

Northumberland LCEP - Phase One

Background

Northumberland LCEP have created a project co-produced with children and young people, based on the work done by Culture Bridge North East (CBNE) to engage with schools to identify and focus on the need for cultural and creativity.

The CBNE Creative Schools programme focused on the enquiry question: 'How can cultural learning, and access to art and culture, support issues children and young people are facing at this time?'

CBNE received 22 completed Expressions of Interest, 68% of these were from Northumberland schools.

Analysing the section of the form asking the schools what the immediate need for their children and young people was, brought forward some keywords:



In addition, we know that children and young people have faced different experiences over the last year during the pandemic and that schools are now responding to many existing and emerging issues. We also know that child poverty rates have increased, particularly in the North East, and some challenges and issues faced have been exacerbated, for example, school attendance, mental health and wellbeing, access to social interactions and poverty.

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Northumberland LCEP will work together as a group to make a difference to the lives of children and young people across the County. In response to work of CBNE Northumberland LCEPs will focus on remote schools, schools in areas of high deprivation, schools experiencing poor transport links and schools facing other relevant barriers to engagement with cultural activity.

The programme will partner cultural organisations from the LCEP with schools to deliver activities for children and young people and/or deliver a programme of free CPD for teachers. This work will be co-created with the children and young people, ensuring that the direction of travel is informed by their wants and needs.

This will be an action-research phase and the key learnings will be used to inform the next phases of work, as well as to support future funding applications.