

Liverpool Cultural Education Partnership

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Background

The Liverpool Cultural Education Partnership has been established to shape and drive forward Liverpool's response to the national Cultural Education Challenge that will give every child in the city the right to:

create, make and compose;
visit, experience and critically review;
participate, contribute and take part.

Underpinned by the following principles:

access, reach and diversity;
quality, impact and accountability;
voice and influence of young people.

Key Purpose and Aims

The Cultural Education Partnership is the mechanism through which the major public funders, cultural and educational organisations in Liverpool operate collaboratively to both support the development of quality teaching and to ensure that the cultural sector contributes more effectively to curriculum development, educational delivery and the social and economic renewal in the City.

Through working collaboratively the Partnership will help develop and support:

- innovative and practical ways to connect Liverpool children and young people with the city's rich cultural offer.
- improvements in quality teaching and learning and raising standards across Liverpool through cultural engagement.
- a high quality cultural offer for children and young people inside and outside of school across Liverpool.
- good practice in the sphere of cultural education that can be disseminated locally, regionally and nationally.
- the targeting of resources to combat inequality so that all children and young people in Liverpool benefit from high quality cultural education to support:
 - their learning and engagement
 - their general well-being
 - talent development
 - a range of career pathways for those that want to pursue further training, study and employment in the cultural and creative industries.

Membership

The partnership brings together strategic leaders and influencers from across the public, education and cultural sectors

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Core members are: LLP (Liverpool Learning Partnership), Liverpool City Council (School Improvement and Culture Liverpool, Libraries and Archives) LARC (Liverpool Arts Regeneration Consortium), COoL Collective (Creative Organisations of Liverpool), NML (National Museums Liverpool), Liverpool HEIs, Curious Minds and Resonate Music Education Hub.

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Members commit to:

1. Being active partners in developing a strategy to create a high quality cultural offer for children and young people across Liverpool.
2. Ensuring activities have synergy with other educational initiatives driven by the LLP and align to wider children's services priorities and the cultural strategy for the city.
3. Delivering improved value for money as a result of partnership working, including the pooling of resources.
4. Developing and delivering a strategy for increasing the take up of Arts Award by children and young people across Liverpool.
5. Creating and advocating a city wide strategy for Artsmark, supporting more schools to achieve the award.
6. To oversee and support the activity being delivered through Curious Minds' partnership investment.
7. To develop systems for using data and evidence effectively to inform planning and targeting of resources.
8. To develop a methodology for recording the positive impact on learning when children and young people have participated in arts and cultural activities; celebrating and communicating this positive impact.
9. To support the LLP in recording and collating qualitative and quantitative impacts that can be reported to funders and other stakeholders.
10. To develop a strategy for sustaining a programme of work that continues to support children and young people accessing high quality cultural experiences beyond the life of the investment from Curious Minds.
11. To respond to the creative and cultural aspirations of Liverpool young people by creating visible pathways and progression routes into the creative and cultural industries.
12. To ensure young people have access to appropriate information, advice and guidance to access creative careers and develop creative enterprises.
13. To listen to the needs of schools, as identified by schools, and be responsive to those needs.

Meetings

The partnership will be chaired by Colette O'Brien; Director, Children and Young People's Service.

Meetings will be convened by Curious Minds and will take place termly, 3 times per year, hosted by Liverpool City Council's Children and Young People's Services, 4th fl, Cunard Building, Liverpool.

Minutes will be distributed with two weeks of the meeting date.