



Members Showcase

#CLOA25

The Roman Baths Refugee Programme



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**Bath & North East
Somerset Council**

Improving People's Lives

Collaboration

Three parties: Learning and Participation Team, Resettlement Team and the participants themselves

‘The Roman Baths social events for our refugees, have become successful and well-established groups that have regular attendees...The teams have worked so well collaboratively running these events. It’s evidence that teams coming together has been really positive for supporting our communities.’

Resettlement Team member



Programme

- Social evenings
- Family sessions
- One-offs
- Refugee Week UK
- Work experiences



Responding to their needs not imposing on them what we want to do!

Benefits and Outcomes

- Health & Wellbeing and sense of community
- Benefits to both teams
- Bath and North East Somerset Council:
Improving People's Lives

‘These masterclasses are more than just creative sessions; they can be transformative moments in someone's life journey. Inspired by this realization and subsequent self-reflection, I established a social group for women ... dedicated to helping others find friendship and mutual support.’

Participant testimony



Looking Forward

- Evening Explorers- private quiet evening
- Supporting skills and employment
- Sustainability



West Berkshire Council

Culture and Libraries

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Creation of a network of additional library services in rural areas

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West Berkshire Libraries Offer

- **Expanding Rural Library Access** – Establishing additional services after the mobile library's discontinuation.
- **Collaboration with Parish Councils** – Partnering to bring library resources closer to communities.
- **Pop-Up Libraries** – Temporary, flexible setups providing books and resources.
- **Community Bookshelves** – Local self-service book exchanges fostering literacy.
- **Outreach Visits** – Bringing library services to community venues for wider access.

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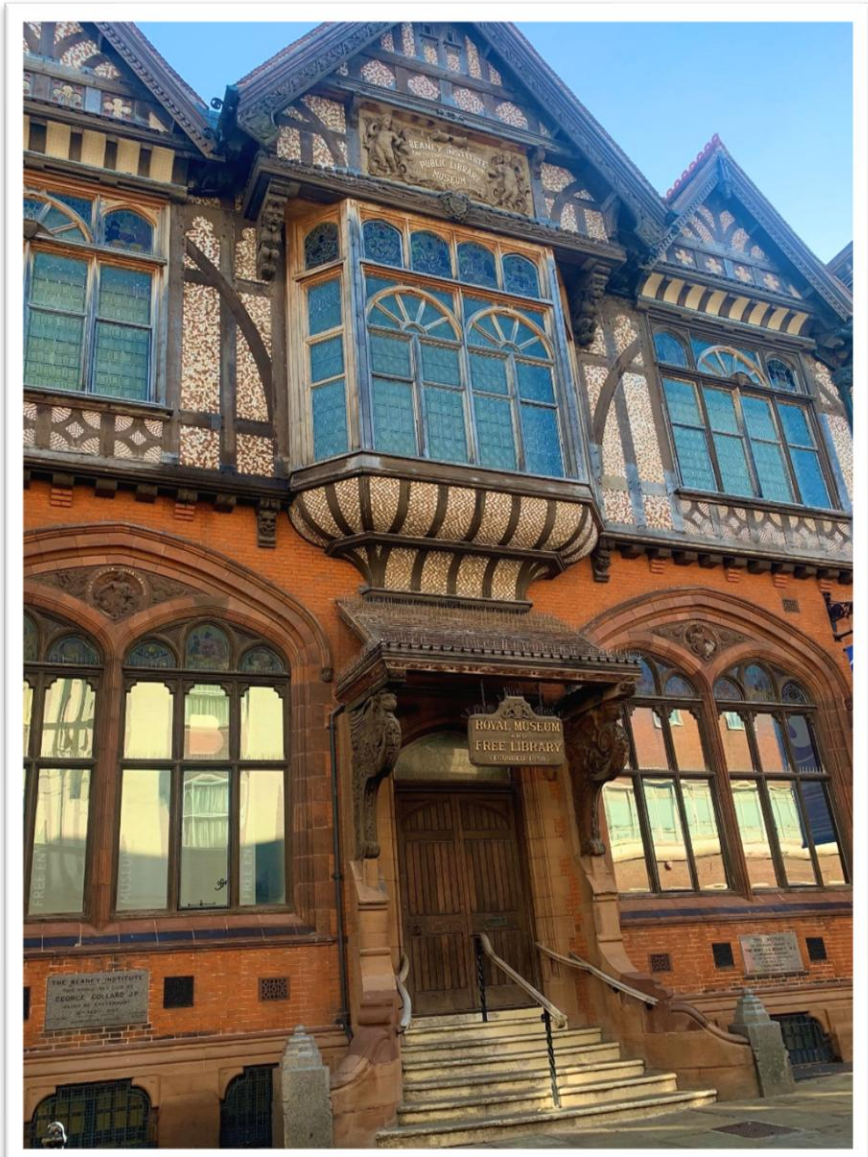
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Canterbury Museums and Galleries
(The Beaney House of Art and Knowledge)

Be Connected Network at the Beaney



The Beane House of Art and Knowledge, Canterbury

- **Museum and gallery** service, also hosting Kent Library service and tourist information.
- Host a programme of changing exhibitions, across two temporary galleries.
- In the centre of historic Canterbury, surrounded by three universities.
- Strong family offer – Kids in Museums winner 2023.
- Health and wellbeing – strategically embedded into delivery model.

