistance:
£3,450 Feasibility Study Grant in 1991, £52,000 loan in 1996



The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

We provide grants, loans and advice to voluntary organisations regenerating historic buildings.

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