



SURF
Scotland's Regeneration Forum

SURF : sharing experience : shaping practice



Promoting creative arts in community regeneration: SURF Awards Shared Learning Workshop

Background

SURF and the Scottish Government work together to identify and highlight excellence and innovation in initiatives that address social and economic challenges in disadvantaged communities through the annual SURF Awards for Best Practice in Community Regeneration.

This **free half-day SURF Awards workshop event in Paisley Town Hall on 1 June** provides an opportunity to explore successful approaches towards promoting creative arts in community regeneration. The winning and highly commended projects from the 'Creative Regeneration' category highlighted in the 2016 SURF Awards process will provide comment on their experiences and transferable learning.



(l-r): The Stove Network, Hippifest and Made in Easterhouse

Workshop guests will firstly hear from a project representative from the 'Creative Regeneration' category winner **The Stove Network**. Based in Dumfries town centre The Stove Network is an independent arts organisation working with a wide range of local and national partners to found an artist-led collective that engages with local people to deliver a range of culture-based regeneration initiatives.

This will be followed by input from the highly commended **Hippfest** project. Run by Falkirk Community Trust the Hippodrome Festival of Silent Film (Hippfest) delivers a high-profile national festival of silent film that supports local community regeneration outcomes in the town of Bo'ness.

Guests will then hear from the second of the highly commended projects **Made in Easterhouse**. Managed by Glasgow East Arts Company's Platform, Made in Easterhouse marked the achievements of a successful community arts centre on its tenth anniversary.

The event will close with **Creative Scotland** providing detail on their current priorities towards supporting creative arts organisations. Followed by a short input from the **Paisley 2021** bid for City of Culture. It will then open up to a discussion on National Policy.

The SURF Awards 'Creative Regeneration' judging panel team – comprising representatives of Creative Scotland, Craft Town Scotland, Plantation Productions and North Edinburgh Arts – were particularly enthused by the level of community engagement and lasting impact in each area within all three shortlisted projects in this category. The judges will be participating in the workshop, which also features a discussion session and networking lunch, to help draw out transferable lessons from the participating projects.

Programme

- 10:00am Welcome and Coffee
- 10:30am Introduction: **Andy Milne**, Chief Executive, SURF
- 10:40am Presentation, The Stove Network: **Matt Baker**, The Stove Network
- 10:55am Presentation, Hippfest: **Alison Strauss**, Falkirk Community Trust
- 11:05am Presentation, Made in Easterhouse: **Jenny Crowe**, Glasgow East Arts Company
- 11:15am Open Discussion, Questions and Comments with representatives from the projects
- 11:40am Presentation, Creative Scotland: **Karen Dick**, Creative Scotland
- 11:50am Presentation, Paisley 2021 Bid: **Jean Cameron**, Paisley 2021
- 12.00pm Open Discussion on National Policy
- 12:25pm Summary and Thanks: **Andy Milne**
- 12:30pm Networking Lunch

About the SURF Awards

Please visit www.surf.scot for more information on the SURF Awards and the outcomes of the 2016 process.

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