





Heritage, Libraries, Collections, Learning and Participation

Creating space to spark imagination, celebrate communities and enhance wellbeing







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Working with Creative Practitioners to enhance Sense of Place

Local artists can significantly enhance the offers we present as museums and heritage organisations. This session will explore the opportunities and benefits of using creative practitioners to connect with communities.

Be inspired to open your doors to new ways of working in partnership and collaboration.





Today's session

10.00	Welcome and what do we mean by Sense of Place?
10.10	What are Creative Practitioners?
10.20	Case studies
10.50	Q&A with presenters
11.00	Break
11.10	How might we work with CP's?
11.25	Breakout room
11.45	Feedback from facilitators
12.05	Break
12.15	Exercise
12.35	Q&A
12.50	Closing reflections





Perspective Culture Storytelling Connection Cohesion Heritage Trust

Emotion Belonging Preserve

Identity

Context Share
Safeguard Community
Unique Significance

Curate Impact History Pride



















Our Community Garland Project

- Creative response to Re-building Lives. 50 years
 of Uganda Asians in Loughborough exhibition
- Aim: To reach beyond the experiences of Ugandan Asians and touch the lives of local people who have more recently made Loughborough their home.









Market Harborough 'We Are Our Home'







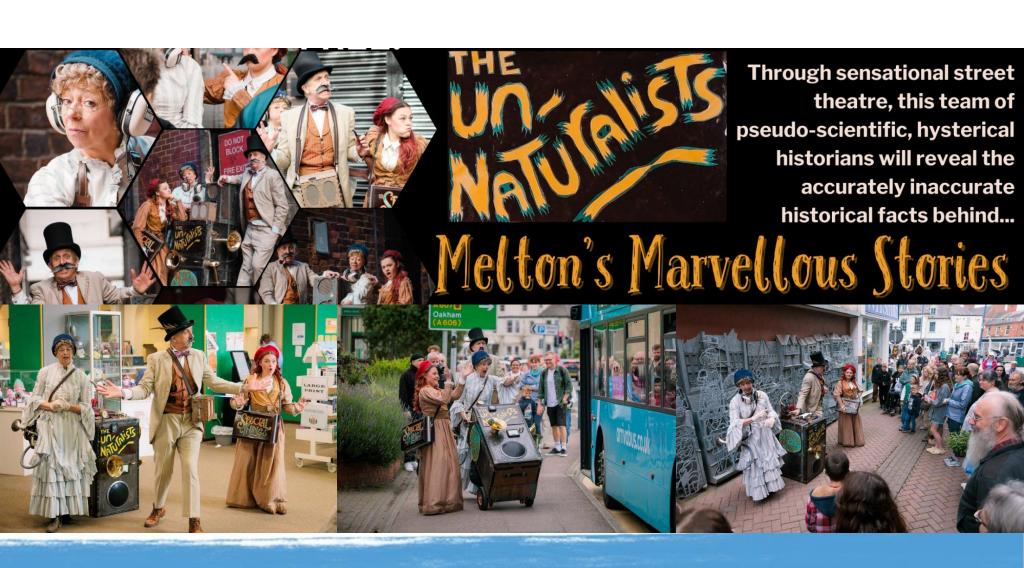


"These workshops have meant we can see art and creativity to see differences in each others traditions and way's of life, difference in culture and what makes a home"









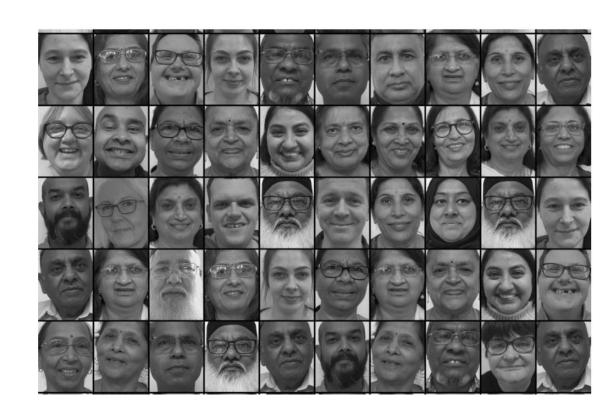




A sense of place

- Creating a personal connection to local heritage
- Celebrating diverse perspectives
- Connecting the past with the present
- Promoting community cohesion
- Building a shared community identity
- Fostering a sense of ownership

