

Doncaster Culture Education Partnership Action Plan 2017 - 2020

The Doncaster Culture Education Partnership (DCEP) brings arts and cultural organisations, educational institutions and the local authority together to drive a joined-up local arts and cultural offer for children and young people (CYP) across the borough both inside and outside of school. The DCEP feeds into the Creative & Cultural Strategic Partnership (CCSP) which has written the first ever 'Partnership Creative and Culture Strategy 2016-2021' for Doncaster. The DCEP 's vision has become one of the strategies key aims 'To see all children and young people and their families participating in and enjoying great cultural experiences across Doncaster'.

The DCEP Mission is to:

- We will focus on practical activity and collaboration, which deepens our understanding of the impact of creative/cultural activity on children and young people.
- We will seek to strengthen the partnership through diverse cultural and artistic programming and by demonstrating more meaningful impact through collaborative working. We will recognise, share and draw upon experience of the partners and their areas of expertise.
- We will focus on three collaborations a year with tangible and achievable outcomes, which specifically demonstrate the impact of creative/cultural activity on identity, wellbeing and learning. Our methodology will assess and articulate the impact of these programmes and is shared across the partnership.
- We will be consultative with young people, so that young people have a clear and central voice to our work, influencing our direction and focus.
- We will work in a way, which allows fluidity to membership of the group. Members contribute what they can, when they can. Membership is open to cultural and educational organisation within the borough.
- Partners will fulfil an advocacy role using newly acquired evidence to demonstrate the value of cultural experience to communities and families in Doncaster and to raise awareness of the benefits of great cultural and artistic engagement.
- We will work within the [Arts Councils 7 Quality Principles](#).

Other Strategies and Reports:

[The Voice Project Report 2017](#) - CYP shared recommendations for the DCEP:

- Capturing interest at primary age.
- 'Go to them' with accessible after school/holiday clubs.
- Create better promotion & advertising for CYP.
- Provide discounted initiatives to reduce cost.
- To overcome social mobility, arts & cultural activities should be part of the 'Doncaster Dispensation'.
- Better cooperation & communication between DCEP and schools

[Doncaster Children and Young People's Plan 2017-2020](#) sets out a collective ambition to be the most child friendly borough in the country. The plan shares priorities to improve children's outcomes including: Staying Safe, Being Healthy and Happy, Achieving, and Equality.

[One Doncaster Report published in 2016](#) shares recommendations that came out of the Independent Commission on Education and Skills in Doncaster. The recommendations are split into 7 characteristics. The DCEP will support the implementation of the 6th characteristic 'Foster a commitment to creativity and inclusivity', which includes the following recommendations:

- Establish a STEM strategy co-owned by culture and education teams.
- Increase take-up of the National Arts Award in Doncaster Schools.
- Establish an incubator maker space in Doncaster town centre.
- Establish a woman and girls creative empowerment programme.

Action Plan

This action plan sets out how the DCEP will achieve their vision.

What	How	When by	Who	Status
1. Connect CYP & their families with great arts & culture.	Increase access to Arts Award.	Jul 2018	Early Years & Schools Working Group	To do
	Promote the impact of the arts on early years and primary aged children (0-11yrs).	Sep 2019	Early Years & Schools Working Group	To do
	Encourage and promote a Doncaster wide out of school arts & culture provision. As recommended in the Voice Report.	Jul 2020	Marketing Group	To do
2. Work with schools to recognise the value of the arts and commit to embedding arts & culture into CYP lives.	Advance school take-up of Artsmark - working in collaboration with IVE, Education Sector, PIL, Governors, and Creative Organisations - as recommended in the One Doncaster report.	Jul 2018	Early Years & Schools Working Group	In progress
	Galvanise key arts and education champions sharing best practice and advocating within the education sector.	At key events	Early Years & Schools Working Group	Ongoing
	Support the work on the STEAM not STEM agenda.	Ongoing	Early Years & Schools Working Group	Ongoing

	Organise DCEP Arts Teach Meet events, and promote a Doncaster training /CPD programme for teachers and cultural practitioners.	Jul 2018	CDP Working Group	In progress - see action log
3. Work with cultural organisations to provide creative opportunities for CYP.	Provide information and guidance on the DCEP website around targeting provision. Encouraging co-delivery and co-application for cultural investment.	Jul 2020	DCEP	To do
	Offers as part of the Doncaster Dispensation Project that is being developed by the Education skills /social mobility steering group. AS recommended in the Voice Report.	Oct 2017	Education skills /social mobility steering group	To do
	Develop a collective approach to Arts Award with providers.	Dec 2018	Early Years & Schools Working Group	To do
4. Improve communications between CYP, schools and cultural organisations.	Create a joined up cultural marketing and communications strategy aimed at culture and education sectors, CYP and their families.	Nov 2017	DCEP-DMBC Culture	To do
	Grow the DCEP mailing list and growing the offer for members. Promote the benefits of becoming a member.	Ongoing	DCEP	Ongoing
	Share information about the Expect Youth with stakeholders.	Dec 2017	DCEP Cast & Darts	To do
	Develop and maintain the DCEP website newsletter.	July 2018	DCEP Culture Team, Hallcross	In progress
	Use the Creative Doncaster social media accounts to promote the DCEP using hashtags including #DoncasterCEP. Create a Culture Education Twitter list.	Oct 2017	All DCEP	Ongoing

	Identify ways to engage parents and carers in cultural and artistic experiences. Create targeted messages and content aimed at parents and carers that will encourage and increase their cultural and artistic engagement and promote wellbeing.	Sept 2018	Doncaster Dispersation	
5. Give CYP a voice and the ability to influence arts & culture in Doncaster.	Set up a arts and culture youth forum that will feed into the DCEP CCSP and EXPECT Youth.	Dec 2017	Voice Project working group	
6. Creative skills development for CYP.	Champion culture skills opportunities working with Creative Industries, Doncaster Chamber Skills Academy and CYP.	Sep 2018	Culture Skills Working Group.	
7. Work in collaboration to secure culture investment in the arts in Doncaster.	Establish a business development working group to explore income generations options to support culture education in Doncaster.	July 2018	TBC	

Working Groups and Task and Finish Groups

Task and finish groups will be established to take actions forward, each group will create their own action logs. Live working groups include:

- **CDP working group - CPD [ACTION LOG](#)**
Chair: Mike Dougherty, Karen Dainty, Paul Littlewood, Rachel Newman & Paul Davies.
- **Early years & schools working group [ACTION LOG](#)**
Chair: Sarah Clough, Mike Dougherty, Dave (Manic Chord), Paul Davies
- **Voice Project working group**
TBC
- **Creative & Cultural Marketing Group**
Marketing representatives from CCSP and DCEP members.