

CREATIVE NEWHAVEN WORKING GROUP

MINUTES

THURSDAY 16 MARCH 2023

10am – 11.30am Hillcrest Centre, Newhaven

RSVP

Flo Bradbury (Jolly Newhaven)
Helen Browning-Smith (LDC, Artwave)
Jenny Flood (Newhaven Museum)
Rhoda Funnell (Newhaven Festival)
Xanthe Gresham (18 Hours)
Siou Hannam (Haven Young Creatives)
Joe Hill (Towner, group chair)
Jack Idle (Jolly Newhaven)
Eleanor Johnson-Bullock (Hillcrest/Artist/Hospitable Environment)
Dawn Langley (Alchemy Research and Consultancy)
Lizzie Lower (Hillcrest & Hospitable Environment)
Nick Marsh (Newhaven Art Projects)
Ben May (Play on Shakespeare)
Sarah O’Kane (Art in Place Sussex)
Charlotte Parsons (Freelance Arts Consultant & Coordinator)
Liz Rose (Marketing & Content Producer Newhaven)
Phil Rose (LYT Productions) (from 10:30)
Nick Stockman (Creative Producer, coordinator)
Helen Turner (Newhaven Art Projects)
Diets Verschuren (Hillcrest)
Adam Wildi (Art in Place Sussex)

Apologies

Catherine Borowski (Skip Gallery)
Sara Clifford (Inroads Productions)
Chris Cook (Newhaven Art Club)
Michelle Connors (NEZ)
Lisa Fairfield (Ignite Theatre)
Paul Keene (Musician)
Phil Rose (LYT Productions) will join us at 10:30
Penny Shimmin (SCDA)

Agenda item No.	Agenda item	Action
1	Welcome, apologies, & sign off last meeting minutes Minutes of the meeting held on 17 January were signed as an accurate record. Matters Arising not dealt with elsewhere NS: To visit UTC in April and arrange a date when the group can visit NS: Electricity for outside events at the Sidings, to be shared with the Sidings as cheaper than running a new cable.	

2	<p>2.1 Update from chair JH welcomed Liz Rose, the new Marketing & Content Producer, to the group. ACE are running a project application event at the Towner - presentation followed by 1-2-1 sessions between 11:00 - 12:30. Book through Towner website ACE are expecting an increase in traffic because of the Turner Prize. If anyone is thinking about applying for a linked project please let JH know. JI asked whether the ACE event could be repeated for the group in Newhaven - JH to investigate.</p> <p>HB-S announced another round of 'Is it Art' ESAP funding (£1,000) broader than the last - no dates or deadline announced as yet - this is separate from the usual £500 ESAP grant. In both cases, the applicant needs to apply for an ACE grant (which is then successful). Email HB-S for more information.</p> <p>ACE's Place Partnership Fund, This is a good one for Newhaven to look at. It's about pride in place & how creative people can get involved.</p> <p>Culture East Sussex put a bid in for this fund, Towner manages the money. RF also suggested 'Common Ground' who support groups that have funding and need support. This includes fiscal support as an option from a company called Accountable. https://www.wearecga.com.</p> <p>The wraparound (Eastbourne Alive) There is a big youth focus. JH has already flagged that there will be interest from Newhaven. Sarah Dance will be running it. Liz Corkhill will be running the schools element. More details here .</p> <p>Talent Accelerator Run out of the De La Warr pavilion it aims to support young people into creative careers. Kim Byford (the Project Manager) will help shape the brief for projects using young people. More details here.</p> <p>Turner timetable 28.4.2023 Short list (4) 27.9.2023 Evening Opening Exhibition 5.12.2023 Winner announced Turner Prize exhibition will now run through to Easter 2024 (instead of January)</p> <p>2.2 Update from Enterprise Zone (CD + MC) Next Champions meeting Wednesday, 19 April [now postponed] Everyone invited NS to ask CD for an update.</p>	<p>JH to investigate inviting ACE to repeat event with the group</p> <p>JH to come back with timings & how to bid</p> <p>NS to ask CD for a NEZ update</p>
3	<p>Creative Spaces in Newhaven / Creative Hub</p> <p>3.1 Penny Shimmin - latest on the Denton Island College site Penny sent apologies - unable to make to meeting - please email her. NS & JF met with PS earlier in the week. When the college moves into UTC (by September at the latest) The building will be</p>	

taken over by SCDA and become a Social Enterprise Hub - accommodation to be re-jigged according to need - they are scoping out work dependant on demand. Rent will be commercial - they can't subsidise as mustn't compete with Newhaven Enterprise Centre. AiP have had a number of meetings about setting an Art Gallery up in the lobby and how it could be subsidised. LDC own the building SCDA will run it. JH will find out more from PS.

