

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.

Community workspace and urban regeneration: Poplar Public Library, Tower Hamlets, London E14

The former Poplar Public Library was built in 1904-5 in a grand Classical style and faced with Portland stone. Today it is entirely severed from its original urban setting, adjacent to the dual-carriageway Northern Approach Road to the Blackwall Tunnel, with a waste transfer depot and a haulage contractor's yard to the rear. The Trust acquired the Library for a nominal sum from the London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and in partnership with Leaside Regeneration, it has repaired and converted it into serviced workspace, with six live/work units to the rear. It now forms the frontage of the Ailsa Street regeneration site, a £23 million undertaking to attract prosperity to this run-down area.



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Architectural Heritage Fund assistance: *£25,000 Refundable Project Development Grant in 2000, £700,000 loan in 2001*

The Architectural Heritage Fund – Registered Charity No 266780

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

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