

TORPOINT ARTISTS COLLECTIVE CIC

TAC

ABOUT

TAC was founded, by artists living in Torpoint, in 2024 to support creatives living and working in the town and the surrounding areas. We aim to develop new cultural opportunities, creative spaces to work and mechanisms to engage with the wider community and develop the cultural strategy for Torpoint.

We have proposed taking on the lease of Horson Chapel as a base for our work, community consultation and developing creative projects with, and for, the local community. We believe in co-design and collaboration and how residents can help shape where they live and the activities they get to take part in together.

WHY DO TOWNS NEED ARTISTS?

In the UK, artists play a vital role in the cultural and economic fabric of towns. They contribute to the cultural enrichment of the community by providing avenues for self-expression, creativity, and the exploration of diverse perspectives.

A vibrant arts scene can attract tourists, boost local businesses, and contribute to the overall attractiveness of the town, leading to increased economic activity. Additionally, artists contribute to education and community engagement through workshops, performances, and public art installations, promoting inclusivity and social cohesion.



By supporting local artists to live, work and contribute to the town we can help build a great community. Creatives will have better access to developing career pathways, new skills through training, means to develop business and thrive.

Artists won't have to travel so far to find work, or studios or means to shout about their projects and creative practice. The town will see new spaces and activities grow in tandem to the confidence that artists have in sustaining their careers in Torpoint.

WHAT WE CAN MAKE HAPPEN

Cultural Projects - Creative Networking - Commissions - Exhibitions - Performances - Funding support - Artist mentoring - Supporting fundraising and grant applications - Training & Events - Creative marketing - Artist bursaries - Exchange opportunities - Strategic visioning for the arts

CREATIVE SPACES

TAC can benefit the community by developing creative spaces such as; galleries, workshops, music venues, theatre, cinema studios, cafes and community hubs. Through shaping new spaces art can serve as a powerful tool for civic engagement within the community.

We believe that art and community projects can contribute to a sense of identity and pride by showcasing the unique characteristics and values of a community. Bringing artists together will ensure more happens, our first creative space at Horson Chapel will be a 'pebble in the pond' with a ripple of new opportunities and activities across Torpoint.



We will benefit the community through associated economic 'good growth' by attracting visitors, supporting local businesses, and generating employment opportunities in areas such as galleries, theatres, and other creative industries.

We will help spark new creative places to work, places to visit and places to feel inspired - connecting to Torpoint's development strategic and wider stakeholders in the region. We can explore public art and creative placemaking initiatives that contribute to the enhancement and revitalisation of Torpoint, the arts should be a strong part of building a more resilient community and making Torpoint both a creative home and Inspiring destination.

WE CAN HELP MAKE

Studios - Workshops - Creative Venues - Galleries - Training spaces - Public Art & murals

CREATIVE ENGAGEMENT

TAC will benefit the community by seeing artists running creative workshops, projects, programmes and arts activities that build community identity and pride, nurturing a more cohesive and resilient neighbourhood.

Engaging with art has been linked to improved mental health and well-being. Art provides an outlet for self-expression, stress relief, and emotional exploration. In making new spaces and running projects for the community we will be able to connect people, reducing loneliness and isolation in the town - building a happier healthier town.

We will benefit the community by offering creative consultation in shaping a better Torpoint for everyone. Art brings people together, fostering social interaction and a sense of community cohesion. Collaborative art projects can build bridges between diverse groups within a community.

Art projects can serve as a bridge between generations, providing common ground for people of different ages to connect, share experiences, and learn from each other. We aim to work with everyone and will build partnerships, and wider relationships with stakeholders; from local council, to schools, businesses and other voluntary sector groups.

WE'D LIKE TO SEE

Creative workshops and educational opportunities - Exhibitions and events - Accessible arts projects - Encouraging cultural diversity - A Torpoint Arts Festival - Arts Strategy - Partnership working (schools & businesses) - Nurture creative health and wellbeing projects

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT

TAC can benefit the community by putting the town on the cultural map in Cornwall (and beyond) helping with the ambition to become more of a destination.

