

MINUTES

Meeting:	York Culture Forum
Date, Time:	14/06/2022 2.30pm-4pm
Location:	Zoom
Co - Chair:	Helen Apsey, Make It York
Secretary:	Bethan Gibb-Reid, Make It York
	18 in attendance

No	Item	Action
1	Welcome and Housekeeping	
2	<p>Consultation on York Tourism Strategy</p> <p>Ash Young, MIY Head of Marketing, gave a presentation with an overview of the draft strategy.</p> <p>He outlined development of the strategy, and the current draft and the priority areas of the strategy.</p> <p>The strategy will run until 2030 and aligns with My City Centre Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Big Conversation • The York Narrative • York’s Creative Future • Economic Growth Strategy • York Net Carbon 2030 aims. <p>Uses a mixture of post and pre pandemic figures to establish a broad picture of current tourism, including baseline of visitors, KPIs and transport data.</p> <p>Priority areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sustainable Growth 	

	<p>2. Business Tourism 3. Community Engagement 4. Culture 5. The Green Agenda 6. Skills and Recruitment</p> <p>Next Steps If you would like to see the draft strategy as it undergoes final consultation, please contact us on culture@makeityork.com</p> <p>Plan to launch strategy in Autumn 2022.</p> <p>Action: Comments and feedback by email.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Updates from the Forum</p> <p>Dawn Wood, Fabrication Crafts Coney Street Social Enterprise Now in a new, larger unit. 5000sqft, with most of that still available for retail space, workshop, maker spaces and creative spaces. Ground floor shop space is already open and selling over 90 creatives' work. Rebecca Newman – what is the online presence of the shop? DW – dedicated website for both shops, all available for sale online. Plan to develop more activities and events which will also populate socials. Large space is perfect for hosting tea dances, fashion shows, etc, and a plan to put a start-up kitchen shop into it – please share with anyone looking for an incubator space for a new food business. RN – are you not for profit? Check out google grant. DW – we've had some other funds but will investigate further. Currently going through the process to register for charitable status. [EMAIL REDACTED]</p>	

Rebecca Newman, York Proms

York Proms began in 2017, in York Museum Gardens. Three years of events before Covid. The 2022 event is in early July. Covid hit extremely hard and have struggled to access any funding.

Last minute ticket sales are especially important - in 2019 sold over 400 tickets in the last fortnight. Can fit about 2000 people.

York Youth Orchestra will be performing on community stage.

Opportunities for advertising space in programme.

Interested in collaborations, volunteer exchanges and more.

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Simon Thompsett, YMP – Wagon Plays

Overview of Mystery Plays – medieval text, 48 plays in the cycle, which is most complete set of mystery plays in the world. Performed by community groups representing ancient and modern Guilds on farm wagons in multiple locations across the city.

Performances over 12-19 June across the city centre, using wagons as portable stages. Work with about 600 local people to make the plays happen.

Starting at 11am, going through 4.30pm, and with multiple stops across the city.

Free to access (apart from King's manor stages and evening performances).

Hannah and Christian, Arts Barge

Re-starting post-Covid now but struggled to regain the momentum of the volunteering. However now the summer is here the events programme can re-start, a great way to recruit.

Programming events to make some activities happen – free paint donated via streetlife and events will help raise interest in getting

involved. Partnering with others to make the events happen, thanks to interest from the wider community to get the space in public use again. Painting and insulation are the key aims for 2022. Insulation is key for making the space accessible year-round.

Foss Basin is current mooring space and aim is to keep it there.

Anyone interested in hosting an event, or partnering, please get in touch! Also, if you would like to visit the space to see the space and get a feel for the kind of events possible there, please get in touch.

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Rachel Cowgill, Streetlife (via chat)

Unfortunately, I can't present because I'm in a noisy cafe, but this is just to say that we have more exciting free events coming up at StreetLife, particularly on 24 June, and we have had our funding period extended for three months so we will be continuing our activities for three further months into the summer at 29-31 Coney Street - full details at www.streetlifeyork.uk (click on events). Please drop me a line if you would like to know more or be in touch - [EMAIL REDACTED]

Artsbarge, we would love to do something jointly with you in the summer!

Cllr Darryl Smalley, CYC

Homes for Ukraine scheme – over 170 refugees settled into the city. Getting into next steps and providing longer term opportunities for those who might like to stay long term.

Charlie Croft (head of communities) retires at the end of August. They are currently recruiting for the new role.

York Pride this weekend – 18 June, in city centre and parading to the Knavesmire for a celebration party.

Barbara Swinn, York Explore

There is currently an artist in residence at Hungate café.

Working with NCEM musicians to create performances in their Explore centres.

Interested especially in increasing engagement with residents across opportunities, especially providing next step inroads into the industry.

Potential connection with Fabrication?

Summer Reading Challenge is a key project now– creative activities which support reading and literacy. 2022 theme - become a gadgeteer!

Currently recruiting for Community Directors.

Community organisations can become community members (not directors) who elect the Community Directors. More information can be found using the link below or sent directly to interested parties, please contact the libraries directly for more information.

<https://exploreYork.org.uk/join-our-board-as-a-community-director/>

Damian Murphy – XR Stories

XR Stories has moved to the Guildhall and opened their space last week!

Mostly business focused, rather than community focused, but interested in making connections as they settle into their new city centre space. Get in touch for more info, take a tour of their new space and connect.

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Helen Turner, YSJ

There are lots of students now in the city without academic work now the summer has begun, if you need volunteers for summer events/activities please contact Helen to develop connections which might help them bolster their CVs over the summer with some volunteer opportunities.

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5	<p>Future Meetings: 5 mins</p> <p>19 July – Forum meeting, nominations open for 6-week period (in-person)</p> <p><i>1 Sept – extraordinary meeting for election hustings, polling opens (online, recorded for catch-up)</i></p> <p>15 Sept – Forum meeting, elections results for Executive Group announced (in-person)</p> <p>25 Nov – Forum meeting</p> <p>All of these have been sent out as diary holds for your email-linked calendar.</p> <p>We need a venue for the 19 July, if you have a large space and would be happy to host, please let us know.</p> <p>We will also shift the time to later in the day so we can segue into a summer social after the meeting.</p>	
6	<p>AOB</p> <p>Barbara Swinn added information about community directors, included in the Explore York update above.</p> <p>Notices from Creative Learning Partnerships and Accessible Arts and Media are included in an appendix.</p>	

Appendix

Creative Learning Partnerships

Creative Learning Partnerships are working with Make it York to manage a programme of participatory workshops/activities in York schools to support and promote the Rugby League World Cup in November.

Individuals and companies with experience of working with children and young people can submit a proposal for a workshop/activity using this link:

<https://forms.gle/nr47mLFuSfH6Ctfq9>

Accessible Arts and Media

Catch Us in Concert!

Greetings from AAM - we're super-excited to be performing again in person!

Sunday 3rd July our fabulous Hands & Voices Choir and IMPs band will be joining forces with the Copmanthorpe Community Choir to bring you an afternoon of musical loveliness at the stunning new **Creative Centre at York St. John University**.

We all been busy making music and learning new songs together, so we thought it's about time to show off what we've been up to!

All the information you need is here: <https://www.aamedia.org.uk/news/catch-us-in-concert/>