‘The legacy of the city of culture: Community relations – the role of arts and culture in community development’

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Thinking About ‘Culture’

The way we define ‘culture’ can enable or inhibit inclusive community relations

1. Finished, linked to ‘nation’, something we inherit (Castells, 2010).
3. Dynamic, provisional, something we create together (Gilroy, 2004).
Community Relations in a ‘City of Culture’

Inclusive & Plural

Co-produced & Shared

Dialogical Social Cohesion

Bottom-up & Long-term

LEGACY
Faith & Peaceful Relations Forum

- Project at CTSPR – launched in 2016 >>> grassroots impact.
- Diverse learning network of 100+ faith & community groups; academics and council officials.
- Themed action-focused seminars – 21 June meeting focus on poverty.
- Focus on role religion can play in diverse city like Coventry in building peace, trust, social cohesion.
- Web site & Blog - http://fprforum.coventry.ac.uk/

I have decided to stick with love. Hate is too great a burden to bear

~ Martin Luther King ~

Using street art to build trust, confidence, bridges, sense of value, purpose and understanding.

From Bromford estate to University of Birmingham and BBC News....

Street art as community building and legacy forging.
Arts & Culture as inclusion

• Culture: more often doing something with the audience as participants
• Lines between arts and social activity are blurring away (Arts Gym)
• Cultural and social activists both seek activities and physical spaces that welcome collaboration (The role of “third spaces”)
• “contracting state” and City of Culture 2021 can provide opportunity for social innovation and self mobilisation
STEAM in Fab Lab Coventry?

• A social innovation and impact hub that is a home where citizens of all ages, makers, doers, entrepreneurs, activists, creatives, students and scientists can come together to build a better Coventry & mobile fab lab (fabbike.cc) for community groups in neighbourhoods.

• FabLab Coventry is a spin social enterprise in collaboration with Coventry University, Coventry City Council and the University of Warwick, other partners are invited to come on board and help us make a better Coventry.
Coventry Life: Vitality Festival

October 1st and 2nd 2017 at Fargo Village

Active citizens, health professionals, scientists, entrepreneurs and council workers join forces to creatively and innovatively solve challenges and help create an age friendly city

This year’s theme: Coventry hacks mobility

Objectives: Connecting and inspiring active citizens and professionals, promoting self management whilst ageing, focus on participation and mobility

Sunday: Vitality Market open to all
Monday: Professionals Day