We are here

A CITY IMAGINING

Our Cultural Lives 2020 – 2030

Belfast!

ONCE UPON A TIME...

In a place not far away from here, some people gathered. They talked about their city and their dreams; they spoke about the creativity and culture that makes Belfast special. For the future, they knew they had to create something new and different. They imagined. Their ideas evolved into conversations. From these conversations, the idea of a Cultural Strategy emerged. Our Cultural Lives 2020 – 2030 was born.

STAY IN TOUCH...

To find out more about this strategy or to contact the team please visit culture@belfastcity.gov.uk or call 028 9050 0543.

A CITY BELONGING

Choose to be an active citizen. Make Belfast a city where you feel at home and can express yourself culturally.

1. Take the opportunity to be involved in setting our city’s priorities and making decisions on culture.
2. Express yourself and your identity through culture and creativity.
3. Tell your stories – the stories of our city’s diverse cultural heritages.
4. Participate in cultural life. Create a sense of belonging within the places and spaces of our city.

A CITY CHALLENGING

Open your doors and celebrate our diverse lifestyles, traditions and attitudes.

5. Shape our spaces into places that reflect our creativity and character.
6. Support the physical and digital spaces where we can express who we are.
7. Celebrate the diversity of our festivals and events.
8. Make some noise and bring our streets, parks and public spaces to life.

A CITY CREATING

Allow creativity to shape our city’s future.

9. Unleash ideas that spark imagination and innovation.
10. Be confident, let new ideas take hold and give space to those who want to take creative risks.
11. Strengthen links between society and technology through creativity.

A CITY EXPLORING

Let’s strengthen our place in the world by building upon our cultural networks and partnerships locally, regionally and internationally.

13. Connect our city to the world around us.
14. Welcome visitors to our local Belfast experience.
15. Take responsibility for our environment and change behaviours.
16. Use the power of culture to create opportunities for everyone.

TIME-LINE

Culture Forum is set

2018

Belfast City Council

2019

2020

15 Focus Panels

Implementation Plan

UNESCO City of Music

2021

2023

Opening of Belfast Story and new Film Centre

2025

...and beyond!

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