



## **DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT GROUP**

A meeting of the Dundee Partnership Cultural Development Group was held on Monday 18 December 2023 in the Conference Room, Level 2, Central Library and via Microsoft Teams.

Present: Claire Dow, Leisure & Culture Dundee (Chair)  
Andrew Panton, Dundee Rep  
Anita Taylor, University of Dundee  
Annie Marrs, UNESCO  
Dave Close, Hot Chocolate  
Gillian Easson, Creative Dundee  
Gregor White, Abertay University  
Judy Dobbie, Leisure & Culture Dundee  
Leonie Bell, V&A  
Liam Sinclair, Dundee Rep and Scottish Dance Theatre  
Lorraine Lemon, Dundee Science Centre  
Councillor Lynne Short, Culture Sport History Spokesperson  
Phil McGregor, DCC Children & Families, Schools Music Service  
Emma Halford-Forbes, Dundee Heritage Trust

In Attendance: Leanne Smith, Leisure & Culture Dundee

Apologies: Beth Bate, DCA  
David Lyons, Abertary  
Isobel Bruce, Science Centre  
Jackie McKenzie, Abertay  
John Alexander, Leader of Admin, DCC  
Mark Stewart, EventScotland  
Rebecca Trengove, University of Dundee  
Jennifer Caswell, City Development, DCC

### **1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES**

CD welcomed everyone to the meeting and around the table introductions were made. Apologies were noted.

### **2. REVIEW OF REMIT, MEMBERSHIP, MEETING CYCLE AND REPORTING MECHANISM TO DUNDEE PARTNERSHIP**

CD shared with the group a flow chart detailing the sub-groups of the Cultural Development Strategic Group. Discussion was held on which sub-groups still meet and what else needs to be included. New Sub Groups to be considered include Heritage, Community Engagement and Performing Arts (potentially in place of Dance).

**Action:** CD to follow up with EH-F and AP on sub groups and with BB regarding previous mapping out across engagement/learn departments. To update the remits of Development Group and its sub-groups.

Discussions followed around schools and youth engagement, the importance of the independent sector and artists voice and on comms which has been taken on by the Tourism Partnership Group. CD to consider how to engage young people and Liam Sinclair and CD to look at stakeholder map to weight up capacity and effort in reporting

3. **COLLABORATION, COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY**

Discussed as part of item 2 with a focus on stakeholder reporting to the city plan, and how communications flow between sub groups and Cultural Development Group.

CD noted that from February there will be a slide for culture included in the Quarterly Economic Update which is circulated to the Fair Work and Enterprise Board, Council Leadership Team, City Dev management team, elected members, politicians, city leaders and large businesses in Dundee.

4. **CULTURE STRATEGY PLANNING**

CD outlined headings and questions as per the document issued for the meeting. The group reiterated the need for ambition to think like a capital city, to be international in outlook.

**Action:** CD to ask small steering group to support.

5. **ROUND TABLE UPDATES**

LACD – there is a new Leisure and Culture Dundee Strategic Plan

Creative Dundee – are working on the challenge of creative spaces, and on the Changemakers project and creative networks.

Dundee Heritage Trust – are working on a strategic and financial review

Dundee Rep and Scottish Dance Theatre – have just completed a six month project in Perth prison for prisoners and their families, SDT's Pirates is opening in London and they've hot target on Christmas Carol sales.

V&A Dundee – there's an overhaul of the display in the galleries and a change in how the galleries are being used. Tomorrow is budget day and there should be news on annual funds from Government.

Hot Chocolate – there has been some staffing redeployment and restructure leaving Andy as the only arts officer.

Schools Music Service – thousands of young people are accessing weekly music lessons, they are working on modules of screen education and craft for schools

Abertay/CoSTAR – there's a new Vice Chancellor at Abertay and there's a new volunteering opportunity for staff to spend time volunteering. CoSTAR is due to be open by summer

Dundee Science Centre – the theme for February's festival is Inspire, Explore and Play. They are part of a wider measuring impact project for learning centres.

University of Dundee – are working on a capital project for DJCAD and working through impact of raac. Also working on an Urban Re-leaf project, starting a Dundee chapter of the national Saturday Clubs and the Discovery Days are in January.

UNESCO City of Design Dundee – some staff changes as Poppy moves on to UNESCO Perth, and looking at how to connect in the New Year.

6. **ACTION PLAN**

Actions above will be noted.

7. **AOCB**

There was no any other competent business.

8. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday 29 February 2024 – 09.30 – 11am

Thursday 30 May 2024 - 09.30 – 11am

Thursday 22 August 2024 - 09.30 – 11am

Thursday 28 November 2024 - 09.30 – 11am

Venues to be confirmed. All dates will be issued through calendar invitations.