

# <u>Birmingham 2022 Festival – Creative City Projects, funded by Birmingham City Council</u>

### 100th Birmingham, 1st Bournville Scout Group

Members of the scouts, brownies, and local residents will create a ceramic mural depicting the local 110-year history of the scouts in Bournville, as well as glassworks to display in the local area.

### **Active Arts Castle Vale**

The Festival of Flying will be a creation by residents and Highly Sprung Physical Theatre culminating a fusion of music, aerial, and mass performance exploring the industrial, regeneration and green future of Castle Vale.

### **Advocacy Matters Ltd**

10 disability groups across Birmingham will create short films exploring the journey of disabled people in Birmingham in the last twenty years.

### **African Community Heritage Hub**

Mbala Ballet will be created by Birmingham residents of African origin with artists from the Democratic Republic of Congo combining poetry, mime, traditional dance to a fusion of Afrobeat, Congolese traditional music and western funk.

### African Cultural Exchange Ltd (ACE Dance and Music)

Residents of Birchfield, Perry Barr and members of ACE are creating and designing a carnival costume with Brian MacFarlane.

### **Aidem Digital**

Communities of Indian, Pakistani, and Bangladeshi origin will work with three young artists from these communities to create three works of art and an accompanying documentary capturing stories of 'young meets old'.

### **Al Ahal Community UK**

Birmingham Yemeni-Somali young people will work with poets and spoken word artists to explore identity, history, and folklore to create their own poems and performances.

#### **Arts 50 Alive Network**

Arts 50 Alive members and residents from Northfield and Kings Norton will work with a local craft artist and a mural artist to co-create three pieces of creative new artwork that will explore their community heritage.

### **Arts All Over The Place**

Community and local support groups will work with artists to explore themes of mental health to make their own multi-artform exhibition.

### **Arts Forum Selly Oak c/o Number 11 Arts**

Disabled and non-disabled communities will work with multi-disciplinary visual arts to gather ideas of community and home, these will be captured as tactile screen prints alongside Braille artwork, leading into an audio described fully accessible visual arts exhibition.



### **Bangla Connection CIC**

Members of the Eritrean community in Birmingham will co-create a film to tell a colourful and rhythmic visual story of a community, their way of life and how they have made Birmingham as their new home.

#### **BE Festival CIC**

German Artists, Mamza, will work with the residents of the city to create The Garden State - a reinterpretation of a theatre stage with locally grown plants as the setting for talks and performances.

#### **Bertz Associates LTD**

Local young people will explore and share the sport history of Ladywood through a series of short films with a particular focus on the Tower Ballroom and Edgbaston Reservoir.

### **Birmingham Contemporary Music Group**

Ten community groups will work with composers and musicians to create ten musical flourishes to celebrate the local people, places, and moments.

### **Birmingham History Theatre Company**

Birmingham History Theatre Company members and artists will create a new musical play, The Middlemore Enquiry, as a means of illuminating and interpreting the emigration of child migrants and their lived experiences by the Middlemore Homes between 1873 and 1954.

### **Birmingham LGBT**

Lucy Lahoe and queer women will create a miniaturised gay bar experience for one audience member at a time. Inside the telephone box sized installation, visitors experience a night out in five minutes, complete with bouncers, cloakroom, a drink at the bar and of course a spin on the dancefloor!

### Birmingham PlayCare Network (BPCN)

Birmingham Scrapstore members will work with three visual artists to co-create a 3-D outdoor artwork exploring the concept of 'play'.

### **Birmingham Pragati Mandal**

Birmingham Pragati Mandal community members will work with artists and Indian crafts specialists to create Rangoli, Mehndi and Batik artworks

### Birmingham Pride (UK) Ltd

Birmingham's LGBTQ+ community and artists will explore 25 years of pride and protest to create a performance and visual artworks.

### **Birmingham Race Impact Group**

Local people representing different heritages that make up the modern population of Handsworth and Lozells will co-design and create a mural recognising the journey, heritage, and legacy of commonwealth settlement in Birmingham

#### **Black Arts Forum**

People in Perry Barr will work with a British Pakistani photographer Maryam Wahid to create and share their extraordinary, diverse and unique heritage and identity through family photographs and family albums.



