

# ASPIRE

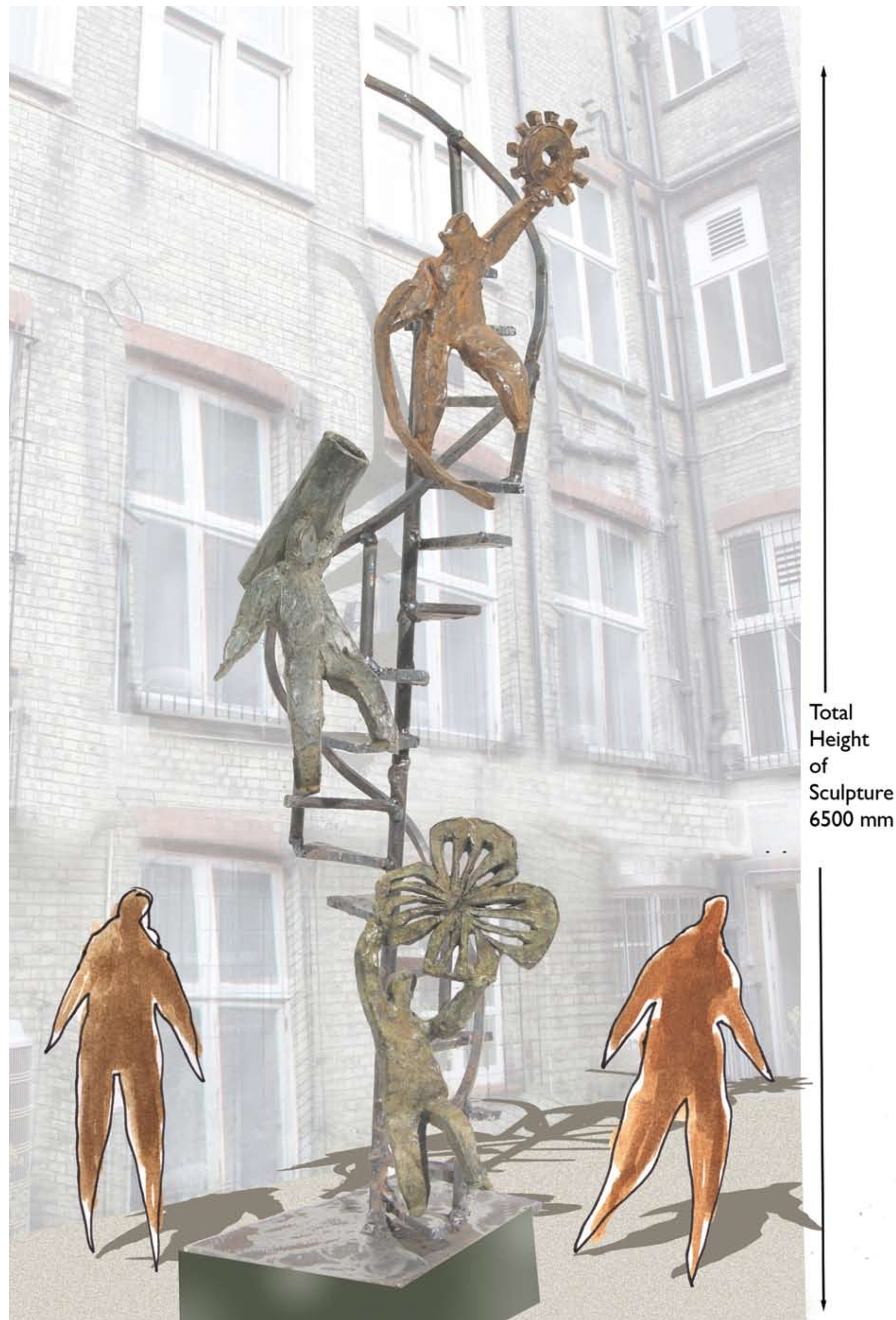
## A SCULPTURE FOR THE EMPLOYMENT ACADEMY

Local artist Randy Klein has been commissioned by Thames Reach to create a new sculpture for the courtyard of the new Employment Academy, called ASPIRE.

The Employment Academy is a flagship project which will help many thousands of unemployed and economically disadvantaged people find employment. The new sculpture will provide a focus and inspiration for clients of the Academy.

### THE THEME

ASPIRE incorporates an existing spiral staircase. The stairs rising up become a symbol of people rising up and improving their lives. Climbing up the stairs are three figure sculptures, holding symbols of work.



### HISTORY

The Employment Academy is a Grade 2 listed building. Many original Victorian features are being preserved in the redevelopment. The spiral staircase which has been the inspiration for the sculpture is an original historic feature which will now be given a prominent position in the courtyard, and become a focal point in its new role as the basis of the inspiring sculpture.



[www.employmentacademy.org.uk](http://www.employmentacademy.org.uk)



### THE ARTIST

Randy Klein has created many public art projects in Southwark including the entrance sculpture to Brimington Park, the recent sculpture at the entrance to Nunhead Station, and the Parasol for Paterson Park. He has also transformed several local schools, including Haymerle Special School and Pilgrims Way.

Klein has previously worked with Thames Reach on a two year Arts Council project during 2001-3. The result was the award winning film 'Home Truths'.

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Brimington Park



Haymerle Special School



Nunhead Station