

Town of Culture Advisory Group Meeting 2

April 3rd 2024

Notes

ideas to promote town wide collaboration:

Town of Culture (ToC) is an opportunity to promote and support greater collaboration between arts and cultural groups in the town as we work together to open up opportunities for more young adults. This should be something that is carried forward beyond Bridport's time as ToC. Collaboration needs to a legacy of ToC.

Greater collaboration via ToC needs to begin to address and break down the perceived barriers between existing organisations, events and venues and young adults?

Should ToC be a prescribed 'menu' of opportunities that young adults can sign up for? Or more about setting out ingredients that are available during ToC and supporting young adults to develop skills by 'doing' events of their own making?

Offers:

- Tortilla Cantana - **Venue for young adult meetings/events,**
- South/ Souwest Gallery Symondsburry – **space and mentoring,**
- Godfrey & Karen - **Workshops to produce banner,**
- Opera Circus - **International Day of Democracy – Sept 14-15 (see Advisory Grp 1 Note for details)**
- Bridport Youth and Community Centre – **festival ideas and a way of linking established events/ festivals to young adults**
- Sustainable Fashion Week September 2024 – **ideas for repair sessions and recycled fashion shows run by young adults.**

ideas for the young adults skills and learning programme

Mentoring

YP are looking for advice and support to help plan with experienced supporters / allies, that does not mean 'telling' them what to do, they desire guiding and mentoring to experience, explore and lead.

Mentors must LISTEN

Youth programme, ToC / Bridport 2024 must be open to all ideas and genres, everything should be fully accessible and creative

Young adults wanting to lead workshops that culminate in a finished product that is driven by participants.

The role of Senior Mentor / Facilitator role for Youth programme – YP should be involved in selection of this role.

Develop a Network –Working with Organisations / Festivals / Community Groups - knowledge and opportunities sharing and connecting

YP and organisations need a network system for YP to hear about and access skills and learning opportunities and festivals / organisations to identify their needs that could be filled by YP (eg photography, technical, social media experts). **YP must be valued not simply 'used'**.

Organisations should explore ways to include 18-25 in their organisations, programmes and work.

Young people to become cultural attachés' to businesses – becoming the link between business – art/culture – environment = a growing, healthy future

Social media is key to reaching young people (not posters)

NEED FOR:

Spaces

Lack of dedicated spaces for creativity for young adults – to be themselves and then show to an audience

Use empty spaces in town – closing pubs, shops – make them creative spaces for dance / music / making / exhibiting in town centre that is accessible to all

Desire for Live music gigs regularly – world music in arts centre?

A Platform

EXPOSURE - platform for YP performances – eg in pubs, Bucky Doo, at events, in streets

Where can we busk – what are busking rules?

Skills Needs - Performance craft, event management, skills incubation, leadership

