

Cultural Partnership - Durham

Terms of Reference

The Cultural Partnership

The purpose of the Cultural Partnership is:

- ~ To positively impact on the economic outputs of County Durham
- ~ To seek to increase participation in culture in County Durham
- ~ To ensure culture is embraced and acknowledged as a key contribution to County Durham's quality of life and health and wellbeing.
- ~ To ensure that the work of the DCCP links into the work of other (relevant?) partnerships in the county.
- ~ To provide Strategic Direction and Leadership to the cultural sector:
 - o Break down barriers among organisations in the cultural sector
 - o Continue to build links between the cultural sector and other sectors (voluntary, charitable, health, private)
 - o Break down barriers between city and county
 - o Develop a stronger and widely-shared vision for the sector
 - o Provide a coherent local, regional and national voice for culture
 - o Position culture as an economic driver and force behind community cohesion, identity and civic pride
 - o Encourage and facilitate collaboration
 - o Create the right environment for culture to thrive, participation to grow and audiences to be more engaged
- To build capacity:
 - o Share good practice and expertise
 - o Nurture artists, venues, and creative businesses
 - o Develop the capacity of local organisations to deliver
- To deliver cultural programme:
 - o Better coordinate and raise the profile, engagement and calibre of existing cultural activity
 - o Jointly deliver vibrant cultural programming – either through direct delivery by partners or commissioning delivery in the sector.

There will be a need to review these terms of reference periodically, but lightly, as the work of the Partnership develops.