



ARE YOU A COMMUNITY CONNECTOR?

Do you volunteer time to connect people in your local community, help them to organise and plan activities, projects or events, to resolve local issues or celebrate local talent?

Would you like to learn more about delivering arts events, taking a small seed of an idea to making the idea a reality? Are you interested in getting more involved with the creative team and work at Coventry City of Culture Trust? This is your chance!

The Collaborative City team are looking for 8 Community Connectors, from 8 different areas of the City, to work with and support their development.

Build up your skills and knowledge in running your own activity, project or event and be part of a network of other Community Connectors and Producers across the city, so that we can help amplify your work in the community.

This is a **5-month** Community Connector programme which includes monthly half day learning, development and networking sessions plus the opportunity to create cultural activity with your local communities and organisations together with the [Collaborative City Team Producers](#).

We know you are doing amazing work out there in this brilliant place that is Coventry. We see you. We know you are holders of the keys to the communities you serve, and we want to help you to build on this wonderful work.

This programme is part of the '21 Streets of Culture' project funded by the National Lottery Community Fund and led by [64 Million Artists](#) with the Collaborative City Team.

Is there help for you to be involved in this activity?

Whilst this is not a paid employment opportunity, we will be able to provide each of the 8 selected Community Connectors with a stipend of £2,000 over the programme to support towards covering out of pocket expenses like bus fares and increasing broadband allowance, and to cover any necessary time away from existing work responsibilities. We will provide each Community Connector with a budget of up to £2,000 to spend on some activity, project or event that you may want to develop in your community during the programme. Alongside this, we will provide support with any access needs you have in order to ensure we remove any barriers from taking part in this programme including support with digital inclusion.

COVENTRY CITY OF CULTURE TRUST
C/O THE HERBERT ART GALLERY & MUSEUM, JORDAN WELL, COVENTRY, CV1 5QP
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This programme is for people who:

1. Live in Coventry and are active community champions in their area of the city
2. Want to use arts or culture to create positive change in Coventry
3. Want to work in your local community to promote collaboration and positive change

We want to hear from you about the work you are already doing in your community, including the part you would like your community work to play in City of Culture activity.

To Apply

Share a written (digitally or handwritten) or recorded (video or audio) response to the following questions (approximately 250 words per question) with us:

- Tell us a bit about you and your work in the community, in your part of the city
- Tell us a bit about how you would like to develop your work in the community
- Tell us about why you would like to be part of this programme, work with producers at the Trust and what you would most like to get out of this experience
- Finally, tell us if there is a cultural activity, project or event you would like yourself and the community you work with, to play their part

We will be running an info session on Monday 12th October and Thursday 15th October to show what the programme might be like. This hands-on session is free to attend, led by 64 Million Artists, you'll get to hear from The Collaborative City team, participate in group activities and ask questions about the programme. You don't have to attend the taster session to apply for the programme.

We will be inviting a selection of people to a Development/Conversation session on Thursday 29 October to meet 64 Million Artists, some of the producers from the Collaborative City team and other applicants to talk more about your community work and ideas.

Please ensure you can answer yes to the following questions:

- I live in Coventry
- I am involved in shaping community activity or community organising in Coventry, however big or small
- I want to build on this work and develop my knowledge, skills and experience
- I want to work with the Producing team and partners at the City of Culture Trust and play my part in our big year, from May 2021 to May 2022.

We want to work with a wide range of people in this programme. It has been created for people who will benefit most from additional time and support, with a focus on people underrepresented in the arts, heritage and cultural sector. For more information, we recommend looking at [Arts Council England's Creative Case for Diversity](#).

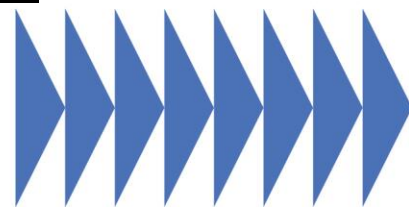
The final cohort will be selected based on the above criteria and ensuring there is a diverse range of people, geographically spread across 8 different areas of the city.

Responses should be emailed to CollaborativeCity@coventry2021.co.uk or posted / delivered for the attention of Jacqui Ibbotson, Coventry City of Culture Trust, Herbert Museum and Art Gallery, Jordan Well, Coventry CV1 5QP.

To be delivered by the deadline date and time: Friday 23 October, midday



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Don't forget...

Please ensure you provide your full name, and contact information (address, phone numbers/s, and email address if you have one), e.g. the best way to contact you.

[Please also complete this Diversity and Equal Opportunities Form.](#) The form can be posted out to you if needed.

Contact us via our main telephone line to request an equal opportunities form and/or if you have any questions you would like a Collaborative City Team Producer to answer: 02476 998 221

Key Dates:

Information workshop: Monday 12 October at 12.30pm OR Thursday 15th October at 6.00pm

Click here to register <https://community-connectors.eventbrite.co.uk/>

Application Deadline: Friday 23 October at midday

Shortlisted candidates invited to Development/Conversation sessions with Collaborative City Team producers: Thursday 29 October at 11.00am - 1.00pm

Applicants Notified: Week Commencing 2 November

First monthly session starts in the second half of November.

Wishing you the best of luck with your statement and hope to hear from you shortly!

For more information about the Coventry 10-year Cultural Strategy visit www.covculture.com and for more information about Coventry UK City of Culture 2021 visit www.coventry2021.co.uk

64 Million
artists!

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