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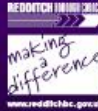
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EZINE

Welcome to Issue no. 4 of the NEW EZINE! Have a quick read to see what we've been up to since the last edition!

If you would like anything you are doing featured, please send me an email:

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NEWS FLASH!

See what we've been up to in the last week:

- **Be Added to the List!**: Do you know anyone that you think would be interested in receiving this weekly ezine? Please tell them to get in touch with me, and I will add them to the distribution list. Everyone welcome.
- **Spring Conference**: We are excited to announce that our next conference for all partners is scheduled for Spring 2023 and will be taking place on 28th March 2023 (venue to be confirmed). Hold the dates in your diary if at all possible! It promises to be an interactive and creative event providing an opportunity to reflect upon our activities together in 2022 and critically our next steps to deliver the Heritage Corridor for North Worcestershire.
- **Youth Theme Group**: A reminder that a Youth Theme Group meeting is taking place on the 9th of January at 3pm via Teams and all are welcome who have a vested interest in working alongside young people to get them involved in the Compact. Contact Amelia to be added to the meeting invite.
- **Heritage Trails and Volunteering Theme Group**: A meeting for this theme group will be scheduled for early on in the new year, so keep an eye out.
- **Projects** : Jonathan and Huw held an excellent meeting with Compact member and theatre company Stans Café this week to discuss how they can best support projects. Jonathan and Louisa have discussed this progress and some interesting ideas are starting to emerge. We look forwards to letting you know more in the new year.

REFLECTIONS ON 2022 AS WE LOOK TOWARDS 2023

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMPACT PROJECT MANAGER

"As you'll have been reading in the previous editions of the e-zine, 2023 is shaping up to be an important year for the work of the Cultural Compact. We'll be consolidating and growing the membership and encouraging more organisations with a regional or national remit to get involved and play a part in helping us deliver our ambitious plans. We will be reconvening our three sub-groups focussing on heritage and volunteering, youth and

A MESSAGE FROM OUR COMPACT CHAIR

"Dear compact colleagues

A quick note to thank you for all the work which is going on on the north-east Worcestershire compact over the last year. It's been very good to see the progress being made in partnerships, and I'm looking forward to being able to meet many of you in person when we have a review event in the spring.

business. We'll be getting some public-facing activity underway led by each group, ahead of our conference in late March.

We'll also be crossing fingers for some positive funding news from the Shared Prosperity Fund and making plans to secure further project funding to enhance our resources and ambition.

So as 2022 draws to a close, I'd love to hear your Cultural Compact New Year's Resolution for 2023... what are you going to contribute, achieve or support next year? Maybe it is to enable a group of young people to deliver an activity contributing to positive social action in their community? Maybe you want to see a different audience engaging with your heritage attraction? Or perhaps you will establish a new volunteering programme?

Send them to me at louisadavies.arts@gmail.com (before the end of New Year's Day 2023) with the subject line New Year's Resolution and we'll share the best ones (anonymously) in the first e-zine of 2023.

Wishing you a wonderful festive break over the coming weeks."

Louisa Davies
Cultural Compact Project Manager

We've been really encouraged by the level of collaboration and practical activities which are already underway. And the work of the compact has been recognised by Arts Council England, who have recently agreed to provide a small amount of funding to enable some project management support. They are also hosting a conference in Coventry in January for representatives of other compacts from across the country, and Jonathan and I are looking forward to going along to learn from what others are doing.

Thanks to all of you for the contribution you make to such a wide range of cultural activities in the area. At such a difficult time for so many people in our communities, it's really good to see your creativity and partnerships demonstrating results. All of the work you're doing helps to build pride in the area, and helps to build further economic sustainability, as well as delivering great arts, heritage and culture activities.

I hope that you and your colleagues have a restful break over the Christmas season, and I look forward to seeing you newly refreshed for an even more exciting 2023"

Jane Earl
Compact Chair



We wish all members of the Cultural Compact for North East Worcestershire, and their families, a restive and festive few weeks and look forward to what 2023 will bring for the Compact.