

Dundee's Creative Industries Strategy

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Given the unique opportunities presented at this point in time for the city of Dundee and its economy, this strategy is crucial to further helping define the ‘Dundee approach’ to supporting its creative sector. This approach is significant, as a city which creates participative ways for its communities to shape and influence how Dundee and its creative sector is defined. Now is the right time to launch this strategy, building on the enthusiasm and energy felt across the city, which was designed to engage the city’s creative communities during the Scottish Government’s Year of Innovation, Architecture and Design 2016.

Dundee’s Creative Industries Strategy has been initiated by Creative Dundee on behalf of the Dundee Partnership. It has been co-designed with those working/studying in the city’s creative industries sector and the local and national agencies who support the creative industries.

Creative Dundee has driven, co-ordinated and produced this strategy through the valuable support of its funding partners, Creative Scotland and Dundee City Council.

Introduction

Dundee's creative scene is active, connected and ambitious. Citizens and organisations right across the creative industries and cultural sector are supportive of each other and keen to see others succeed. This can be witnessed when you feel the energy as you walk into many of the city's creative events, when you discover the strong partnerships that exist between individuals and cultural organisations of all scales, or when you explore the progressive approaches being used in Dundee to tackle societal issues here and beyond.

Dundee's Cultural Strategy holds the collective vision and actions for harnessing culture to support the engagement, ambition, achievement, and wellbeing of Dundee's citizens. This strategy, Dundee's first-ever Creative Industries Strategy has been collaboratively designed to support those in the diverse creative industries¹ who underpin the city's vibrant cultural sector.

With a number of physical transformations underway in the city, including the waterfront redevelopment, and the V&A Museum of Design Dundee opening in 2018, the city will also build on its UNESCO City of Design accolade over the next few years. With increased visitors to the city, these developments have the potential to translate into more opportunities for the creative sector to build sustainable businesses, grow audiences and new markets, and collaborate in new and innovative ways.

The city has been described by many in Creative Dundee's network as the perfect size and location to base a creative business. Its scale offers the ability to walk across the city centre, making it easy to connect with other people; and its location means the city is in close proximity to Scotland's other cities, coast and countryside. With a strong cultural infrastructure including decades of cultural investment, the city is an ideal place for creative practitioners and businesses.

Dundee has a strong creative ecology. Creativity and culture are clear priorities and catalysts for continued development and growth of the city, but there are still areas which need to be improved for the creative sector to take full advantage of the opportunities ahead and thrive. Dundee has relatively low levels of business start-ups² despite its favourable living conditions, and this needs to be better understood in order to improve the situation and the prospects for sustainability and growth. Health and inequality issues are also prevalent across the city. These are challenges to which the creative sector can offer innovative new approaches and solutions.

Over the next five years, this strategy aims to:

- Reflect the needs, challenges and opportunities ahead for the city's creative sector.
- Inspire and encourage practical action across the city.
- Explore the best methods of support for the creative sector in Dundee.
- Ultimately develop a healthy ecology base for creative practitioners and businesses.

Scotland's creative industries sector contributes £3.7 billion GVA³ to the economy annually and it is characterised by small businesses – 87% of them have fewer than 5 employees. The creative industries are one of the fastest growing industry sectors in the UK, and Dundee is increasingly being acknowledged as defining the strategy for other global cities in how it harnesses creativity and cultural resources to develop a better, more connected city. The city needs to ensure this perception is matched by the reality.

This strategy is a short document which aims to complement other relevant city strategies led by the Dundee Partnership and the local authority, such as Dundee Cultural Strategy 2015 – 2025, Economic Strategy And Action Plan 2013–2017, Dundee's Tourism Action Plan, Dundee's Music Strategy 2017–2019 and the Single Outcome Agreement for Dundee 2013–2017. It also aims to complement the strategies of the national agencies who support the creative industries, including Creative Scotland's Creative Industries Strategy, Scottish Government's Skills Investment Plan for Scotland's Creative Industries facilitated by Skills Development Scotland; and also those by Scottish Enterprise and Scottish Funding Council.

'Dundee has a tremendous spirit for moving forwards ... We do, in general, all pull in one direction and that drive is pulling so much focus into Dundee as a creative hotbed. If we really do keep on strengthening these ties that bind us, then Dundee is absolutely on track to be the cultural capital of Scotland.'

– Artistic Director

¹We use the Scottish Government's definition of the creative industries throughout the strategy: 'Creative Industries are those which have their origin in individual creativity, skill and talent. They also include industries that have the potential to create wealth and jobs through the development, production or exploitation of intellectual property. The sector is made up of 13 distinct industries – advertising, architecture, art and antiques, crafts, design, designer fashion, film, interactive leisure software, music, performing arts, publishing, software and computer services and TV and radio.'
<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/ArtsCultureSport/arts/Archive/creative-industries>

²Dundee fell 58th out of 64 in the Cities Outlook report for lowest start-up rates in UK cities. In 2013, the number of business start-ups per 10,000 population was 35% compared to Aberdeen – 64% and Brighton – 66%. Source – Centre for Cities:
http://www.centreforcities.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Cities_Outlook_2015.pdf

³Scottish Government Growth Sector Statistics, October 2016.

