



**Creative
Lives**

Know Your Neighbourhood Pilot Round

Project Awards



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Barnsley Civic

£9,950 | Eating Art Project
Priority place: Barnsley

A community engagement project using design, craft and communal food sharing to bring together five disparate communities in Barnsley. Five groups will take part in artist-led workshops that explore the history and design associated with eating utensils and textiles, and the relevance of food sharing in communities and food sharing as culture. The project will culminate in an exhibition in which the food sharing vessels and textiles they have made will be exhibited and a large meal at Barnsley Civic, during which the actual eating implements created will be used.



Great Yarmouth Centre for Community Writing

£9,997 | Language, People, Place
Priority place: Great Yarmouth

Establishing a weekly creative writing/reading group, the project aims to develop creativity while countering isolation, improving literacy skills and confidence, exploring the rich topics of language, people, place - through creative writing & reading together in an array of forms: poetry, short story, scriptwriting, etc. The project will culminate in a published anthology, launched with a community meal and readings from group members. One of the first regular creative writing groups to exist in Great Yarmouth, offering a creative, friendly & supportive space not only geared towards generating creative writing & developing literacy skills, but a space for people to meet and develop long-term relationships.

Freestyle Community Projects

£9,468 | Middlesbrough
Community Mosaic

Priority place: Middlesbrough

Aiding Belonging, Creativity, and Social Connection, the project aims to transform an underused public space in Middlesbrough through the creation of a community-curated mosaic. Through a series of workshops, artist facilitators will engage residents at risk of loneliness and isolation, inviting them to participate in the creation of a large ceramic mosaic that represents their sense of belonging and celebrates what they love about Middlesbrough and their own personal identities. By providing a creative outlet and fostering social connections, the project aims to reduce loneliness and create a ripple effect of increased volunteer opportunities and community engagement in Middlesbrough.



Image credit: Kev Howard

Rideout

'Out of This World: The Social Spacetime' | Image credit: Natalie Willatt



**£8,469 | The Social Agency
Arts Factory
Priority place: Stoke**

The Social Agency is an arts-based support group for autistic adults and adults with non-specific learning disabilities in Stoke-on-Trent. Four blocks of workshops, each focused on a different art form, will culminate in a pop-up art exhibition at an indoor market in the city. The Social Agency Arts Factory will reduce loneliness by providing a warm and welcoming space for autistic people to meet regularly with people who are similarly neurodivergent. It will provide a platform for enabling and sharing the talents of people who are often isolated, misunderstood, lack confidence, and struggle to cope with the neurotypical world.



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Masterclass with textile artist Helen Riddle

Creative Recovery

£20,000 | Transformation Station
Priority place: Barnsley

Creative Recovery support people who are struggling with their mental health, offering a safe place where people can use creativity to find meaning and connection. Inspired by Spitalfields Market 'Colour Walkers' who don vibrant and expressive clothing, participants will work with Artists to create wearable art that voices something about the individual wearer. These pieces will be showcased in spontaneous catwalks and photoshoots. The market residency will also include pop-up workshops and demos- with the aim of encouraging participants and shoppers alike to make bolder choices, feel more body confident and consider how they might use clothing for self-expression.

Original Projects

£19,715 | Yarmakers

Priority place: Great Yarmouth

Yarmakers: Crafting Connections in the Community is a programme focussed on making and addressing themes of human and environmental resilience. It will feature a schedule of free creative workshops, socials, talks, screenings and both a midway and final exhibition/ event, all hosted at PrimeYarc - a trusted creative arts space in the heart of Great Yarmouth's town centre. The project aims to increase volunteer opportunities by offering various ways to engage and participate, catering to different abilities, scales and durations. This approach seeks to create a supportive environment that nurtures the growth of ideas and fosters durable connections among participants.

'Jumblist Massive' | Image credit: Kaavous Clayton





Image credit: David Pisaro

North East Opera

£20,000 | My Great Folk
Priority place: Middlesbrough

My Great Folk will bridge social divides, create a sense of community and belonging and an understanding of everyone's connection to Middlesbrough. Something worth celebrating, to bring a sense of positivity and common resonance amongst people who may well not normally encounter each other. Drawing on individuals' stories and songs, from people both 'local' to Middlesbrough and those newly relocated to create a 30-minute Folk opera to be performed at the Shine Festival. The process of creating, rehearsing and performing a piece of music with likeminded people forms a sense of unity, solidarity and support.



Father Hudson's Care

£20,000 | The 4 C's Project
Priority place: Stoke

Four community organisations working with older people in Stoke, coming together to use creative activities, the project will reduce loneliness, strengthen resilience and wellbeing in ageing communities by connecting people to places and spaces; enabling them to play a full, active role in their community; promoting self-worth and independence. Working across generations to heal divisions exposed by the pandemic, sharing stories, experiences, fears and hopes for the future through carefully thought-out activities known to creatively enrich the lives of communities. Using fun activities to have the best impact on people experiencing loneliness, especially in helping friendships to be formed.



Discovery Planet CIC

£19,919 | Creative Learning Hub
Priority place: Thanet

Working with Arts in Ramsgate and the University of Kent linking two high street shops to create a Hub. Open Sessions led by community arts practitioners will explore lived-experiences of health/wellbeing. The partnership will then design three, day-long events, with different health/wellbeing themes. The events will animate the High Street, attracting widespread attention and weaving the experience into the lives of passers-by. The use of two venues, plus pedestrianised space between, means that participants are presented with several activities and ways to engage, and can choose their most comfortable entry point, including assisting as volunteers.



Margate Pride

**£16,932 | Queer Youth and
Teatime Socials
Priority place: Thanet**

Margate Pride seeks to celebrate, make visible and provide year round social occasions for LGBTQ+ people and allies in order to combat both discrimination and isolation. The funding will enable them to offer two new activities; Teatime Socials - creative events celebrating queer artists that bring together older people and those with learning disabilities and Queer Youth - 8 creative LGBTQ+ workshops bringing together two different youth groups with a focus on combating loneliness, creating art and celebrating themselves. Margate Pride will also be offering more volunteering opportunities and regular volunteer drop in sessions.