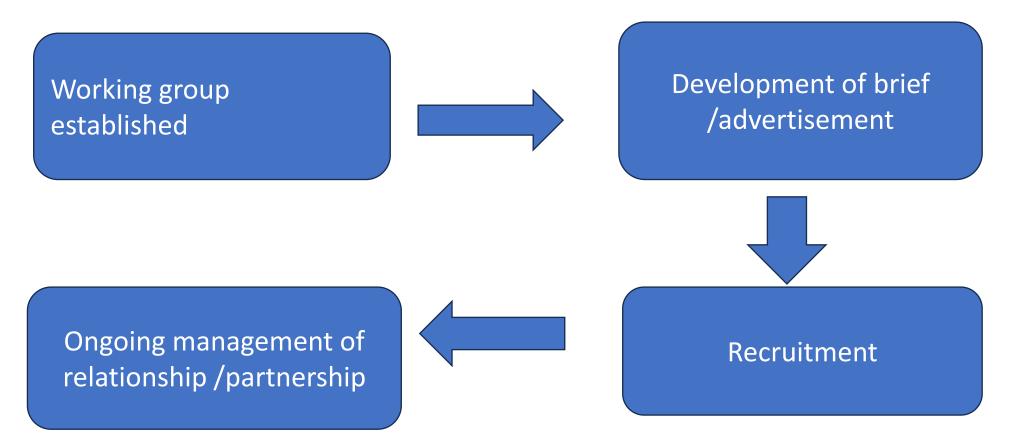
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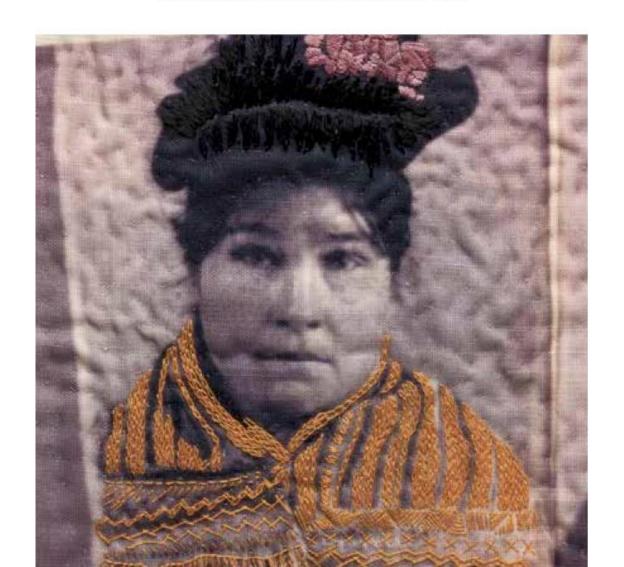


Artist-led projects with museums and heritage

Ruth Singer ruthsinger.com

Criminal Quilts

Textiles inspired by the stories of women photographed in Stafford Prison 1877-1916









