



Community Group Call-out

The Made in Corby consortium are looking for a Corby-based community group to join the consortium, helping to provide strong links with the local community as the programme progresses and ensuring that the voices of local people are at the heart of our decisions.

We're also looking for a number of community groups and voluntary sector organisations to join our advisory group, helping to advise the consortium and staff team on strategic development and community engagement.

About Made in Corby

Made in Corby is the Creative People & Places (CPP) programme for the borough of Corby, Northamptonshire. CPP is about more people taking the lead in choosing, creating and taking part in art experiences in the places where they live. There are 21 independent projects, each located in an area where people have traditionally had fewer opportunities to get involved with the arts. See www.creativepeopleplaces.org.uk for further details.

We are a community-led arts organisation that delivers events and projects that:

- Surprise, delight and inspire the people of Corby
- Bring our local communities together
- Support our communities to take the lead
- Deliver social and economic benefits for our town and borough

Since 2014 we have delivered around 750 events and activities, enabling over 93,000 engagements in creative activity, including workshops, performances, festivals and exhibitions. This work has been supported by hundreds of volunteers, giving over 10,000 hours of their time to help us with planning, marketing and event delivery. We are creating new audiences for art in Corby – according to postcode analysis from The Audience Agency, 63% of our people that engaged with the Grow Festival in July 2018 were from the places of lowest engagement with the arts.

We are leading the way in enabling local communities to engage with art, make decisions about what activities take place and the artists that create them. Over 9000 people have been consulted through our community conversations and around 450 local people have been actively involved in making decisions about our programme, by joining community panels that choose which local projects to support and producing extraordinary arts projects.

Our current programme has been developed by our community and is focused on the following strands:

- Grow – three festivals, co-produced with The Core at Corby Cube, exploring the theme of growth through water, food and light. The first Grow festival in July 2018 attracted audiences of over 15,000

- Capture – community-led commissioning targeted at participation cold spots
- Connect – developing long term partnerships with non-arts organisations working with older people, early years and hard to reach young people
- Cultivate – supporting artists and community groups with excellent potential to deliver innovative arts projects

For more information about our work visit www.madeincorby.co.uk

Our Implementation Plan for 2017-2020 can be viewed at www.madeincorby.co.uk/about-made-in-corby/

The Consortium

Made in Corby is driven by an informal consortium comprising Groundwork Northamptonshire (the lead organisation), The Core at Corby Cube, Corby Community Arts, and led by our Independent Chair, Rob Purdie. The consortium has a Memorandum of Understanding and exists to steer the programme and make strategic decisions. Ultimate contractual responsibility for the programme rests with the Groundwork Northamptonshire Board.

The role of the consortium is to provide strategic steer for the programme, alongside accountability for the programme delivery team and lead body. They work with the Programme Director to set the main objectives and targets for the programme, develop the delivery model and embed routes for local voice in our decision-making processes. The consortium also work with the delivery team on the development of business plan, evaluation strategy and risk management.

The current funding agreement for the programme finishes in June 2020, and plans to fundraise for future programmes will be a major focus for 2019.

The consortium currently meets 10 times a year, including an annual away-day, and meetings are normally held on a weekday evening at the Made in Corby office in Corby town centre (there can be some flexibility around this to suit any new member). Meetings are supported by programme reports from the programme delivery team and from financial reports from the Lead Body. The Consortium requests attendance and input at meetings from stakeholders, outside experts, critical friend, as well as Arts Council England, as and when required.

We are currently looking for a community group to join the consortium. The group would need to:

- share the Made in Corby ethos of community leadership and commitment to the value of engagement with artistic activity
- be constituted
- be Corby-based or primarily work with residents of Corby Borough
- be volunteer-led
- be non-arts (meaning that the main aim of the group is not artistic)
- be in regular contact with Corby residents
- have a representative willing to attend consortium meetings

This is an exciting opportunity for a community group to have a deeper involvement with the Made in Corby programme, and the cultural scene in Corby more widely, making new connections for the group and playing a significant role in creating an even more vibrant Corby.

Advisory Group

As well as inviting a community group to join the core consortium, we are inviting non-arts community groups and voluntary sector organisations to join our advisory group. This group will meet with the consortium quarterly to review the progress of the programme, develop partnerships and advise on future planning. Members of the advisory group will have the opportunity to be a key link between the Made in Corby programme and those in the local community they work with, as well as accessing and creating new opportunities for the borough. It's a great way for your opinions, and those of the people you work with, to be instrumental in shaping our plans, and we would be open to groups sending both a member of your staff/volunteer team alongside one of your participants/beneficiaries.

The first meeting of the Advisory Group will give groups the opportunity to discuss both of these opportunities further with the team, alongside discussing possible future developments of the Made in Corby programme.

Interested?

The first meeting of our Advisory Group will be held on Tuesday 5th March at 6.30pm at The Core at Corby Cube. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to info@madeincorby.co.uk with your contact details and a brief description of your group/organization (a couple of sentences).

If your group is interested in becoming a consortium member, you are advised to attend the Advisory Group meeting and/or have an informal conversation with our Programme Director, Helen Willmott (please email info@madeincorby.co.uk to arrange this).

We will then require the following information from you:

- Contact details for your proposed representative, including their role within your group
- A brief description of your group, the activities you run and the type of people who attend them.
- A paragraph outlining why you want to join the consortium.

Please send the above information to Info@madeincorby.co.uk by 5pm on Monday 18th March.

Once we have reviewed applications, we will invite a selection of applicants to an informal meeting with members of the consortium to discuss the opportunity further. The selected group would be expected to start attending consortium meetings from April

Please note: both of these opportunities are only open to non-arts groups and voluntary sector organisations. They are not for individuals and arts-based groups/organisations (including libraries, museums and heritage organisations).