

Community Engagement

Engaging communities with cultural & contemporary life and local heritage, through creative activity

Our Community Engagement programme empowers people to take pride and ownership in the area they live in, and the changes occurring in it. Whether a community is undergoing new developments, or experiencing inward migration, change can take some getting used to, and our Community Engagement programme can help to smooth the changeover. Using an exploration of the area's history and cultural heritage as a common focal point, our creative practitioners use their creative skills and expertise to:

- Remove barriers to access and opportunity
- Create a community of Places, Interest and Identity
- Support understanding of and within communities
- Build a more cohesive community, increasing understanding between diverse groups

The programme generally takes the form of consultation, activities and workshops, with local services and communities fully involved in the conception, planning, and delivery of events. We work with local groups and services as much as possible to ensure the impact is long term and sustainable after we leave. The process has been described as “signposting people to positive activity”.

Our steps to achieve this:

- Bring together a diverse group of people from the community
- Form a collaborative group
- Research the local/surrounding community & the individual cultures found within it
- Produce a programme of events & activities with and for the local community



Success Story: Future Creative designed and delivered an engagement programme in Ebbsfleet Valley's residential development, helping to place North Kent Community Church's new centre at the heart of the fledgling community.

“The engagement programme designed by Future Creative has raised the profile of the community centre and helped existing and future residents to understand what our plans are. The series of carved touchstones designed by the community have “planted” our values firmly on site in advance of the commencement of the building. The designs are inspirational and we believe will transfer into a number of areas as the building work progresses. Knowing that the local community has helped to shape the centre's values gives us a positive way forward to creating a sustainable hub for all residents to meet, learn and share.”



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