ruthsinger.com/criminalquilts

Emotional Repair at Gawthorpe Textiles Collection 2018



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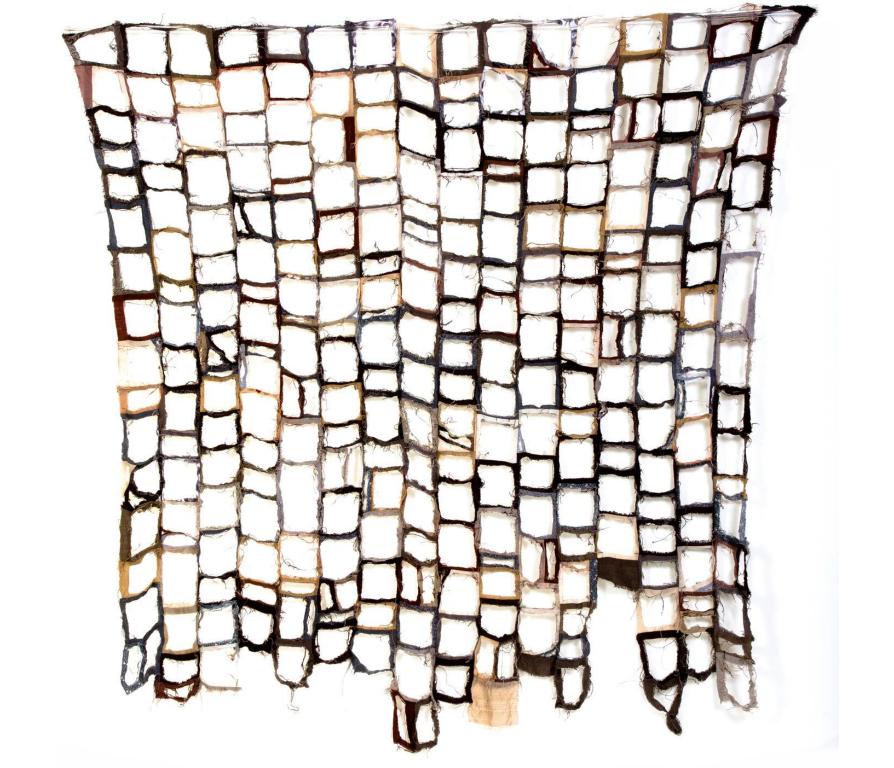
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Embroidered Herstories: Rediscovering Mary Linwood

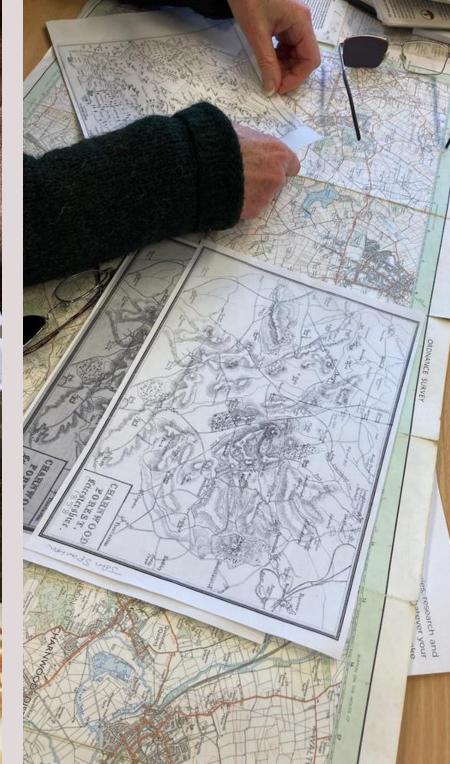
Mary Linwood was a celebrity embroidery artist in the early 1800s but not many people have heard of her now. This project celebrates her life and work with community projects and an exhibition. The exhibition will include many rarely-seen Mary Linwood embroideries and new textile artworks by Ruth Singer, reflecting on Linwood's life and legacy.

marylinwood.co.uk



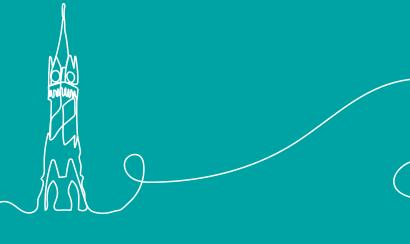
Girl Weeping over a Starved Goldfinch by Mary Linwood, 1798. Courtesy of Leicester Museums & Galleries







Museums engaging with Festivals, Events & Visitor Economy







Festivals, Events & a Sense of Place

- A museum context inspires curiosity and creativity, offering festivals a space to create unique events and installations
- A place to meet and engage thoughtfully with each other and history
- Devolution White Paper states culture, heritage and tourism are vital anchors driving economic growth and creating opportunities for people



 A role delivering DCMS Mission for a more socially cohesive county with an inclusive national story

 Part of England Visitor Economy Strategy to have thriving destinations and a strong sense of place

 Providing opportunities for people to build self esteem and confidence through volunteering

Changing from traditional, class based to more innovative and diverse



Making Connections

- Collaborative Partnerships are key to delivering new activities, and sharing expertise
- Partnering festivals, events, one day conferences,
 symposiums and seminars
- Hosting exhibitions and working with local galleries
- Workshop programmes and residencies

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