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EZINE

Hello all, and welcome to the 2nd edition of the Cultural Compact EZINE. Take a look at what we've been up to over the last week.

From here on out, I (Amelia) will be sending this out on a weekly basis. So anything you would like to see included, please don't hesitate to get in touch. Just send me an email: amelia.matthews@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk

NEWS FLASH!

It's been an active week building momentum for the Compact behind the scenes, here's what we've been up to:

- **Recruitment:** Recruitment for a Compact Project Manager is in full swing. We're not quite over the line yet but you will certainly be hearing from a new member of the team who will be in contact with you all very soon.
- **Meeting with ACE:** Council officers and Jane Earl (Chair) met with Arts Council England this week to provide an update on the progress of the Compact and in particular our emerging projects : 1) digital heritage trails, 2) a youth social action project called "What will you do when you're in charge?", 3) the Room for Risk programme introducing activity and creativity in unusual spaces across North East Worcestershire, and 4) Petro Nicolaides support to leverage further business support. Zoe Willems from Avoncroft who chairs the Heritage Trails and Volunteering theme group has been very supportive this week attending a meeting of Visit Worcestershire and has also given thought to an excellent idea that she launches later in this ezine!
- **Reimagine Redditch:** The Creative People and Places project in Redditch is well underway in terms of launching their new team with Richard Bromhall the new Programme Director recruiting a new Community Engagement Officer. Watch this space!
- **Youth Theme Group:** We're holding an online meeting on the 9th January at 2pm about the "What will you do when you're in charge" project where all partners interested in supporting young people to connect better with our work will be invited. Plans are afoot for a participatory event at Heart of Worcestershire College in the Spring. Please let Amelia Matthews know if you want to attend. Pete Sugg (CEO of Young Solutions) who is chairing these proceedings will be more than pleased to bring you on board.

CATCH UP

Arts in Redditch are currently running their Pop-Up Gallery at the Kingfisher Centre, Redditch.

Showcasing over 40 local artists and makers until the 4th December – this Sunday!

Tomorrow (Saturday 3rd December) they will be joined by PhD Student Niall Gallen, discussing his research project on the Paolozzi Mosaics between 10am and 4pm.

The Paolozzi Mosaics are located within the Kingfisher Shopping Centre (in the foyer between Coffee #1 and The Range – look up!) and will be turning 40 next year!



SPOTLIGHT

Want to be featured here? Contact Amelia with a pre-written piece or an idea!



COMPACT PARTNERS SUPPORT QUEENS BATON RELAY

We promised to let you know what happened on the other side of North East Worcestershire on the day that the Queens Baton Relay arrived.

What a day!

You'll notice how many partners were involved and how many residents turned out. We want to thank Bromsgrove Festival, Bromsgrove Gymnastics and in particular Glamba for all their help. Severn Arts rolled into town too with their music bus.

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SPEED DATING

Our Heritage Trails Theme Group leader has suggested setting up a 'speed dating', read below her thought on how this might work:

- Organisations could each have a table, with a real focus on displaying their [up to three?] asks/proposals for collaboration/partnership.
- Participants would move around the tables; each participant has 2 minutes to pitch before swapping over and then moving on. Cut out the introductions and get straight to the ask!
- Could arrange e.g. quarterly sessions – perhaps 2x in person and 2x virtual?
- Each organisation can also display their leaflet to promote the next quarter's activities so we are all kept informed, with prospect for partnership/cross-promotion, alongside discussion of potential longer term future quarter/year plans that we might develop together.
- Other ideas along same lines – we have a 'Wanted' pin board at event (or a virtual one) – partners post their ask/proposal/offer, and those interested can link up (for those who like to take the time to read and consider, not be put on the spot!).
- Do we have 'dance-cards' that people can mark if interested in working together? Can this be created in digital/virtual space to enable participation/evolution of ideas outside of set meeting times?

ACTION: Are you interested? Get in touch with Amelia! Any comments on regularity, locations, when you would be interested in this taking place (Spring? Summer?) let me know!