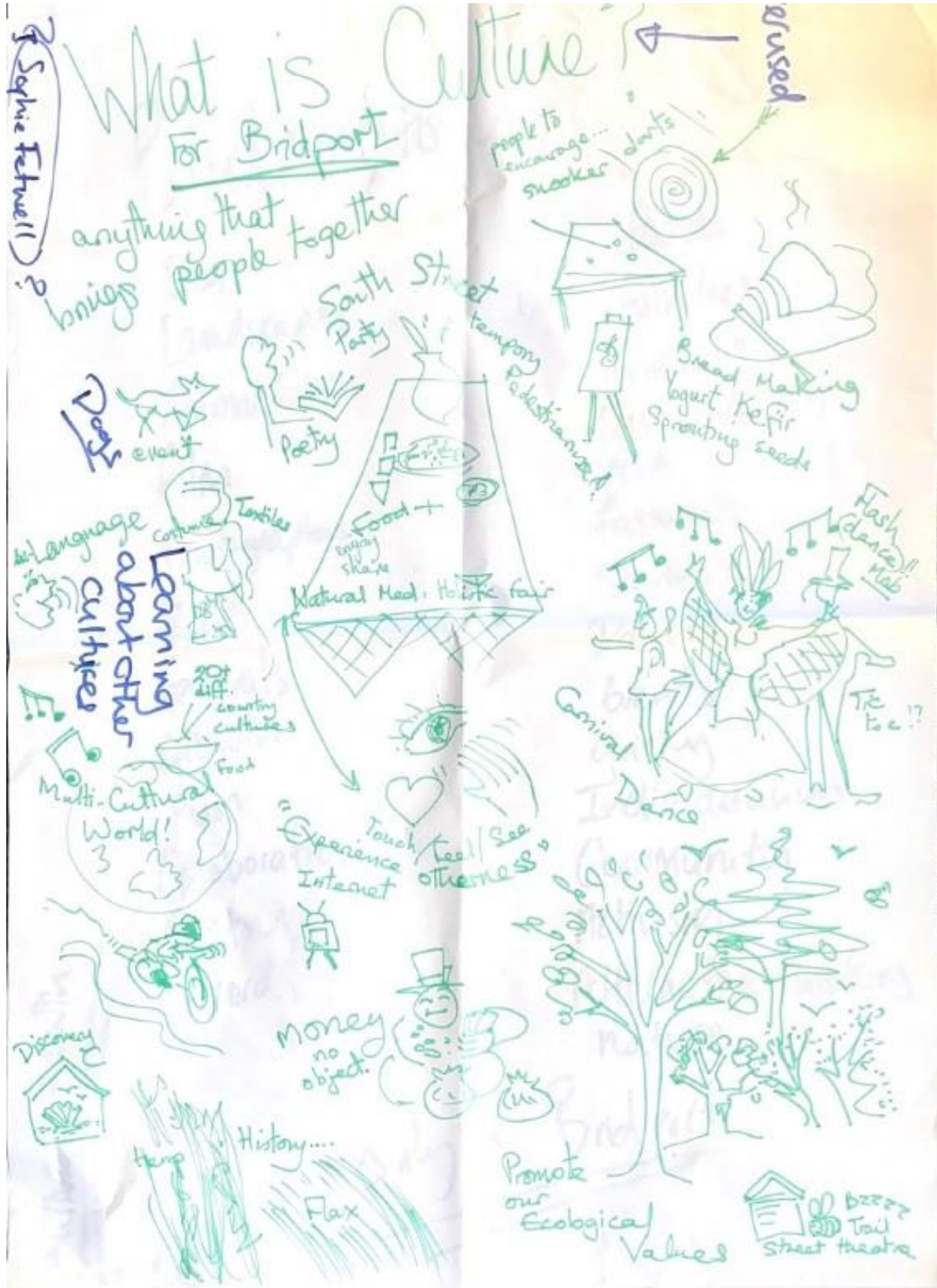
Can a Fund for CICs to hire under 26 year olds be established?

Run Community organisations' expo to discuss volunteering for youth.

“What is Culture?” and how this shapes ToC

Culture is an overused word – what does it mean for Bridport and ToC?

Anything that brings people together.



“Only in Bridport”

Bridport Town of:

Sea	Culture
Landscape	Music
Animal Lovers	Food
Film	Families
Photography	Friends
Hats!	Sustainability
Festivals	Art
Growth	Fashion
Fun	Smiles
Collaboration	Dance
Poetry	Events
Words	Quirky
Community	Individualism
Activism	Alternative Thinking
	Nature

Culture is Growth..

Other Ideas and thoughts about ToC

Installations / videos / performance in empty shops (minimal cost and no hire fees?)

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Workshops held in empty shops – lessons in portraits, people, paint portraits of interesting residence of Bridport,

Drop in Arts Centre

Bridport community kitchen – space used by young people,

Working with disenfranchised to engage them in art / culture project linked to natural and built environment

‘The Garden Gallery’

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Culture = Growth

Ask STIR (Stir to Action) for talks on un-currency collaboration like LETS – lift share, house shares,

Offers:

- Pea offer – visual minutes; training when speakers speak, drawing the words,
- Free Caribbean style dance to accompany steel band,
- Natural medicine group workshops / samples (September),
- Bridport Camera Club (more about photography than cameras) looking to link to younger people to inject ideas and invigorate the club. Smartphone photography training a possible offer?