

**Culture Consortium Meeting**  
**26th September 2024**  
**Adelphi Room, Crucible Theatre**

**Present**

Roger Bateman	Sheffield Hallam University
Tom Bird	Sheffield Theatres
Sonia Gayle	African Heritage Culture Forum
Annabel Grundy	Sheffield DocFest (Co-Chair)
Kirstie Hamilton	Sheffield Museums
Judith Harry	Site Gallery
Claudia Lastra	Arts Catalyst
Katie Matthews	Gut Level
Sarah Sharp	SCC
Jo Towler	Music in the Round
Olivier Tsemo	SADACCA (Co-Chair)
Wendy Ulyett	SCC
Ian Wild	Showroom Workstation
Jo Wingate	SCC

**Apologies**

Katy Ashton	SCC
Diana Buckley	SCC
Amy Cooper	Sheffield Children, Youth and Family Consortium
Hilary Coulson	SCC
Mojisola Elufowoju	Utopia Theatre
Dave Hembrough	SCYFC, Sheffield Hallam
Robin Hughes	Joined Up Heritage
Neil Jones	SCC
Georgina Kettlewell	Yorkshire Artspace
Jennifer Morton	Joined Up Heritage
Daljinder Singh	Theatre Deli
Lesley Webster	University of Sheffield
Rose Wilcox	The Leadmill

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

**1. SHEFFIELD SHOWCASE** findings were presented by Joe Harris and Danielle Parker-Jessop. The presentation provided clarity on expenditure and feedback to the Consortium as the accountable body for their SPF funding.

Questions included representation by postcode:

The lack of response from S4 and S9 was queried – the team had targeted S3 and S7 for flyer distribution.

It was still very soon after the event and the profile of respondents will be updated.

Comments included that each participating organisation had a small amount of support, but it does enable them to try new initiatives and engage wider audiences.

## **2. MoU ROLE OF COUNCIL AND CONSORTIUM**

It was suggested that this should be led by the culture strategy.

## **3. CULTURE STRATEGY AND DELIVERY PLAN**

There will be six more Task & Finish group sessions to discuss the Hub Model.

It will be co-designed by, and speak to, the sector. The meetings will take place November – April.

The extent of ownership of the Hub by the council is one of the first things on the agenda for the Task & Finish group. The model will be rolled out and tested and will evolve over time.

With more regional power, priorities may change. A Place Partnerships bid will explore what that model is.

The Collective are also looking at their governance and investing some budget to review.

Sarah had looked at different ways of working and had spoken with representatives from cities such as Leeds and Manchester; each have different models.

**Action:** Sarah to share some of the examples she has explored in other cities.

The Consortium have accepted the need to reframe/re-imagine what their role could be. Discussion of a future (possibly hub and spoke) model included the need for a democratic process; clarity of purpose; comms between the groups; visibility and transparency.

Design of the change process is important – need to spend time on this now.

It was suggested the Hub could pay for its own secretariat.

The Consortium and Collective should have an ongoing dialogue, with Chairs from each group attending meetings.

**Action:** Collective is a standing agenda item.

There was a request for a facilitated session for the Consortium, but the timing needs to fall in line with the work of the Task & Finish group. It could be that Ruth Nutter facilitates a day later in the year.

**Action:** Task and Finish outcomes to be fed back to the Consortium regularly. Consortium to engage in hub/spoke model conversations.

Comments on strategy and delivery plan: we will all sign up to outcomes, but who, how and when? the actions need to be clear. Delivery plan needs more priorities and to identify who will action them.

## **4. EDI**

Sonia reported that REP Sheffield is due to meet on 30<sup>th</sup> September. One of the areas REC looked at was culture. Need joined up approach with key dates in calendar in advance.

Olivier had met with Fatima Khan-Shah and they're working collaboratively.

Lack of South Asian representation was noted. Bradford 2025 had been a great example of of embedded South Asian community and representation in programme and event.

Olivier commented it's hard to get people to the same table but can give community organisations resources to elevate themselves.

Health inequalities were raised; covid had highlighted disparities.

Sarah is in the process of conversations with Creative Health Sheffield and South Yorkshire Health. Well-being is a key part of culture.

**Action:** Creative Health to be a forthcoming agenda item.

It's Black History Month in October with many events throughout the month.

## 5. CLIMATE ACTION

Judith mentioned that the next meeting takes place in October.

The group have set up a google resource to share policy research and reference material.

Need resources for Carbon Literacy training.

Sarah suggested that if SPF is underspent there may be a way forward for carbon literacy training.

Roger commented it would be useful to know who joined the group. There are a number of people who deliver training already.

**Action:** Judith to pick up the conversation on training options.

## 6. FINANCES

The Consortium currently have a balance of £10,928.

Sarah added this was carried over from previous years.

Site Gallery puts in a declaration each year.

The listing on Companies House will be addressed but will wait to change once governance conversations are had.

**Action:** Sarah to take off Laura from Companies House.

## 7. AOB

Annabel asked whether anyone had any updates re. party conferences.

Potential devolution of funding had been discussed.

Action	Who	Deadline/timeframe
Remove Laura from Director status on Companies House.	Sarah.	By next meeting (25 October).
Make Culture Collective feedback/dialogue a standing item on the agenda.	Co-Chairs.	Ongoing.
Task and Finish group outcomes to be fed back to the Consortium.	Consortium representatives on T&F group.	Ongoing.
Hub and Spoke models – response.	Respond as a group.	By March 2025.

Share examples of models from other cities.	Sarah.	October meeting.
Pick up conversations about Carbon Literacy training.	Judith.	October/November.
Creative Health to be an agenda item.	Co-Chairs.	January/February 2025.