

# COMMUNITY & CULTURE

## ACHIEVEMENTS ~ 2024-2025



- Over **73,000** visitors to Councils Arts Centre
- **32,800** visitors welcomed across 5 accredited museum venues
- **250+** Community & Voluntary groups awarded **£480,000+** in funding
- **16,000+** advice sessions, securing **£2.89million** in additional benefits income



- **62** Projects delivered across the borough
- **100+** Key Performance Indicators
- **11,463** participants



**PCSP** - Developed a resource which raises awareness of Disability hate crime and received **RUNNER UP** in PSNI Problem Solving Awards 2025. The resource is the only one of its kind in Northern Ireland!!



Advanced stage 2 of the capital development for Ballycastle Museum



**First NI Council to Adopt and implement a memorial Policy; Staff & Stakeholders received training**



### ARTS

- Delivered **538** arts programme activities
- Provided **166** community arts activities,
- Supported **635** adult creative practitioners through employment, showcasing and bursary opportunities including **434** borough-based practitioners and supported **1098** young people experience arts/cultural programmes and develop their creative skills
- Developed **25** community partnerships and 11 Section 75 organisation partnerships to enable integrated working and widen arts accessibility.

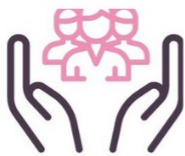


Community & Culture operated within a net budget of circa **£1.9 million** with an anticipated grant income of **£1.5million** and **£186k** income generation



### MUSEUMS

- **5** Museums Maintained full Accreditation
- Educational workshops provided to **1,400** pre-school & school children across the Borough
- **16** local organisations supported to develop events and projects which increase engagement in culture, arts & heritage
- Partnership agreement with Community & voluntary sector to expand public access to Green Lane
- **8000+** visitors to Safari Tale exhibition



### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **50** community development workshops, information events and shared learning opportunities were provided with 467 individuals representing **131** unique community and voluntary organisations.
- **133** grants were awarded to community organisations to a value of **£242,967**, part funded by the Department for Communities, to support the provision of community facilities and programmes of activity to address loneliness and isolation and to celebrate cultural and community identity.
- **63** community organisations received financial assistance towards operating costs, 50 of which operated community facilities, to a total value of **£166,084**
- **17** organisations attended dedicated funding clinics with **£438,955** of external funding secured as a result



- Northern Ireland's **1st** Cyber Safety toolkit for schools & youth groups developed
- **29** graffiti incidents removed, **100%** of local communities feel safer
- **1460** educated on Anti-Social Driving & Road Safety programme
- **1,298** school pupils awareness increased through Educations Safety programme
- **80** awareness sessions & **1,450** attendees increased knowledge on Teen healthy relationships programme



### GOOD RELATIONS

- **13** Ulster Scots & Irish culture initiatives delivered through the Hear Here project, enhancing mutual understanding
- **203** young participants took part in the Share Space project; 71% made new cross-community connections
- **300** school children participated in Pupil Voice
- Schools Diversity project delivered to **10** schools and **291** pupils gained cultural awareness and improved cross-community attitudes
- ESOL