**CULTURE CONSORTIUM MEETING**

**Friday 19 May 2023**

**George Room, Crucible Theatre**

**Present:**

Geff Green Sheffield Hallam (Co-Chair)

Olivier Tsemo SADACCA (Co-Chair)

Kirstie Hamilton Sheffield Museum

Jo Towler Music in the Round

Annabel Grundy Sheffield DocFest

Sonia Gayle AHCF

Wendy Ulyett SCC/Marketing

Tom Bird Sheffield Theatres

Laura Clarke Arts Catalyst

John Tomlinson Sheffield Theatres

Rebecca Maddox SCC/Culture

Sarah Sharp The Montgomery

Ian Naylor Sheffield Music Hub

**Apologies:**

Mojisola Kareem-Elufowoju Utopia Theatre

Georgina Kettlewell Yorkshire Artspace

Hilary Coulson SCC/Library

Sara Unwin University of Sheffield

Ian Wild Showroom

Judith Harry Site Gallery

Jenneffer Dennis SCC/Culture

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| **Notes** | **Actions** | **Deadline** |
| **Sarah Sharp – The Montgomery**Sarah presented on the history, current operations and future plans for The Montgomery on Surrey Street. The focus is now on children, young people and creativity.Since September 2021 they have run 36 sessions with Youth Theatre of Sanctuary; 40 Family Fundays; and hosted 17 family performances.Through Future High Street Funding and Youth Investment Fund, access in the building is to be improved, including with a lift, internal level changes and accessible toilets.Works will take place August 23 – Jan 24. During closure, there will be a programme of Monty on the Move activities in parks and community spaces, with input from a youth steering group.The Montgomery also hosts Mini Migma in collaboration with Migration Matters. |  |  |
| Minutes of the previous meeting and matters arising agreed subject to minor tweaks.Olivier, Geff, Jenneffer and Rebecca are meeting with Daljinder Singh this afternoon.The Cultural Pipeline Fund could include mentorship by university students. |  |  |
| **Ian Naylor – Sheffield Music Hub**Ian updated on Harmony Works – a £250k development grant from National Lottery Heritage Fund will lead to a £4.5m capital bid.The Music Hub works mainly through schools across the city. After school provision has always been in SW Sheffield, whereas Harmony Works will be accessible on one bus from across the city. Sessions at Red Tape have seen uptake from across east Sheffield. The Hub has also led activity at Manor Lodge and Springs Academy.Young Voice and Influence Workers have been commissioned to critique the Music Hub and present their findings to create youth-led change in the organisation.Changes in the way that Music Hubs are organised across South Yorkshire are in the pipeline. |  |  |
| **Race Equality Commission*** Sonia reported on discussions about the REC Legacy body. Various models are being proposed, but a way forward will be agreed by September, under the umbrella of the City Partnership Board.
* Windrush Day, 22nd June 2023 - 75th Anniversary

A civic reception is being held in the Town Hall for the Windrush elders. We have commissioned Danae Wellington, Sheffield Poet Laureate, to create a poem for the event (plus a further poem and film for Off the Shelf). There will also be a film made by Hallam students with SADACCA* There was discussion on the need for a diverse calendar of city events
* The Welcome to Sheffield website is a good gathering place for event information, as events can be submitted and given thematic tags.
 | Wendy/Rebecca to input to SCC events strategyRebecca to circ link for SCC events e-newsletter sign up |  |
| **Climate Emergency Measures*** JT is moving on from Sheffield Theatres, so the Consortium is looking for a new Green Champion.
* JT has shared the following useful resources:

[Arts Green Book](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fartsgreenbook.com%2F&data=05%7C01%7CRebecca.Maddox%40sheffield.gov.uk%7C630a8c80378b41e3905e08db470f976a%7Ca1ba59b9720448d8a3607770245ad4a9%7C0%7C0%7C638181904527616843%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=jWQrD8Kgrg7rQ73zhZuIeeGuyc7KpC2M%2BTqbQkSfuC4%3D&reserved=0)[Sustainable Arts in Leeds](https://eur03.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwearesail.org%2F&data=05%7C01%7CRebecca.Maddox%40sheffield.gov.uk%7C630a8c80378b41e3905e08db470f976a%7Ca1ba59b9720448d8a3607770245ad4a9%7C0%7C0%7C638181904527773017%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=C2hDcL1ITTQFpG%2F35Eg5nDxWquYVkLjh7P8izppjHJ0%3D&reserved=0)Steph Balmforth, Production Manager at Sheffield Theatres, has Climate Literacy built into her job description. She could be a good person to lead a sub-group. This is a good news message – cultural organisations taking positive action in the climate crisis. |  |  |
| **AOB*** Geff announced that he will be leaving Sheffield Hallam University at the end of July. He was warmly thanked for all his contributions as Consortium member and co-Chair.

Hallam will nominate a new Consortium rep.This also means there will be a co-Chair vacancy. Olivier has kindly offered to serve for two years (Sept 22 – Sept 24) so it would be great to have a new co-Chair for one or two years.* Kirstie reported that 12 items were stolen in a well-organised break-in at Kelham Island Museum.
* DocFest takes place on 14-19 June, with a fantastic programme.
* Hallam’s Future Now Festival of Creativity will include a Pete McKee talk and an animation show.
 | ALL to consider becoming co-Chair |  |
| **Date & venue for next meeting**Friday 30th June, 9.30 – 11.30Crucible or Site? |  |  |