



TOGETHER ON CULTURE

Introduction to Toolkit

On behalf of Birmingham's new Cultural Compact, thank you for taking the time to participate in this workshop on the future of arts and culture in Birmingham.

Working together we want to craft a decade-long plan that will secure continued support for culture, widen its reach, ensure it reflects the life and diversity of the City, and that it contributes to the future health and prosperity of Birmingham.





This activity is being convened by the new Birmingham Cultural Compact Board, a cross-sector partnership designed to support the city's cultural sector.

The Cultural Compact brings together stakeholders from the local authority, culture, business, education, healthcare and allied sectors with the aim to help culture thrive and grow.

Birmingham City Council is managing the strategy creation on behalf of the Compact alongside colleagues at Culture Central.

In the resulting strategy the Council will have a vital enabling role in ensuring many of the actions can be taken forward.



GDPR

This toolkit is to be used by facilitators and individuals to gather insights and feedback from community groups and residents within Birmingham. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

The information that you provide will be treated by the council in line with GDPR policies – read the [Birmingham City Council privacy statement](#).

Please continue to work within your organisation's approach to GDPR. You can let your participants know that their feedback will be provided to the council and the consultants 'Creative Concern' that the council is working with to help to shape and inform the strategy.

Participants' feedback from this workshop will be anonymised, but if they fill in the survey themselves, they may wish to provide their email address.





Workshop questions

Choose a few questions to explore with your group or, if your group would like to work through all of the questions individually, please use the [online survey](https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/birmingham-cultural-survey/). Printed and translated surveys are also available on request.

For the purpose of this workshop, when we refer to 'culture' we mean everything from our traditions and folklore to food, music and festivals.

It includes the creative activities that make up the arts, including visual arts, crafts, performance art including dance, music and theatre, oral storytelling and literary arts such as poetry.

Culture also has a strong connection to the wider creative industries which include economic activities such as design, architecture, film and game design.

Survey link

<https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/bcc/birmingham-cultural-survey/>



Question 1

Do you think major cuts to culture and the arts in Birmingham makes the city a less attractive place to live, work and invest in? If yes - why?



Question 2

Birmingham is an incredibly diverse city, how can Birmingham's cultural plans for the future reflect this and make sure it's inclusive for all?



Question 3

How can we ensure the younger generation of Birmingham have opportunities within arts and culture in the future?



Question 4

What is Birmingham known for (within culture and arts), but doesn't shout loudly and proudly about enough?



Question 5

Do you think new building developments in the city should include spaces for culture in their plans e.g. workspaces for artists, centres for children to participate in craft groups, exhibition spaces. If yes - why?



Question 6

If you could write a news headline about arts and culture in Birmingham in ten years time, what would it be?



Next steps

Thank you for supporting the facilitation of this workshop, the responses will help to shape arts and culture in Birmingham for the next ten years.

As the facilitator please email the outputs of your workshop to:

togetheronculture@creativeconcern.com

During your session please take a record of the following so this can also be provided:

- Where the session was held (location and name of organisation)
- How many people attended

Thank you again for your support.

Birmingham's Cultural Compact.





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