3.2 AiPS - Discussion on Gallery spaces, creative workshops and artist/makers' studios in Newhaven

AW presented a discussion paper (see appendix 1) looking at a multi-site approach with 3 elements

1. Artists/makers space
2. Gallery Space
3. Performing arts

He discussed the potential redevelopment of the studios at the rear of the Hillcrest with purpose built eco units extending to 2 storeys. This could take 18months - 2 years with meanwhile space required for the artists currently using the space.

A discussion followed about other potential properties and the need for the group to be involved in the discussions around the provision of the Creative Hub which is part of the Towns Deal. The levelling up deadline is 2024 and LDC manage the High Street Fund

There could be funding from HLF who are no longer building new galleries/museums but are focusing on the High Street. JH If the group come up with a plan he can put it to the Council. Things to consider:

- The Council only have capital funding - no revenue - how will the cultural hub run & by whom
- HLF bid is a huge undertaking - a bid writer would be required
- Potential for Council to bring in something like [Assemble](#)

JH suggested setting up a sub-group (led by Adam & Ellie) to define what we want from the town, & work positively with LDC, NEZ and others to explore the options together.

JF listed the potential sites for artists' space that the group had suggested and the proposal from Newhaven Bowls Club for a 2 storey shared space.

3.3 Creative Producer update (NS)

Dawn Langley is the **Group's Researcher** in residence she wants to hear from us what we want to be evaluated this year, what difference do we want to make. She will put together some thoughts about looking outward.

NS The **growth fund** has been launched - so far 20 applications (12 last year). Decision to be made on 3.4.2023. 4 organisations to get £6K (50% of the applications are for less than £6K so maybe more will benefit)

JH happy to reach out to Penny to find out more

AW & EJ-B to look at setting up a sub-group

	<p>Group Sessions on ACE funding have been encouraging - Ash very helpful - understood people's organisations. Hannah also running 1-2-1 sessions - we will build both into the programme next year.</p> <p>Ravilious Project 4 bill board sized works from the Towner's Ravilious collection will be sited at the Sidings, Denton Island, Newhaven Town Square and in front of the Hope. They will be installed at the end of July and remain up throughout August, September and October. Sponsored by Boutique Modern, Prismaflex and a Newhaven Scaffolder. The event will be launched at UTC with fringe events to include, walks, talks, a film and a field trip during the Festival. Seahaven academy have already started work</p>	
4	<p>Member's plans Ellie - Imagined Places begins on 23rd March - everyone welcome. It will inform policy and town planning Bread-making Festival on 29.7.2023. Phil - Got funding for the Walk the Chalk project which will take place between 20-24 September - There will also be a 28 day exhibition of artwork. Siou got £10K from the Community Lottery fund, £10K from the Town Council's Community Partnership fund and £3,000 from SCDA's Sparks Fund to reach out to schools, provide free drama workshops. She has also applied to the Growth Fund for a lantern Procession at Christmas. Newhaven Art Projects Another artist going up for 2 weeks. Applying for funding for 4 different things. Ben - Romeo and Juliette (16-25 year olds) starts week beginning 9th July £7 for adults £5 for young people. Piddinghoe Bells has received HLF funding, they are working with Harbour Primary, Seahaven Academy and the Tidemills Choir. They are commissioning a new piece of music - World Premiere 22 July. Hillcrest - Newhaven Flea on Saturday (inside) - Sairie & the Tidemills Choir on 15th April. Newhaven Museum opens on 4th April - Tuesdays, Wednesdays Fridays and Saturdays 11am - 4pm. Also on 4th Jenny is giving a 'Newhaven Museum Showcase' talk for the society at the Hillcrest. Adam has proposed a substantial sculpture by Keith Pettit by the gun emplacement at the Fort. '@Fisher's Moon' is a long term project which he will share with the group. Jack - They have received planning permission for the Jolly also ACE funding. They are currently tending for builders and plan to open between October 2023 and January 2024.</p>	
5	AOB - None	