

East Devon District Council Arts and Culture Forum briefing notes 24th February 2021

Arts & Culture Forum

In 2012, the Council ran an Arts & Culture Task and Finish Forum to help direct the future of culture and this set a useful direction that was adopted by the Council. This led to the creation of an **East Devon Arts & Culture Forum** which provides a strategic steer for the Council's work in all areas of cultural development with internal services and our wider partnerships.

ART & CULTURE FORUM 2021

This year, we propose to relaunch the forum as a platform and network for all local cultural services, working with local social, health and economic development agendas and supporting local arts and culture organisations and creative businesses. Through meetings and newsletters, we hope to share information and good practice - aiding communication between arts practitioners, arts organisations, non-arts organisations, local government and regional and national bodies.

Culture plan 2022-27

Culture is at the heart of the Council's vision to maintain, enhance and enjoy an outstanding place for everyone in East Devon.

East Devon District Council's **Culture Plan** sets out a direction of travel for our cultural and related services over a five year period. It reflects the Council's current Council Plan and provides a high level framework for a number of more detailed, service specific plans that underpin the work of those services that contribute to the delivery of cultural services in East Devon.

We want the **Culture plan 2022 – 27** to acknowledge and reflect the work of local arts and culture services and further embed the role of the arts in the cultural, social, educational, environmental and economic life of the district. In doing so, the Culture plan will align to Arts Council England's *Let's Create* Strategy
To view the existing Culture Plan visit - [Countryside and Leisure service plan 2021/22 \(eastdevon.gov.uk\)](https://www.eastdevon.gov.uk/countryside-and-leisure-service-plan-2021-22)

Arts Council strategy 2020 -2030 – Let's Create

By 2030, we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish, and where every one of us has access to a remarkable range of high-quality cultural experiences.

Let's Create is the result of nearly two years of evidence-gathering and consultation with people working in museums, libraries and arts organisations, the public, our stakeholders and our staff. The Strategy centres around three Outcomes which we will work to deliver over the next decade:

1. **Creative People:** Everyone can develop and express creativity throughout their life.
2. **Cultural Communities:** Villages, towns and cities thrive through a collaborative approach to culture.
3. **A creative and cultural country:** England's cultural sector is innovative, collaborative and international.

To achieve these the Arts Council and the organisations and people we invest in will need to adapt, steered by our four Investment Principles:

1. **Ambition & Quality:** Cultural organisations are ambitious and committed to improving the quality of their work.
2. **Inclusivity & Relevance:** England's diversity is fully reflected in the organisations and individuals that we support and in the culture they produce.
3. **Dynamism:** Cultural organisations can thrive and are better able to respond to the challenges of the next decade.
4. **Environmental Responsibility:** Cultural organisations lead the way in their approach to the climate emergency. [Our strategy 2020-2030 | Arts Council England](#)