**Minutes of the Sheffield Culture Consortium Zoom**

**Friday 21 May 2021**

**Attending**: Kim Streets (Museums Sheffield - Chair); Jo Towler (Music in the Round), Kirstie Hamilton (Museums Sheffield), Wendy Ulyett (Marketing Sheffield), , Laura Clarke (Art Catalyst), Corrigan Lowe (Doc/Fest), Geff Green (SHU), Jane Shields (Sheffield Creative Guild), Lesley Webster (UoS), Vanessa Toulmin (UoS), Andrew Snelling (Sheffield City Trust), Judith Harry (Site Gallery), Ian Wild (Showroom/Workstation), Rose Wilcox (The Leadmill); Janet Jennings (Museums Sheffield); Cintia Gil (Sheffield Doc/Fest); Georgina Kettlewell (YAS); Rebecca Maddox (SCC).

**Visiting**: Karen Durham (Arts Council England); Lisa Firth (SCC Dir of Culture); Iain Simons and Hannah Bryan (National Videogames Museum).

**Apologies:** Sara Unwin (UoS); Dan Bates (Sheffield Theatres); Nick Partridge (Sheffield Libraries)

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|  | **Notes** | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Welcome and intros**  Rose from the Leadmill was welcomed as a Consortium member.  Karen and Lisa were welcomed to the meeting. |  |
| **2.** | **Lisa Firth, SCC Director of Culture**  Lisa became Director of Culture two weeks before lockdown, which has delayed her linking in with the Consortium. She was previously Head of Parks and Countryside and was recruited to ensure that the Council is supportive of culture – despite limited resources!  She updated on the outcome of the recent Council elections, which has resulted in a new Co-operative Executive with Labour and Green councillors, and a new committee system will be introduced during this year. |  |
| **3.** | **Karen Durham, Senior Relationship Manager, Arts Council England**  Karen has taken over as the main Sheffield Relationship Manager since March, following Pete Massey. ACE has played a key role in supporting the sector through a very tough year, with work focussed on Cultural Recovery Funding as well as other grant-making. The Let’s Create Delivery Plan has been published.  The Cultural Development Fund Round 2 - capital funding – is due to launch next week.  There will also be a call-out for City of Culture 2025. | **Arrange visit to Sheffield for Karen, and invite to CC again** |
| **2.** | **Minutes and Matters Arising**  The Minutes from the April meeting were accepted.  The SCC Recovery Grant process has been slightly delayed by Council changes, but is being dealt with as quickly as possible.  Thanks to Laura and Jo for sending information about Mental Health First Aid courses. Agreed that Rebecca will set up a joint session.  Many thanks to Fiona Elliott, who represented SIMT on the Consortium prior to the new Sheffield Museums Trust coming into being. | **Rebecca to arrange** |
| **3.** | **Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion**  Following the Race Code discussion session on 14th May, we will be setting up a facilitated session on July 2nd.  Kim has followed up with John Jeffries from SYHA on how they developed an Associate Trustee role, which could be a model for other organisations. | **Rebecca to circulate VAS slides** |
| **6.** | **Refreshing the Culture Consortium Plan**  We have set up a session to look at the Plan on 24th June.  The current CC Plan runs from 2017 to 2022. While the core ambitions are still valid, much has changed, and we would want much more emphasis on equalities and environment crisis. There are many other plans and strategies being developed, including for the Sheffield Culture Collective, the City Region and the City Council. | **Rebecca to circ Google Doc** |
| **7.** | **Updates**  **All Party Parliamentary Group for Culture** – call for evidence  A number of CC members submitted evidence, including Showroom/Workstation, City Council, Sheffield Museums and two from the University of Sheffield. Kate Brindley sent a City Region response.  Cultural venues are starting to **reopen** – smooth process so far.  Vanessa reported on the University of Sheffield’s **MADE Together Blueprint**. This is a city region-wide plan which sets out how the UoS will help make the region healthier, greener, more vibrant and innovative – with cultural vibrancy central to the plan.  The University are also working with the City Region to update the Chamberlain Walker report. Data is essential to lobby for resources – though we need a clear narrative about the region’s strengths, and the Culture Collective will have a role in amplifying messages.  The **Sheffield** **Culture Collective** are planning to launch in mid-June.  Sheffield is one of 10 host cities for the **Women’s Football Euros** in July 2022. The FA are running a cultural programme alongside the sport – there are opportunities to programme activity to chime in with this. More detail next month.  The Festivals Mentoring Group are planning a **Sheffield Showcase** 2nd-5th September.  Geff noted that a number of **film or TV productions** have been filming in Sheffield, including Mission Impossible and Zero Chills, which has provided opportunities for students. |  |
| **8.** | **Iain Simons and Hannah Bryan, National Videogames Museum**, attended to propose a Recovery Fund idea to animate the city, which a number of venues could get involved with, based on previous experience of Game City in Nottingham. This could align with the Sheffield Showcase weekend.  Several CC members are involved with Recovery Fund bids, and are also keen to be part of this bid. |  |
|  | **AOB**  Jo noted that the Sheffield Chamber Music Festival is available online until 31 May. The Festival included live performances, and audience feedback has been excellent. MiTR are keen to do more 360 degree films, perhaps in collaboration with Site Gallery.  Georgina encouraged everyone to see the Hannah Westergaard exhibition.  Geff noted that the old Science Park site is being redeveloped by Sheffield Hallam. He encouraged everyone to comment through the consultation to ensure a sympathetic design is created for the main gateway to the city.  There are concerns about the future of the University of Sheffield archaeology dept, which has played a key role in Castlegate.  We are still working to find additional support for freelancers. | **Rebecca to circ link**  **Rebecca to circulate petition** |
| **6.** | **Next meeting:**  Zoom Meeting Friday June 25th, 11.30-13.30 |  |