#### **Black Arts Forum CIC**

Two local secondary schools will explore arts, science, and well-being to co-create a 3D sculpture, a temporary exhibition visual artwork, and a virtual gallery hosted at The Lapworth Museum.

### **Black Heritage Walks Network CIC**

People of Black African and Caribbean diaspora from Handsworth and Holyhead will work with mural artists to create 3 murals showcasing the Black Arts Movement in West Midlands and the cultural heritage of the Black African and Caribbean diaspora across Birmingham.

#### **Black Voices UK**

Sixteen community choirs will co-create The People's Anthem; a new choral music piece that will represent and celebrate Birmingham's diverse communities.

### **Break Mission (Donate To Participate) CIC**

Choreographers, performers, dancers, DJs and queer Hip-Hop artists will work with those interested in the Queer culture and history of Vogue, Ballroom, and waackin' dance forms to co-create a live dance experience.

#### **Budo Active Education**

Children and young people of Budo Active Education will work with a comic visual artist to create their own comic style interpretations of movement inspired by their martial arts.

### Cathedral Church of St. Philip Birmingham

People that have a relationship to Birmingham Cathedral will collaborate with architects to create a large 30 seat communal table.

### **Cedar Church**

Longwill School For Deaf Children and d/Deaf artists have created a BSL chorus called Your Love Lifts Me Up

### Children of the Sun Saturday School CIC

Children and young people of the African Caribbean community will create a wide variety of visual artwork, music, and spoken world telling a story of their African - Caribbean heritage and their Brummy identities.

### **China Plate Theatre Company**

Soho Settlers will be experiential audio poetry created with residents of Handsworth that have a connection, lived experience, and history of migration. Poems will be digitally pinned to real-life locations that users can collect by exploring Handsworth.

### **China Plate Theatre Company**

Jane Thakoordin, four community groups in Ladywood, and a group of bus drivers will collaborate to create a series of stunning "artivist" textile banners reflecting what local residents care about and calling for social change.

### **Culture Spectrum**

Birmingham residents with family connections to the Caribbean will work with African drummers, steelpan players, and a creative costume maker to bring the history of the steel pan to life through a 60-minute piece of musical theatre – Skin and Steel.



#### Czech & Slovak Club UK CIC

Members of Birmingham's eastern European communities will perform an ancient Slavonic tradition known as the Drowning of Winter, welcoming Spring through music, dance and crafts.

### **Deaf Explorer CIC**

Young deaf people and their siblings will work with Deaf artists and performers to create an outdoor dance show using a blend of sign language, visual vernacular and movement.

### **Digbeth Dining Club CIC**

School children will create their own family recipe books exploring their food heritage, experiences and stories of generations, tales of travel, celebrations, love and family.

#### **Drumatised**

Four groups - youth orchestra ensemble, Indian classical music students, Gujerati Rajput Samaj - Ladies Garba dance group, Yoga and Tai-Chi groups - will collaborate to create a new performance.

### Edgbaston Reservoir Co Limited (aka ERCO)

The community that use Edgbaston Reservoir will work with artists and various artforms to create a cross-cultural carnival procession, workshops, exhibitions, performances, woodland and open space installations, and creative film exploring participant perspectives and reflections.

### **Edge Arts**

Primary School children will work with a local folk band to create their own percussive and chant-based anthem to be performed as a procession with other artwork and banners.

#### **Eloquent Praise & Empowerment Dance Company**

Young people will work with dancers and choreographers to develop a large dance performance with musical elements.

#### Ex Cathedra

Artists from Ex Cathedra and Milapfest will work with a wider school community of parents and grown-ups to explore the musical traditions of India and Britain.

#### **Feed My Creative CIC**

A cross-generational collection of groups will work with photographer and a street artist to explore how electronics and textiles can be combined into an interactive exhibition.

### **Friction Arts Limited**

Exploring the theme of 'Back Home' several established community groups will work with a variety of artists including, musicians, and photographers, designers, and composers to create a wide range of artworks.

### Friends of Sparkhill Park

Members and local residents will work with visual artists to reimagine and reinvigorate an existing iron structure within the park.