Be Connected Network at the Beaney

- Beaney's ambition to ensure that our work is **relevant and accessible to all parts of our community.**
- Using the **equalities characteristics** as a framework we have built our relationships with organisations within the Canterbury District who are dedicated to supporting underrepresented communities
- Originally a panel format, adjusted to a network. Giving more space for **conversation and listening.**
- Feeds into the Beaney's evaluation of creative health practice focusing on a **sense of belonging.**



Membership and Format

- Currently 12 individuals
- 3 x meetings together a year
- Relationship is key – individual meetings to check in to really listen.
- The Beaney's regular groups including Sensing Culture group for people with sight loss are included within the network and decision making. (e.g choosing collection items for audio descriptions)

Reciprocal partnership – use of the gallery space, meetings, workshops.



Activities and Impact

- Partnership, Programming, Public Experience

Since 2023, hosted four temporary exhibitions by network members in the Beaney's Front Room Gallery.

- The network were co-curation partners in The Beaney's 'Curious Stories Exhibition'.
- Visits, tours, workshops.
- Changed labels and displays on their suggestions.



The City Council's Cultural Journey



Chelmsford's Cultural Strategy

Chelmsford is celebrated as a culturally ambitious place that connects our innovative heritage of science and engineering with a vibrant future of wellbeing, environment and creativity, transforming our peoples' lives.



1. Nurture our environment

Principles

Equity, Diversity & inclusion
Strength-based
Young People



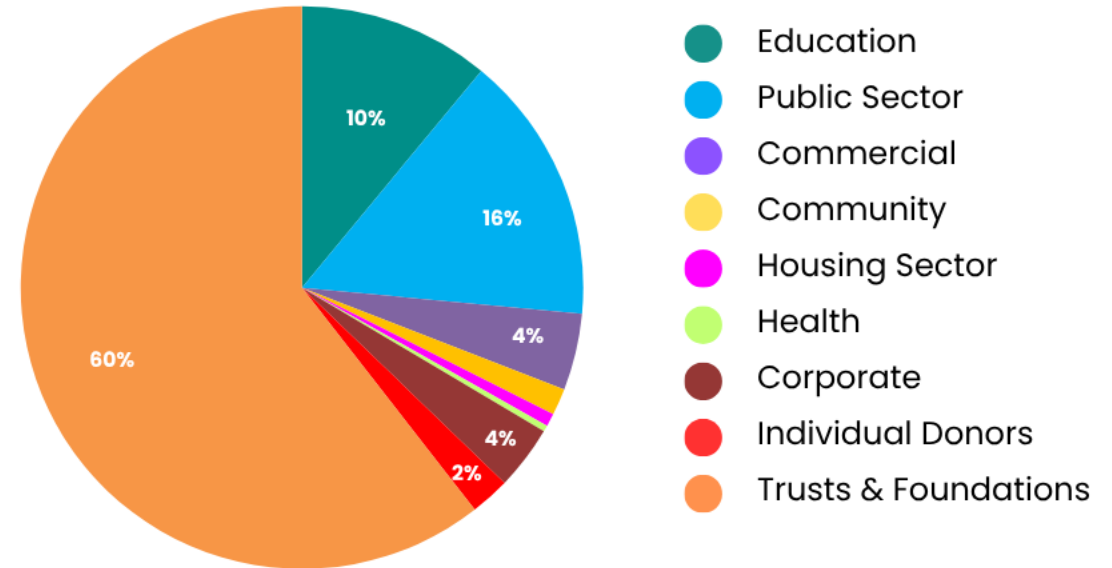
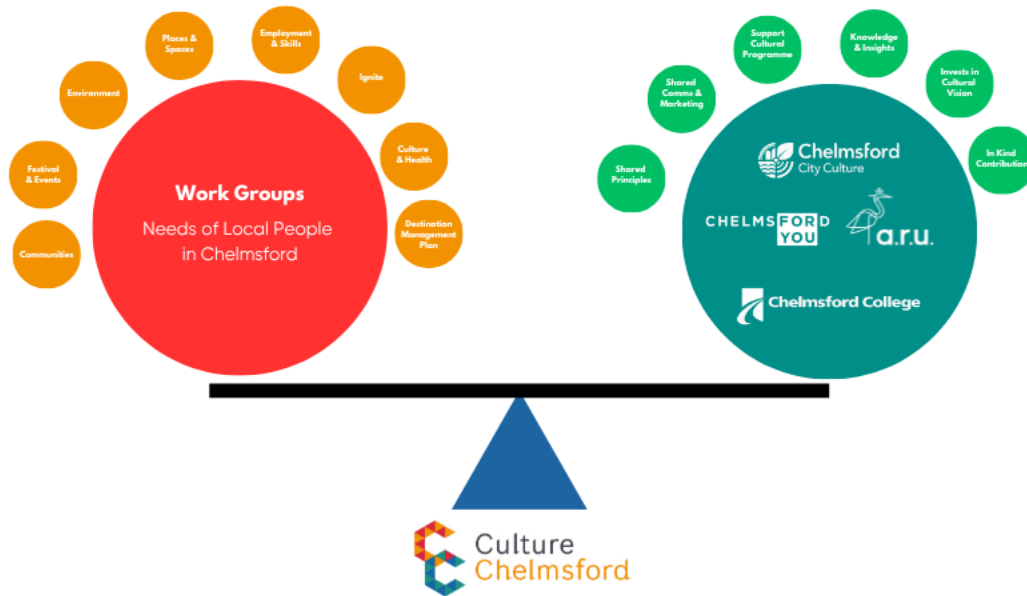
2. Improve Health & Wellbeing

Innovation
Collaboration & Knowledge Sharing
Transdisciplinary
Sustainability



3. Outstanding Festivals & Events

What does our Cultural Partnership look like?



An independent charity acting as a broker between investors and community. We take evidence of need and match it with investment creating projects that make a difference to peoples lives. Investment from across the city is maximised with external fundraising bringing to life our Cultural Vision for Chelmsford.





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