The approach to the strategy

This strategy was initiated by Creative Dundee on behalf of the city and has been co-designed with those working/studying in the city's creative sector and the local and national agencies who support them. Creative Dundee has strong links to the creative sector and agencies and has previously initiated a number of projects which engage citizens in new ways of shaping their city and influencing how its story is shared.

Discussion for the strategy was facilitated through a project called Fabric Dundee, which comprised a series of workshops, one-to-one interviews with local creative businesses and a study visit which ran throughout 2016, all involving people from the city's diverse creative industries.

A series of themes emerged around spaces, skills, resources and connectivity, which helped inform the discussions and were valuable in showing how creative initiatives developed, matured and succeeded or failed. The group agreed that for the strategy to be adopted, the actions would have to be driven as much by people who are actively interested in the direction of the city, as by the agencies who support the creative sector.

A Creative Industries Dundee Stakeholder Group was formed and chaired by Creative Dundee, bringing together representatives from the local and national agencies who support the creative sector. This group has focused on the opportunities and challenges for the city's creative sector, through bi-monthly meetings since November 2015.

Prior to the development of this strategy, Creative Dundee has also led a number of meetings, workshops and public consultations about the needs and challenges of creative industries based in and around the city.

The opportunity

People – passionate, committed and ambitious – are our city’s most valuable assets. The energy found in the creative community is unique. It nurtures others and continues to generate opportunities for the sector and city to thrive.

‘I like Dundee’s size. It means you can be connected very quickly with a wide range of people, projects and communities. This enables all kinds of things to happen relatively quickly. There is a spirit in Dundee of mutual support which is very refreshing.’

– Designer

The feeling of connection and belonging is important, as is a strong social justice ethos – people are keen to include, collaborate and make an impact in their city. These values resonate with the Scottish Government’s economic strategy supporting the 4I’s in the economy of Investment, Innovation, Inclusive growth and Internationalism; and also with Creative Scotland’s Triple Bottom Line approach – understanding that creative businesses have a strong understanding of community interest as well as commercial ability, and have an impact on economic, social and cultural value.

Common values shared by those working in the creative sector include:

- **Working collaboratively**
Through peer sharing and learning.
- **Finding economies of scale**
Creating alternative, innovative ways of sharing resources – knowledge, spaces, and other assets.
- **Building social capital**
Harnessing the energy of individuals/communities to unlock resources and create opportunities.
- **Embracing play and experimentation**
Trying, failing, learning and trying again.
- **Ensuring equality and inclusive growth**
Enabling everyone to be part of the creative sector and connecting with the city’s diverse communities – to spread and share aspirations.
- **Being ambitious and remarkable**
The scale of the creative sector and the size of the city offer huge opportunities to be responsive and progressive.

The consultations revealed three key areas impacting those working within the creative sector, across disciplines and career stages. The following sections outline the current challenges, a summary of the identified needs, recommended actions and benefits.

How can the city develop a nurturing environment that ensures creative practitioners and businesses from all backgrounds can succeed?

'Dundee produces world class talent and then watches it disappear every summer. We need to step up our game. There's an opportunity to create a much more nurturing environment for younger and emerging creatives. There are a lot of experienced creative professionals working in the city with a lot of knowledge that could be used to help those that are new to the sector.'

- Fabric Dundee participant

DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

With a large creative student population in the city, a significant challenge for Dundee is encouraging its students from the local schools, universities and college to have the confidence to base their professional practice in Dundee upon completing their studies. Institutions and students are often disconnected from the local creative sector.

The research and consultation found that students themselves felt the city lacked sustainable local opportunities of meaningful scale which were attractive enough to encourage them to stay and be rooted in Dundee beyond graduation. Students often want to stay, but feel forced into leaving to find opportunities elsewhere. They are reluctant leavers.

The city's institutions must encourage diverse routes into the local creative sector, supporting people either to create their own pathways towards establishing a creative business, or to find employment. Ensuring that students and those who support them are aware of the opportunities locally will equip graduates to make informed decisions on where to base their practice. Sharing sectoral perspectives from established creative businesses across key disciplines, such as games, fashion, music and design, are valuable for providing city-wide role models and mentors.

Some creative sector employers, particularly within the games industry, struggle to attract staff who have well-established lives elsewhere. Therefore, encouraging the development of sustainable creative businesses of scale – alongside building the perception of the city and its creative sector nationally and internationally – will be crucial for Dundee to be recognised as a potential base for creative businesses and employees.