### **Geese Theatre Company**

Geese Theatre and Staging Recovery will facilitate the creation of a humorous, honest and moving theatre experience that will bring the hidden voices of Birmingham residents anyone in 'recovery'.

#### **GIRL GRIND UK CIC**

Women of Ward End brings together local women to co-create a music and poetry performance, a dance performance, and multiple visual artworks.

### **GLUE Collective (Growing and Learning in Urban Environments)**

Children, young people and families with special needs will work with local community artists to create a vibrant, sensory pop-up play and creative environment installation made with reclaimed materials.

### Gospel Link 360 C.I.C.

Gospel Link 360 CIC Affinity youth club members will work with several musicians who hold stories of the Windrush generation to reimagine, sample, re-mix and re-create the sounds of those musicians and carry the stories forwards.

### Hall Green Infant and Junior Schools Home School Association

Members of Hall Green Infant and Junior Schools Home School Association will collaborate with How Brave is The Wren to produce creative writing, collections of poems, and short stories inspired by the community members' own experiences.

### **Handsworth Association of Schools**

Handsworth schools association will pair local creatives with schools and community groups to prepare for a 'Stage for Stories' Community Day where they can showcase their talents and tell the stories from people across the Commonwealth.

#### **Handsworth Creative**

Residents living local to Handsworth Park and attending local schools will work with public artists to co-create an inspiring new piece of public art for installation in Handsworth Park.

### **Highfield Hall Community Club**

Highfield Hall Community Club members will work with a textile artist to create new artworks that will have Hall Green at its heart.

### **High-Vis CIC**

Young people will work with up-and-coming street artists to create three large scale murals under the theme of 'legacy', and a film depicting the process.

### In Her Shoes (CIC) Birmingham

A group of women who are refugees and asylum seekers from different communities will create and perform new songs that explore the journeys of women who have made the journey to Birmingham.

### InteGreat Theatre

InteGreat's d/Deaf and hearing community theatre group will work with professional d/Deaf creative artists to visually create and celebrate Birmingham's history and bring the story of



Birmingham through the ages to life on the stage using British Sign Language, physical theatre, visual vernacular, puppetry, and Shakespeare.

### **InUnity**

Young people in south Birmingham based groups will work with music and spoken word artists and a graphic designer or videographer to create new artworks that express their personal or collective feeling of the Games coming to Birmingham.

### **Kashmiri Arts & Heritage Foundation**

South Asian and BAME residents living in Small Heath will work with writers and Small Heath musicians to create a five-part audio journey though the sounds of Small Heath.

### Kings Rise Academy PTFA (Parents Teachers and Friends Association)

Pupils of Kings Rise Academy and the local community will work with an artist to create Willow Terrace, an inspiring Outside Art Installation which will celebrate women's cricket.

### KINMOS Community mental health and recovery service

Kinmos mental health service users will work with visual artists to create a series of largescale banners that can be hung or carried by community groups in a way of taking back space or claiming space that has ordinarily not felt theirs.

### **Legacy WM**

Members of Bangladeshi community group Nowka Bais will work with mosaic artist Claire Cotterill to create a mosaic artwork that will be installed at Edgbaston Reservoir as part of a wider Arts & Heritage trail.

#### Make It Sustainable Ltd

Balsall Heath residents will work with artists and artist groups embedded within the local creative community create ceramic photo-mosaic murals celebrating the diverse residents of Balsall Heath today.

#### Martineau Gardens

Members of the Martineau Gardens community and children from local schools will work with an award-winning public artist to create a substantial metal sculpture that incorporates functioning gates to Martineau Gardens.

### **Midland Actors Theatre**

Young people will work with an artistic team to create an immersive experience at the Birmingham and Midland Institute exploring the history of Birmingham as a migrant city.

### **Mimar Collective CIC**

Young Muslim females will gather stories from their family histories and work with an artist to turn the selected stories into a theatre performance for a community audience.

### **Moor Pool Hall Heritage Trust**

Older members of Moor Pool Hall Heritage Trust members will work with Xpress-Yourself Dance CIC to create a new tea dance piece.

