

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORTING THE ARTS AND CULTURE

AGENDA

- 13.30** **REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**
- 14.00** **WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**
Simon Parker
Director, NLGN
- 14.05** **WELCOME FROM CITY OF LONDON**
Catherine McGuinness
Deputy Chairman of Policy and Resources, City of London Corporation
- 14.10** **FINDINGS OF OUR RECENT REPORT - ON WITH THE SHOW:
SUPPORTING LOCAL ARTS AND CULTURE**
Dr Claire Mansfield
Senior Researcher, NLGN
- 14.30** **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**
Alan Davey
Chief Executive, Arts Council England
- 15.00** **BREAKOUT SESSIONS** (including flexible comfort break)
The breakout sessions will follow two themes that emerged from our recent research report. Each session will be co-delivered by two best practice case studies from our report.
- THEME 1: UNLOCKING COMMUNITY CAPACITY**
Laura Guthrie
Arts Development, Erewash Borough Council
Stella Couloutbanis
CAFE
Cllr Nick Wallis
*Cabinet Member with the Portfolio for Leisure and Local Environment –
Darlington Borough Council*
John Dean
Chair, Darlington for Culture

There are opportunities available to local authorities that are peculiar to the arts. Unlike many other services, residents are interested, enthusiastic even, in investing time and energy in their local arts scene. Local authorities can use the interest and resident demand to their advantage. Erewash Borough Council have set up a culture and arts forum (CAFE) that has successfully used volunteers to support projects with minimal input from the council. In Darlington they have



worked with a local protest group, Darlington for Culture, to ensure that the community is involved in the future shape of the arts and culture in Darlington.

THEME 2: NEW MODELS OF DELIVERY

Melanie Powell

Cultural Development & Events Officer, Rother District Council

Stewart Drew

Director and Chief Executive, De La Warr Pavilion

Sue Harris

Director for Cleaner Greener and Cultural Services - Tri-Borough

Local government funding of the arts and culture is changing, there are, however, alternative models of delivery available to local authorities and arts organisations. The De Le Warr Pavilion in Bexhill (Rother District Council) has been run by a trust for the last 10 years. In the Tri-borough area in London (Westminster City Council, the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham and the London Borough of Kensington and Chelsea), the library service has become a shared service between the three areas.

16.00

PANEL DISCUSSION

What's next for the arts at a local level?

Cllr Peter Box

Leader, Wakefield Council

Leonora Thomson

Director of Audiences and Development - Barbican

Lesli Good

Culture and Heritage Services Manager - St Albans City and District Council

16.30

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Ed Vaizey MP

Minister of State for Culture and the Digital Economy

17.00

NETWORKING AND DRINKS RECEPTION

18.30

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