North Devon Arts - Aims and Objectives
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North Devon Arts aims to bring together artists and creatives of all types to promote creative development, a sense of wellbeing, understanding and cohesion within the arts community.

Aims

North Devon Arts is a membership organisation which seeks to:

Enable local creative practitioners and others with an interest in the arts and culture to meet, exhibit, grow their practice and participate in cultural activities.

Provide a forum for critical debate, reflection and appreciation of all the arts and related fields.

Enable artists in the North Devon area to interact and promote their work individually, collectively both locally and more widely.

Support rurally isolated artists and creatives by creating a means of communication with like-minded people, to potentially exchange ideas, work in collaboration, exchange skills etc.

Provide a means of supporting artists in the development of their practices and receive support through highlighting or making available training and learning opportunities.

Promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the arts and cultural activities within the wider community and encourage participation.

Promote wellbeing of all members of the community through encouraging participation in art and culture.

The above will be realised through:

Organising talks and workshops on art and other cultural topics to promote debate, understanding and critical engagement with all forms of artistic and cultural production.

Supporting individual practices through the provision of mutual support, networking and signposting to training and funding.

Organising exhibitions of members' work and promoting members as widely as possible through our own communication channels and the media.

Engaging with the wider community through the organisation of events and projects within both conventional and unconventional settings, in order to enable people to interact with art activities as viewers, makers and participants in a wide range of activities.

Enabling different cultural practices to interact through the development of programmes designed to bring different practitioners into contact with each other.

Actively seeking to attract funding and other forms of support for the arts and influence policy makers and opinion formers in the importance of the arts and culture.

Liaising with other organisations and seeking synergies for collaborative projects and funding bids.

Engaging with the North Devon & Torridge Cultural Strategy, ‘Flourishing Culture’ and ‘Flourishing Barnstaple’, representing NDA Members.

Being the most desirable ‘go to’ membership arts organisation in North Devon.

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