

## ABOUT DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL CULTURE COMPANY

### Background Information

Dublin City Council Culture Company is a newly established company limited by guarantee, registered with the Companies Office in March 2018. As stated in the Constitution of the Company, the Company is established is to create and deliver cultural initiatives in Dublin City, and to initiate, implement and manage cultural programmes and buildings for the benefit of the citizens of Dublin, locally and citywide. Collaborating with citizens, communities, cultural organisations, businesses, and Dublin City Council itself, the company's work is focused on embedding cultural experiences and increasing cultural participation throughout Dublin's neighbourhoods. The Company has an annual budget of over €1million to achieve these aims, and is managed by a Board, comprising member of the Council and Executive, as well as independent members from the cultural and heritage sector.

### CURRENT PROGRAMMES OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL CULTURE COMPANY

Dublin City Council Culture Company runs a series of varied and multi-faceted projects and programmes, which already have a significant track record of impact in communities across the city. The programmes, and projects within them, are delivered by a team of Project Managers and Engagement Officers whose work informs the content of all communications.

### ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMMES

**Dublin's Culture Connects: The National Neighbourhood** connects Dubliners, community groups, artists, and the National Cultural Institutions to all the assets of Dublin City Council. We want every neighbourhood to know and "own" their city's cultural resources so we build cultural projects in community settings, connecting artists, groups, and villages with libraries, museums, and creative places to deepen their understanding of each other and themselves. The raw material for all of these programmes and their development comes from ongoing engagement with Dublin citizens, connecting people through culture and conversation. More details on Dublin's Culture Connects and its range of activities at [www.dublinscultureconnects.ie](http://www.dublinscultureconnects.ie)

**14 Henrietta Street: Georgian Townhouse to Tenement Dwellings** is a new visitor attraction opening to the public in September 2018 after a pre-launch period from July 2018 with pre-arranged tours. Dating from the 1720s, Henrietta Street is the most intact collection of early to mid-18th century houses in Ireland. From Georgian townhouse to Tenement dwelling, *14 Henrietta Street* tells the story of the house and the lives of the people who lived there and how social change impacted on them over time. Built as a townhouse for the elite of Dublin, 14 Henrietta Street was turned into tenements in the 1880s, with some 100 people living there by 1911. It remained a tenement house until the last families left around 1979. More details at [www.14HenriettaStreet.ie](http://www.14HenriettaStreet.ie)

**Dublin's Culture Connects: Culture Club** are free and relaxed guided tours of Dublin's cultural places and spaces by an experienced and knowledgeable guide, followed by complimentary tea, coffee and chats.

Plus other engagement programmes under development

### CAPACITY BUILDING PROGRAMMES

**Dublin's Culture Connects: EU Lab** has been developed to connect Dublin's ideas and innovations with European partners, for the benefit of all. We find and match partners with common interests to help them build projects to then work with them to source European funding. We assist in putting together complex applications, provide training about EU systems and help Dublin City forge productive cultural European partnerships. More details on the EU Lab at [www.dublinscultureconnects.ie/eu-lab](http://www.dublinscultureconnects.ie/eu-lab)

**Dublin's Culture Connects: Fundraising Fellowship Dublin** is a partnership with the New Stream Capacity Building Project operated by Business to Arts. We strengthen and support Dublin cultural organisations by giving them the skills and confidence to fundraise, expanding their own impact, and sharing their learning with others. More details on the Fundraising Fellowship at [www.dublinscultureconnects.ie/the-national-neighbourhood/fundraising-fellowship/](http://www.dublinscultureconnects.ie/the-national-neighbourhood/fundraising-fellowship/)

Plus other capacity building programmes under development

## RESEARCH PROGRAMMES

**Dublin's Culture Connects: Cultural Audit And Map** is identifying and recording information on the city's cultural infrastructure. We give people choices and inform policymakers about the city's culture by developing a comprehensive dynamic database and a user-friendly public website. More details on the Cultural Audit and Map at <https://www.dublinscultureconnects.ie/cultural-map/>

Plus other research programmes under development

## THE VALUES OF DUBLIN CITY COUNCIL CULTURE COMPANY

We work from a values-driven approach to projects, programmes and initiatives, and buildings. In line with the object of the new company, the values informing all we do are: [www.dublincitycouncilculturecompany.ie](http://www.dublincitycouncilculturecompany.ie)

**Participation & Engagement** – because it makes culture 'real', it activates and empowers people (using their imagination and creativity), it connects people together.

**Partnership** – act as a catalyst, bringing different people and organisations together to grow knowledge, empathy, understanding... and respect.

**Relevance** – we aim to embed culture in everyday life because culture is central to human development and central to Dublin's quality of life. We work on themes sourced through engagement.

**Quality** – we access and use skills, experience, and knowledge to build impact, sustainability and quality into every project.

**Capacity-Building** – to develop skills and activate new ways of working that enable everyone to create more cultural opportunities to ensure its continued impact and legacy.