



Are you a Community Connector?

We are here to offer you the resources, training and support you need to bring your ideas to life.

Do you have a great idea for a project that will benefit your community?

Do you organise activities that bring people together in your area?

Can you bring community members together to co-create a project?

Would you like to gain the skills and confidence to turn your idea into a reality?

Coventry City of Culture Trust is looking for 10 individuals or groups who have a passion for their local area and its residents.

We want to hear about the work you are already doing - and what you dream of doing - to create positive change in your community.

Become a Community Connector and you could benefit from:

- **The chance to gain new skills through our accessible training and mentoring programme learning from a team of professionals**
- **A project budget of up to £4000 to turn your idea into a reality**
- **An allowance of £300 per month to cover your time and out-of-pocket expenses**

We are now recruiting for Phase 2 of our Community Connectors programme. Successful projects from Phase 1 included:

- Improving the community garden at Foleshill Community Centre to supply more vegetables for the members of its Social Supermarket.
- Making a short film “Sanctuary of our City” as an artistic platform for women who are refugees, asylum seekers or migrants in Coventry.
- Staging a one-day festival celebrating Bulgarian culture, food and traditions by and for people from Coventry.

Is this programme for me?

You can apply to be a Community Connector if you are:

- A community champion in your area with the seed of an idea for a project that uses creativity (in its broadest sense) to bring people together and make a positive impact on their lives.
- OR if you are an individual who is working or volunteering for a community group, charity or voluntary organisation and have an idea you would like to develop then this may be the programme for you
- We're looking for Community Connectors based in any of the following wards in Coventry:

Northeast: Longford, Wyken

Southeast: Upper Stoke, Binley & Willenhall, Cheylesmore

Southwest: Westwood, Woodlands, Whoberley, Sherbourne

Northwest: Bablake

- Available to attend 8 training sessions from October 2021 - May 2022 on the following dates:

Welcome session	Thu 21 October 2021, 2.30pm - 5pm
Training session 1	Thu 18 November 2021, 2pm - 5pm
Training session 2	Thu 16 December 2021, 2pm - 5pm
Training session 3	Thu 20 January 2022, 2pm - 5pm
Training session 4	Thu 17 February 2022, 2pm - 5pm
Training session 5	Thu 17 March 2022, 2pm - 5pm
Training session 6	Thu 28 April 2022, 2pm - 5pm
Evaluation session	Thu 5 May 2022

These will be held at different venues across the 10 wards and in Coventry city centre.

The final cohort will be selected based on the above criteria and ensuring there is a diverse range of people and spread across the 10 wards listed across the city.

If you're still unsure if this programme is for you, our team will be available to answer your questions at the following online information Q&As:

Thursday 2 September 2021, 6pm

Tuesday 21 September 2021, 1pm & 6pm

*all Q&As will be 45mins long

To attend one of these sessions, email collaborativecity@coventry2021.co.uk OR call [02476 998 221](tel:02476998221)

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What you will receive

Structured training

You'll benefit from a programme of training and support from October 2021 - May 2022:

- A welcome session to meet the other Community Connectors and to organise any access support and other support needs you may have.
- 3-hour training sessions per month, which will cover event management, budgeting, fundraising and community outreach.
- Sessions consist of taught elements, individual activities and group discussion and are led by [64 Million Artists](#), alongside staff from Coventry City of Culture and guest speakers from the arts and events industries.
- A dedicated Project Manager offering regular one-to-one advice and support throughout your time on the programme.

A project budget

Each Community Connector will receive a budget of up to £4,000 depending on your project idea and its potential reach and impact. This budget is to spend directly on the activity that you want to develop.

A personal allowance

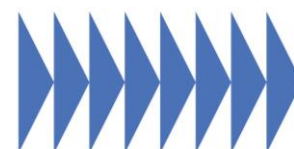
This is not a paid employment opportunity. However, if selected, you will receive an allowance of £300 per month to support your time on the programme, and to cover out-of-pocket expenses like bus fares, childcare, home working, and time away from existing work responsibilities.

Access support

We will provide additional support with any access needs you have in order to ensure we remove as many barriers from taking part in this programme.

“Being a Community Connector has taught me how abstract ideas can come to life and how to overcome the inevitable challenges of production and event management.” Previous participant

How to apply



To apply to become a Community Connector, please answer the following three questions:

Full name

Address

Email

Phone number

Tell us a bit about you and your community work (up to 250 words)

Tell us about the idea you have and how you would like to develop this (up to 250 words)

Which ward(s) in Coventry is your proposed project based? (we can only accept applications from projects based in the following wards: Bablake, Binley & Willenhall, Cheylesmore, Longford, Sherbourne, Upper Stoke, Westwood, Whoberley, Woodlands or Wyken)

Tell us why you would like to be on this programme and what you would like to get out of this experience (up to 250 words)

[Click here to apply using our online application form](#)

You can submit your written responses in an email, as a Word document or pdf attachment, or handwritten by post. You may also submit your answers in video or audio form. Please ensure you provide your full name and contact information (address, phone number and/or email address).

We want to work with a wide range of people, in particular those who are usually underrepresented in the arts and creative industries. If you need help with your application, please contact us at collaborativecity@coventry2021.co.uk or call 02476 998 221 and ask to speak to Anna Morris about Community Connectors.

Please complete the equal opportunities form by clicking the link below:

[Equal Opportunities form](#)

Please send your application by 12pm on Friday 1 October 2021

By email: collaborativecity@coventry2021.co.uk

By post: Anna Morris, Project Manager, Coventry City of Culture
Herbert Museum & Art Gallery, Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP

Applicants will be notified during the week commencing 11 October 2021.

Best of luck and we look forward to hearing from you!



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