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**Salford Creative Health Network**

**Invitation to VCSE Groups: help shape how we do Creative Health in Salford**

The Salford Creative Health Network brings together local arts organisations, health and social care services, creative practitioners and community groups in our city. The aim is to get arts & health working in closer connection. We want to increase opportunities for local people to be creative – particularly those with the greatest health needs. We also want to share more evidence to show how creativity improves our wellbeing – with a view to bringing more funding into the city to support this work.

**This year we are writing a Salford Creative Health Action Plan – and we want this to be led by the views of local people.**

The Network would like to work with 8 VCSE groups in Salford to do some community consultation and creative showcases responding to the question of how being creative helps us live well in Salford. The results of these 8 community projects will be used to inform the Network’s plans. 8 grants are available of £1,000 per group.

To apply for this funding, you will need to deliver the following:

* Consult with members of your group/your community around the **5 Key Questions** given below.
* Capture monitoring information to demonstrate how many/who you have consulted with.
* Produce a showcase which will capture and demonstrate the results of your consultation – this could be a filmed performance, a written response, an artwork, exhibition, pop-up café or garden (or something else entirely).
* Use your showcase as a prompt for capturing further community feedback – asking local people who see it about their views on creativity and wellbeing.
* Provide a feedback report the Network which sums up your findings.

**The community consultation needs to focus on the following 5 Key Questions:**

1. What does creativity, culture and heritage mean to you?
2. How does creativity improve your wellbeing?
3. What are the biggest barriers to creativity and wellbeing in Salford?
4. What are the biggest opportunities?
5. Aside from more funding and better transport, what are the top 3 things you want to see in Salford to help local people be more creatively active?

**You do not need to be a creative group to work with us – if you don’t think you are ‘arty’ but are interested in this opportunity, please get in touch for a chat.**

**Application Process:**

* Complete the below application form – or arrange a telephone conversation to answer the questions.
* **Access support**: If you require assistance in submitting an application (e.g. translation services, BSL interpreter or similar) please get in touch.
* Selection will be based on ensuring that we work with groups representing different areas of Salford – along with different ages, interests and identities.
* Please email your application form (or arrange your telephone call) by contacting: Caroline.alexander@scll.co.uk / 07967 205551.

**Timeline:**

* w/c 23 June 2025 – applications open
* **Friday 11 July 2025 at 5pm– applications close**
* w/c 28 July 2025 – notification if successful (we’ll get back to everyone with feedback)
* August 2025 – grants awarded
* October 2025 – check-in to update on progress
* 1 January 2026 – deadline for completing showcase
* 31 January 2026 – deadline for submission of feedback report
* There will be an opportunity in February for community groups to get involved in shaping the the Creative Health Action Plan in February 2026. Details to follow.

**Application Form:**

See next page. Some additional information regarding the questions is given below.

**Consultation (question 2):** a simple monitoring form will be provided to you by SCL – it will ask for info on age ranges, postcodes, ethnicity, disability etc. There is no pressure to consult with large numbers of people. You might just consult with members of your own community group, or you might talk to a wider range of people in your community – just give us a rough idea in your application.

**Showcase (question 3):** You don’t need to have a firm idea of exactly what your showcase would look like now – but an idea that would be useful. The Network can help you secure a venue if you need one – e.g. at a Gateway Library or Community Centre. The showcase would need to take place before 1 Jan 2026. It would probably take place over 1-5 days – depending on what you are doing.

**Feedback (question 4):** You could do this by asking people to leave comments on a feedback wall, in comments book, a creative response, or responding to a survey etc.

**Budget (question 5):** Eligible costs include things like your time to deliver the project, volunteer expenses, equipment, materials, publicity, freelancer costs, room hire, funding to cover childcare or carer costs, transport or catering.

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**Helping to shape how we do Creative Health in Salford: Application Form**

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| 1. Tell us about your community group – who you are, what you do, where you are based, and who you work with. 500 words max.
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| 1. Tell us about how you would do your consultation and approx. how many people you’d likely consult with. 500 words max.
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| 1. Tell us about your planned showcase. 500 words max.
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| 1. Tell us how your showcase would prompt and capture further community feedback. 500 words max.
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| 1. Provide us with an outline budget – to give us an idea of how you will spend the money.
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***Here are some examples of budget lines to give you an idea of the info we are after:***

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| *Item* | *Narrative* | *Amount*  |
| *Room hire costs* | *5 hours at £25 per hour* | *£125* |
| *Artist fees* | *2 days working with [insert name] artist at £250 per day*  | *£500*  |

* To confirm – you do not need to be creative group to work with us – if you don’t think you are ‘arty’ but are interested in this opportunity, please get in touch for a chat asap.
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* **Deadline is Friday 11 July 2025 at 5pm.**