

Barnsley Civic Enterprise Ltd. Artistic Policy

Barnsley Civic Enterprise Ltd has a vision to position The Civic as an 'extraordinary destination for the arts'

We seek to further embed the organisation to become an exceptional destination for contemporary popular culture.

Artistic Mission Statement

"We hope to generate debate, push boundaries, and encourage new ways of thinking for both those familiar with the arts and those new to this arena."

"We will deliver a programme that is accessible, inclusive and engaging; encouraging repeat attendance and connecting with audiences through content that is relevant and meaningful"

The Civic exists to provide Barnsley and the surrounding communities with a culturally significant voice. The aim is to present a progressive programme of festivals, exhibitions performance and events that relate to the area, social, economic and political attitudes whilst also entertaining and encouraging debate.

In order to achieve real growth in our artistic practice and the depth of reach we seek to have, we will be striving to achieve the following objectives:

- To become the leading combined arts centre in the North of England with national recognition.
- To be cemented firmly at the heart of Yorkshire's cultural offer
- To be aspirational for local and regional artists and performers
- To have a thriving local audience base
- To seek out the underground, controversial and progressive work of artists
- To be identified as a key organisation in the commissioning and touring of new work
- To celebrate and highlight the venue and town with an annual flagship festival of visual and performance art
- The utilization of all our assets and empty spaces with a curated visual and performance programme to strengthen the core resilience of the organisation.

Our core values that underpin our programme are:

1/ Revolutionary

We seek to challenge the accepted and awaken audiences to possibilities

2/ Confident

We will be a strong artistic voice in the region.

3/ Experimental

We will take risks, try new things and help others to do the same.

4/ Inclusive

Our artistic programme is wholly accessible to all.

5/ Culturally Significant

Our programme will resonate with our audiences and make an impact on both them and our town.