#### **Mooville Theatre CIC**

Members of Bethel Health & Healing Network Mother & Baby Group will work with theatre



artists to create an interactive multi-sensory and multi-artform theatre performance for preschool age children 3-5 years.

### **Moseley Farmer's Market**

Children attending schools in Moseley will work with Moseley musician led group The Dionysus Ensemble musicians to create their own, new & bespoke piece of music.

### **Moseley Road Baths CIO**

Young members of ASIRT (Asylum Support & Research Team) will work with a high-profile mixed media artist and a Birmingham based writer/performer/artist/activist to create a performance featuring unique contemporary masks, installation pieces and wearables around the theme of a contemporary 'Rite of Passage'.

### **Newbigin Community Trust**

Young people living in Winson Green, and Handsworth will work with an experienced blacksmith and local graphic artist to create a range of jewellery made from melted down knives which have been confiscated by the police from the streets of Birmingham.

#### **No Outsiders**

A range of LGBTQIA+ artists, producers and companies will develop specific new arts activities and artworks in response to participant and audience feedback and observation that will form an inclusive, free family LGBTQ+ festival of creative chaos.

### No.11 Arts Ltd

Members of local residents' group 'Shaping the Future of Tyseley and Hay Mills' will work with artists including Khatween Creative Minds to create an individual art piece that will form as part of a wider local arts trail.

### No.11 Arts Ltd with Arts Forum Selly Oak

Selly Oak disabled, and non-disabled communities will work with multi-disciplinary disabled and non-disabled artists to create an audio described fully accessible visual arts exhibition sharing ideas of community and home

### **No.7 Community Arts**

Nechells residents aged over 50 will work with a theatre practitioner and internationally acclaimed documentary photographer to create poetic performance/s and an audio-visual exhibition which will tell the story of the area from the era of Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens, Nechells up to 2030.

### Norton Hall Children & Family Centre

Women engaged with the Dolphin Centre in Ward End Park will work with digital visual artists to make their own creative responses to Ward End Park and the Botanical collections at Winterbourne House and Gardens.

### **Not now Collective**

Members of Not Now Collective (a migrant led arts organisation) will work with Western Balkan heritage artists to create an ambisonic audio installation inspired by bare feet, lived experience of finding home in Birmingham and the city's rich multi-cultural fabric.

### **Open Door Community Foundation**

Bromford and Hodge Hill residents and pupils will work with Sundragon Community Pottery



to create an Arts Trail around an existing mile walking route known locally as The Bluebell Trail.

### **Outer Circle Arts Ltd**

Residents around Blakesley Hall will be selected to work with artists to create their own museum made up of a collection of personal objects that have meaning to that individual and tells their story.

### **Picture This Media CIC**

Members of community groups in south Birmingham will work with photographer John Hemming to celebrate communities, life and cultures through the medium of photography.

### **Place Prospectors CIC**

Residents in Druids Heath will work with Birmingham artist, Mohammed Ali, to create a large-scale mural.

### **Rectory Amateur Boxing Club**

Rectory Amateur Boxing Club members will explore music and boxing by working with musicians to use the rhythm of the boxers to create individual tunes.

#### Reel Access Ltd

Glebe Farm and Tile Cross residents will work with artists to gather a montage of local stories inspired by the theme Stories of Birmingham to be shared via a story house in Glebe Farm Recreation Ground.

#### **Riverside Church Trust**

Children living in south Birmingham will work with a movement/storyteller, a physical theatre practitioner an aerial circus performer, an animator and Performing Arts Trainees to create a culminative performance of four parts that responds to the phrase Together we...

#### Saathi House

Muslim women living in Aston and surrounding areas will work with a poet, spoken word artist and sewing leader to create a collection of new poetry, spoken word, tapestries and a patchwork mural that is reflective of their life experiences, thinking, and passion.

### **Secret City Arts**

Members of two women's groups meeting at ISRA UK will work with poetry, sound and visual artists to create a walking trail leaflet inspired by trees and local green spaces with links to audio and digital artwork.

#### Selextorhood

Secondary school students will work with female and non-binary DJs and Music Producers to create and perform DJ sets.

