Leicester Museums & Galleries

Culture & Neighbourhoods Scrutiny
Commission
October 2023



Museums Programme 2023-24

Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation Funding

£1.2M funding over three years 2023-26

2023-24 : **£403,360**



A Healthier, Happier City

Develop a new gallery about climate change at Leicester Museum & Art Gallery





A Healthier Happier City Development of a New Climate Change Gallery

- Development of co-produced gallery to provoke debate about climate and evolutionary change
- Advocacy role, supporting Council's Climate Emergency Strategy
- Themes developed long list
- Initial public engagement/consultation plan drafted
- Outline delivery plan and budget drafted
- Meeting with Heritage Fund, EOI submission Oct
- Meeting with LCC Sustainability Team
- Identification of potential partners in progress





A Healthier, Happier City Telling The Story of Leicester Through Co-curation

3 Co-Curated Exhibitions in Leicester Stories galleries

First exhibition 'ME' – 35,887 visitors.

Second exhibition 'Through My Eyes' delivered, third exhibition in

development.







A Healthier, Happier City **Telling The Story of Leicester Through Co-curation**

Popping to the Shops exhibition at Newarke Houses Museum and **Westcotes Library**

100 leaflets distributed 4 workshops delivered both at library and in shops 43 participants 12 objects identified from participants





Leicester

Contemporary Collecting Project

A Healthier, Happier city Telling The Story of Leicester Through Co-curation

3 Co-curated library exhibitions

- New Parks: Western Wild, Install date 27th October
- This exhibition is a partnership with Leicester Environmental Volunteers and Parks Services, celebrating the wildlife we have all around us

5 workshops completed, 2 in progress, 30 participants







A Healthier, Happier City Telling The Story of Leicester Through Co-curation

Online Content

Key Achievements

- Promo film for Punks exhibition x5 films published to social media channels.
- HAF film created and published to promote Museum Holiday Club.
 Very well received by funders and partners.
- x73 Stories of Leicester posts 1 June 31 August 2023.
- x148 Leicester Museums posts 1 June 31 August 2023.
- Plan to create online version of Shoes using text and images from exhibition – after run has finished.
- Website sessions: 330k 2022/23; over 100k in Q1 2023/24.

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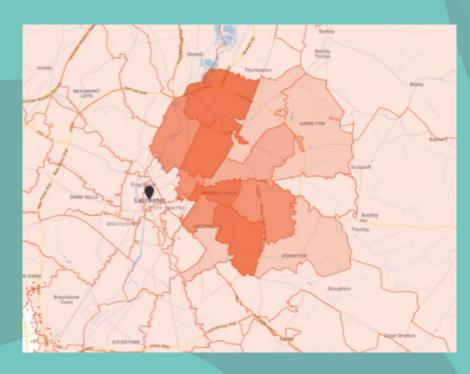
Deliver a programme of free activities



Engaging target audiences through free offsite & onsite events

Engagement events in Facebook Family and Kaleidoscope Creativity target wards







Help With the Cost of Living Engaging Leicester's target audience segments through offsite & onsite events

Festivals and pop-up museums

- Mela 1000 direct participants (500 adults / 500 children & young people)
- Pride festivals 1200 direct participants (700 adults / 500 children and young people)

Pop-Up museum events planned for Feb and March 2024





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Co-produced community events

•BHM: 18th October 2023 – designed to complement the Casta exhibition,

Object of the Month; Anthony Amoako-Attah glass bag - 'Take me Home'

•Diwali: 11th November 2023 – designed to also inform the Diwali event planned

for 5th November

Purpose: leading to a more diverse interpretation of collections from a broader range of voices



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Engagement events in Facebook Family and Kaleidoscope

Creativity target wards

X 4 Holiday Activity & Food Programme events
Delivered with Cabinet of Curiosities
X 85 participants







Development Programme

Help with the Cost of Living Engaging Leicester's target audience segments through offsite & onsite events

Inspired & Inspiring volunteer development programme

- Inspired & Inspiring Training Programme 4 intakes over the year
- New Gardening Activity at Abbey Pumping Station
- Programme of In Community Events
- Programme of In Museum Events
- Programme of Garden Events

Combine 4 intakes into 3.



Inspired & Inspired Volunteer Training

7 courses completed

94 attendees

64 from target wards

3 completions

2 work placements

2 in employment





Cultural Inspiration & Access For Young People

Holiday activities & food programme

- 16 sessions delivered over August
- 93 participations
- Positive feedback from young people & parents
- Lessons learnt need for more & better marketing of the HAF programme; video and photo footage, webpage, direct to schools.

Combatting exclusion

- Programme for 10 sessions in Nov 2023 working with Graffwerks to achieve Bronze Arts Award for participants
- Advertising to secondary schools for referrals.
- Conflict management training for team
- Recruiting volunteers from DMU



Delivering world class museums

Develop learning resources for schools

- Two self-led learning resources for the Guildhall COMPLETE
- Second activity postcard to be sent out to all primary schoolchildren before October half term.
- Offer free Curriculum
 Enrichment session as prize to encourage take-up.



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Develop family resources for temporary exhibitions

- 'Play time' COMPLETE
- 'Out of the Stores: SHOES Best Foot Forward'
- 'Open: The People's Exhibition'
- Monitoring participant numbers through volunteers on gallery

