

Culture Leicestershire's

Cultural Blueprint

2025 - 2027

What is this summary?

This document provides a concise overview of Culture Leicestershire's Cultural Blueprint, outlining our intentions for 2025-2027, including eight priority outcomes and our future ambition for 2025-26. The blueprint will be reviewed annually, with plans to launch a 3-year cultural strategy by 2028.

Who is it for?

This summary should be useful for anyone with an interest in our services as well as people working in the sector and related areas such as health and wellbeing, education, creative and tourist economies.

How was it developed?

Created through a collaborative process involving stakeholders, staff, volunteers, creative practitioners, and communities, this blueprint aligns with Leicestershire County Council's Strategic Plan and Arts Council England's Let's Create strategy.

What is Culture Leicestershire?

Culture Leicestershire is the County Council's Libraries, Collections and Learning, Heritage, and Cultural Participation services. We are an Arts Council England National Portfolio Organisation. Our vision is to create space to spark imagination, celebrate communities, and enhance wellbeing.

Our Cultural Assets

16 County Council libraries, 34 community managed libraries, Three Market Town Museums; Melton Carnegie Museum; Charnwood Museum and Harborough Museum, Bosworth Battlefield Heritage Centre, 1620s House and Garden at Donington le Heath, The Record Office, museum and archive collections and our cultural participation and creative learning programmes are part of Leicestershire's rich broader cultural landscape.



Ambition for 2025

Our eight priorities

1

Enhancing Wellbeing

Launch an audience data strategy which will ensure we are measuring and evaluating wellbeing impact. Invest in volunteering and actively increase flexible participation. Champion the Home Library Service and Culture to You offer.

2

Inviting communities

Support our Culture Leicestershire Board and Community Connectors network to champion, advocate, challenge and review our work. Continue to ensure that our network of community managed libraries remains effective and sustainable in delivering local library services.

3

Sparkling Imagination

Deliver our events and exhibitions programmes in Libraries and Heritage sites. Launch Creative Learning Services SEN cultural offer to young people in schools. Review and rationalise our cultural collections (Art Works and Art in Schools).

4

Encouraging Reading

Provide modern, vibrant book collections in a variety of accessible formats to support reading for pleasure. Facilitate the Bookstart programme including universal book gifting at a baby's six-week health check. Invite all primary-aged children across Leicestershire to participate in the annual Summer Reading Challenge.



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Celebrating our Heritage

Retaining our Museum and Archive Services Accredited status and improving our collections facilities.

6

Supporting the Local Economy

Continue to attract local visitors and tourists through Heritage and Library sites' displays and programming. Commission local creative practitioners to deliver high quality art and cultural activity.

7

Information and Digital

Review our current digital inclusion support to develop opportunities to address customer need. Build on the implementation of a new library management system to explore new avenues for digital engagement with our communities.

8

Play our part in cultural landscape

Retain our National Portfolio Organisation status and continue to fulfil our role as delivery partner for Museum Development Midlands.

Our values (how we work)

Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity:

Striving for accessible and inclusive services.

Ambition and Quality:

Challenging ourselves to achieve more for our communities.

Co-creation:

Collaborating with people, organisations and creative practitioners.

Volunteering:

Supporting local people to share their skills, energy and commitment to help us deliver our services.

Partnerships:

Sustaining existing and developing new partnerships.

Environmental Responsibility:

Promoting climate responsibility and sustainability.

Dynamism:

Maintaining a clear purpose and evidencing the benefits of our work.

