

Appendix 1

In the report that was produced for Cabinet 4 October 2022 a significant amount of back ground information was provided regarding the CCity project including the seven project strands that were initially agreed during the inaugural conference held in Gütersloh 2022:

1. Visual Arts and Exhibitions
 - i. Focus on 'La Collection en Valise'
2. Theatre and Literature
 - i. Focus on 'European Civic Stages'
3. Music I
 - i. Pollicino – Joint performance of Henze's children's opera
4. Music II
 - i. Jazz and Rock – Focus on musical exchange, joint performances and concerts
5. History and Custom
 - i. Focus on (presentation of) local history and custom
6. Sports
 - i. Focus on running and cycling including sporting events
7. Lifestyle
 - i. Focus: exchange on city and gastronomy events

Since the initial conference these project strands have been distilled further and lead cities have been identified

1. Performing Arts
 - i. Lead city: Broxtowe
 - ii. Broxtowe Leads: Councillor Teresa Cullen (Chair), Jeanie O'Shea and Liz Muge (Music), Gary Frost and Janet Shipton (Theatre)
2. Youth Parliament
 - i. Lead city: Châteauroux (France)
 - ii. Broxtowe Leads: Councillor William Mee
3. Visual Arts
 - i. Lead city: Falun (Sweden)
 - ii. Broxtowe Leads: Janet Shipton
4. History and Custom
 - i. Lead city: Gütersloh (Germany)
 - ii. Broxtowe Leads: Kevin Powell and Carolyn Melbourne
5. Sport
 - i. Lead city: Gütersloh (Germany)
 - ii. Broxtowe Leads: Zulfiqar Darr

The Food and Lifestyle project strand is the first project to have delivered the initial project outcomes in the form of a Cookery Book. The launch of the new book in Broxtowe took place at the Glass Orchid 16 July 2024. Nine businesses in Broxtowe were included in the book and it is on sale for £20 at the D.H. Lawrence Museum, The Canalside Heritage Museum, Attenborough Nature Reserve, the Glass Orchid and the Council Offices. The book has also been entered into an International book award competition and we await an announcement regarding the outcome.

Ideas that have been adopted in Broxtowe from elsewhere within the CCity family include, for example the Friday18 live music event that has run for the last three years in Beeston Square throughout the Summer months between 6pm and 7pm every Friday evening. This has introduced a welcome live music interlude and helped reduce anti-social behaviour which had become problematic on a Friday evening.

The Cabinet report 4 October 2022 also referenced the creation of a community committee. The report stated:

“Cultural Communities Committee

In order to successfully participate it will be essential that the Council identifies the social capital within Broxtowe Borough helping and encouraging individuals to take the lead on some of the project strands for example, music, theatre, art, crafts and dance. To coordinate the overall programme, it is suggested that the Committee consider seeking authority from Cabinet to create the terms of reference for a Cultural Communities Committee then establish the committee made up of members of the community and initially chaired by the Deputy Mayor for Broxtowe Borough Council.”

The first meeting of the Community Committee was held 20 February 2023. Members of the Community Committee were recently included in the new Cookery Book produced as part of the Food and Lifestyle project strand:



In June of 2024 the Committee ran a successful Broxtowe Creates Festival. 35 separate events were run throughout the Borough in addition to the Hemlock Happening, Stapleford Freedom Parade and two Friday18 live music events in Beeston,- 39 events delivered in one month in total. The Broxtowe Creates Festival was made possible by £30,000 worth of funding received from the Arts Council following a successful bid made by Broxtowe Borough Council and the Community Committee.

One of the events included the D.H. Lawrence Children's Literature competition which has run successfully for the last two years receiving submissions from across the country and internationally.