

Read our culture strategy

Our vision is for a more equal and connected Islington, where everyone can celebrate the joy of everyday creativity and experience the cultural activities they love.

Imagine Islington sets out the vision, priorities and plan for supporting people to enjoy and take part in culture in Islington all the way up to 2030.

Why we believe in building and supporting culture

Imagine an Islington where we all feel like we belong and have a fair chance to reach our full potential. Culture can play a key role in empowering us to realise our aspirations. This could be anything from feeling a stronger connection to our communities and improving our health and well-being to learning new skills or getting a job.

We know that this is out of reach for many people in the borough.

That's not fair, and we want to change that.

We want to make sure that people who find it difficult to get involved in cultural activities, such as those from under-served groups, can enjoy creative experiences. This means tackling barriers like lack of money, lack of time to travel to and attend activities and not knowing what's on and where.

We've spoken and listened to the community and the culture sector, and this has helped us create a plan which will give you the opportunity to be creative, celebrate your culture and do the things you love.

What culture means

Menu

Culture means different things to different people. It can mean doing things that let us be creative – like making music, producing art, flaunting fashion – or enjoying the pleasure of other people's creativity. It can mean expressing and celebrating our ideas, identity, heritage and traditions. Culture can also be about connecting with the world around us in a meaningful way and feeling safe and like we belong.

Everyday creativity

Arts Council England defines creativity as 'how people use their skills and knowledge to imagine or make something new or do something in a different way'. Everyday creativity is something that everyone can be a part of, whether at home or in the outside world. You might have a hobby or passion, such as crafting or gardening, or you might enjoy telling jokes. Everyday creativity can make our lives a little more fun or help us find a solution to a difficult situation.

Why culture is important

Culture is a powerful force for positive change. It

- enhances our wellbeing and reduces stress
- connects the communities we live in
- helps people to express themselves and feel empowered
- attracts visitors and investment and provides jobs
- gives entrepreneurs new opportunities
- brings vibrancy to local high streets and supports hundreds of supply chain businesses.

Vision and priorities (/libraries-arts-and-heritage/arts/imagine-islington/imagine-islington-vision-and-priorities)

Our vision and priorities for arts and culture in Islington will change the way we work and improve cultural opportunities for everyone

What our community told us (/libraries-arts-and-heritage/arts/imagine-islington/imagine-islington-community-engagement)

Find out how you helped us understand what you love to do and how we can support you to do more of it

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