### **Shakti Women in the Community**

Members of Shakti Women in the Community will work with a choreographer to create a performance piece celebrating the experiences of women as they live with racism, sexism, misogyny as well as a range of societal expectations of domesticity, subservience.

### **Simmer Down Arts CIC**

Children and young people living in North and West Birmingham will work with sound and



performance artists to create three new mass performances comprising music, dance, theatre and spoken word.

### Sol Cafe CIC

Members of Sol Cafe (a queer run, queer led sober cafe for the community by the community) will work with a multi-disciplinary artist, writer and performer to create street messaging and an immersive theatre performance.

### Sonia Sabri Company (SSCo)

Members of Saheli Hub living close to each other in the Balsall Heath, Sparkhill and Sparkbrook will work with visual, design, spoken word and dance artists to create an outdoor performance and visual artwork celebrating South Asian culture.

### **Stirchley Happenings**

Residents and traders of Stirchley will work with locally based visual, design and music artists to create a range of artworks that will interweave into the fabric of the local area.

### Stryx LTD

Young women with autism and support needs will work with Stryx artists to create a tapestry-like textile piece of work about building strong and safe communities and spaces for women.

#### **TCU The Creative Universe C.I.C**

Children and young people will work with a playwright, professional Black actors and a director to co-create a Black British children's pantomime – ZENDAYA.

#### TCU The Creative Universe C.I.C

Birmingham women will work with professional actors and a film production team to co-write and co-create a Black British drama that will follow four female journeys.

#### The Bone Ensemble

Members of community groups and organisations in Stirchley and Bournville will work with performance artists to create a multi-artform site-based performance telling their stories of cocoa and chocolate through words, music and song

### The GAP Arts Project

Residents living near Moseley Road in Balsall Heath will work with community producers and a range of professional artists to produce six pieces of visual, sound and dance artworks inspired by and using historical cultural resistance practices.

### The Midlands Greek and Cypriot Association

The Midlands Greek and Cypriot Association have been inspired to celebrate the culture of two Commonwealth countries – Malta and Cyprus – with an evening of music, poetry and art.

### The Pump (East Birmingham) Ltd.

Girls and young women living in East Birmingham will work with artist Call Me Unique to write, record and perform a track (and produce an accompanying video) that says something about them and their lives in East Birmingham in 2022.

### The Recovery Foundation

Adults recovering from mental health crisis will work with visual artists to create artwork for



an exhibition in Erdington to promote Art in Parks, Urban Art and Journaling for Better Mental Health.

## The United Church of St Paul's Balsall Heath (Anglican and URC) also known as Balsall Heath Church Centre

Members of United Church of St Paul's and two neighbouring Mosques will work with producer Jo Ind and award-winning artists Shaheen Ahmed and Dave Gray to create an artists' map of Balsall Heath, showing the neighbourhood as a place of nature.

### The Zawiya Trust

Children and young people will work with Safa singers and a young vibrant British singer to create a vocal concert called heartbeat featuring calligraphy artworks.

### TuneUp Arts

Young people will work with a range of artists to create a Street Art piece and live music performance reflecting the diversity of Birmingham.

### **United Community Activity Network**

Young people will work with Birmingham based street artists to create visual artworks which will share 1st generation migrant elders' journeys to Birmingham.

### **Vivid Projects**

Ten early career Black artists will create amazing digital visuals, all created from code.

#### **Walsall Road Leisure Gardens Association**

Young people with additional needs from the Open Doors Project will create a song with music, lyrics and accompanying film inspired by the city of Birmingham, and their local area.

### **West Heath Community Association**

West Heath Community Centre users will bring colour and sound to the outside areas of the centre through new glass and mosaic artworks.

### **Windswept Workshops CIC**

Northfield residents will work with visual, creative writing and performance artists to develop creative benches that inspire positive conversations about cultural identity and heritage

### Women & Theatre (Birmingham) Ltd

Women and girls living in Ward End will work with theatre artists, a composer and D/deaf artist to create an audio theatre production involving a local community cast.

### **Writing West Midlands**

Young people will make 90 second films of their own spoken word or poetry that will be screened in local communities.

### **Zeroplus Theatre**

Young people associated with Saathi House and New Hope Global will co-create a theatrical interpretation with a specific focus on hockey.