

Briefing Document - Cultural Youth Forum. July 2023

National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) status and funding from Arts Council England has enabled the development of a [Cultural Youth Forum](#) (CYF). Their current mission is to help make heritage, libraries and cultural activities more accessible and relevant to young people across Leicestershire.

For the next two years the focus of the CYF will be the relationship between natural and cultural heritage, such as:

- Cultural heritage and the climate
- Historic environment and sustainability
- Natural resources and our historic environment

The model of the forum has two strands.

- 1) Geographically based satellite projects. Young people will work with creative practitioners to explore their unique opinions, views, and perspectives about an environmental topic of specific interest to them. They will express their voice through a collaborative art piece which will then be shared with their youth communities to generate conversation, gather feedback and insight. These projects and the insight gathered will have the opportunity to help shape and inform future plans for [Net Zero Leicestershire](#).
- 2) The satellite projects are supported by a central forum of young people who are keen environmentalists and volunteer to offer their knowledge, advice, experience, and guidance. All activity promotes youth participation and promotes youth voice in line with LCC's ambition for a countywide Youth Charter.