Through the arts we can stimulate economic growth by attracting tourists, supporting local businesses, and generating employment opportunities in areas such as galleries, theatres, and other creative industries.

We will declare a climate emergency and develop a plan for NetZero and work to develop a sustainable localised approach to community creativity. Environmental art projects raise awareness about ecological issues, encouraging sustainable practices and a sense of responsibility toward the environment. We will grow our work with environmental responsibility.

Art projects in schools and community settings can enhance creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Exposure to the arts can contribute to well-rounded educational experiences, many employers flag 'creative thinking' as a key asset in employees. We can work alongside schools and education providers to compliment and offer a new base for group projects.

Exposure to art fosters innovation and creativity within a community. It encourages individuals to think outside the box and approach challenges with a fresh perspective. We're confident new projects, businesses and more will emerge from seeing the arts nurtured from a hub initially Horson Chapel, in the town.

WHAT WE CAN WORK ON

Creative employment - Increased footfall and placemaking - Education and skills development - Local resilience and capacity building - Creative solutions to complex problems - Climate Emergency planning - Sustainable project work

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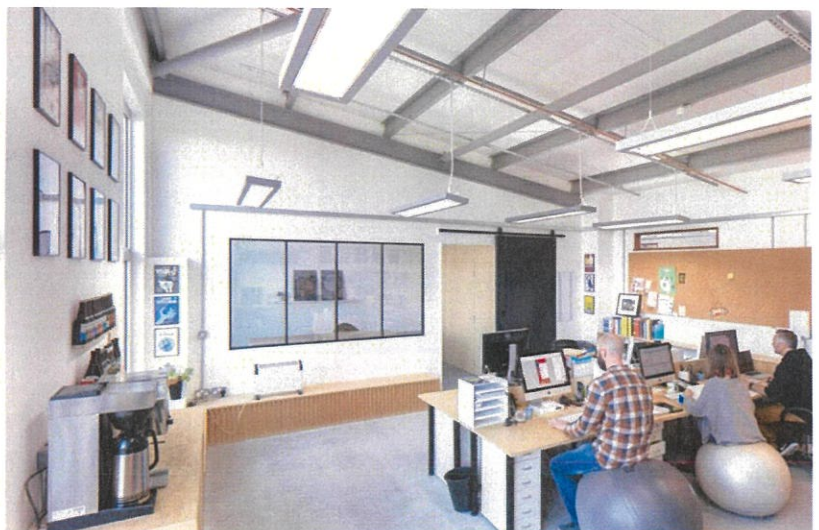
EXAMPLES

ONION COLLECTIVE (Somerset) is a community-based organisation located in Watchet, Somerset, United Kingdom. Established in 2013, Onion Collective has been instrumental in driving positive change and regeneration within the town of Watchet. The collective is known for its innovative and collaborative approach to community development, engaging local residents in creative projects that aim to enhance the social, cultural, and economic aspects of the area. Onion Collective has been involved in various initiatives, including the development of the Watchet Esplanade and the transformation of a derelict boatyard into a community space called the "Contains Art" gallery. The organisation has a strong focus on the arts, culture, and sustainable practices, using these elements as catalysts for community engagement and revitalization. By fostering a sense of pride and ownership among residents, Onion Collective seeks to create a vibrant and resilient community in Watchet.



www.onioncollective.co.uk

KROWJI (Cornwall) - is a thriving creative community and workspace complex situated in Redruth, Cornwall. Originally a grammar school, Krowji has been repurposed into a dynamic space that provides studios for artists, designers, and creative practitioners. With over 100 studios, Krowji accommodates a diverse range of creative disciplines, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, textiles, and digital media. Beyond offering individual workspaces, Krowji fosters a collaborative and supportive environment for Cornwall's artistic community. The facility regularly hosts exhibitions, open studios, and events, providing opportunities for artists to showcase their work and engage with the public. Krowji's role extends beyond a physical space; it actively contributes to Cornwall's cultural landscape by serving as a hub for artistic innovation, professional development, and creative networking. The community-driven ethos of Krowji makes it a significant contributor to Cornwall's vibrant arts scene, attracting both local and visiting artists to participate in and contribute to the region's rich cultural tapestry



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