If the city's creative sector is to develop and match the expectations of a growing and rapidly changing city, support must be in place for creative practitioners, grass-roots organisations and businesses who are potentially undervaluing their products or services, or have not yet considered the opportunities associated with the city's transformation.

Meeting these challenges require a city-wide rethink of the infrastructure, support and progression routes from education, through to gaining employment, or starting and growing a creative business.

SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED NEEDS

- Strengthen the connection between students, academic institutions and the local creative sector.
- Support the development of sustainable creative businesses/practices.
- Maintain and develop networks to enable established creative businesses from different disciplines, including games, fashion, music, visual and performing arts and design, to share perspectives and to provide role models and mentors for young professionals.
- Explore current creative employment opportunities within the sector, so that career progression routes and pathways can be more clearly defined.
- Build awareness beyond the city of Dundee as a viable creative base.

RECOMMENDATION

Grow the opportunities and pathways for creative practitioners and businesses to base themselves in Dundee.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- Develop city-wide mentoring, internships and shared apprenticeship programmes.
- Build awareness of Dundee as a thriving creative hub.
- Encourage equality and greater diversity in the creative sector.
- Raise awareness of creative sector opportunities within further and higher education.
- Grow understanding of skills required to start, run and grow a creative business.

BENEFITS

A thriving city which attracts, retains and exports innovative creative leaders; and an increased number of sustainable creative businesses.

'I would say one challenge for Dundee's creative sector is being able to retain its young talent and expertise, with jobs and opportunities that provide clear paths to career development and not just jobs with limited parameters and pay scale. The expectations sector of the city must grow to match the expectations and growing numbers of people wanting to live and work in this city. I have observed over a period of time how young graduates, although wanting to remain in the city, have after a spell of living and working in Dundee felt they must move on to further develop their careers.'

- Printmaker

'While Dundee has a reputation as a tech hub, it isn't considered a "good" place to live or work. I felt this stigma first-hand before moving here. This can damage the chances of attracting talent. We also have the problem in our company of retaining talented people, often people seem to want to work in Edinburgh or Glasgow and move on from Dundee.'

- Creative Technologist

ACTION PLAN

Objectives	Actions	Outcomes	Partners
Develop city-wide mentoring, internships and shared apprenticeship programmes which generate employment opportunities for young people and support creative sector growth.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify potential models for delivering internships and apprenticeships e.g. open badges, paid opportunities. Pilot approaches in the city. Seek potential funding for paid internship scheme. Support programmes of collaboration across creative disciplines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased number of young creatives staying in or returning to the city. Increased awareness of the diverse roles available in creative organisations. Increased co-working/collaborative outputs in the city. 	<p>Lead: Cultural Agencies, Developing Young Workforce Team.</p> <p>Supporting: Creative Scotland, Dundee & Angus College, University of Dundee, Abertay University, Dundee & Angus College, creative businesses.</p>
Build awareness nationally and internationally of Dundee as a thriving creative hub, with a strong, innovative identity. Use existing memberships such as UNESCO Creative City Network and digital platforms to enable greater international connections to share experience and success.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analyse existing marketing/promotional activity, look at ways in which the creative sector can feature more often or add more. Identify key markets and messages. Engage with national and international networking opportunities e.g. Pecha Kucha, Design Jams, EU initiatives, academic conferences. Support designers to engage with the opportunities offered by UNESCO Creative Cities membership. Promote digital presence, use social media and live streaming effectively. Develop creative sector ambassadors for the city. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Attracting new talent to the city. Retaining graduates and early-stage creative businesses. Enhanced profile of Dundee as a creative city – attracting visitors, students and investment. Increased number of ambassadors promoting the city – existing businesses and students; those who have moved on from the city. Existing promotional activity used more effectively, tailored messages for the creative sector. 	<p>Lead: Dundee City Council, Creative Dundee.</p> <p>Supporting: Cultural agencies, University of Dundee, Abertay University, creative businesses.</p>
Encourage equality and greater diversity in the creative sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create case studies which showcase greater diversity across the sector. Share sectoral perspectives across key disciplines. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater diversity across the creative sector. 	<p>Lead: Cultural agencies.</p> <p>Supporting: Schools, Dundee & Angus College, University of Dundee, Abertay University.</p>
Employers in the creative sector to support the Scottish Living Wage and create career path opportunities within the creative sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the Scottish Living Wage amongst cultural and creative organisations across the city. Support creative practitioners to price their services/products effectively – appropriate price points. Promote best practice in engaging freelance staff and procuring creative skills. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More creative businesses are sustainable. More creative/cultural organisations have signed up to become Scottish Living Wage employers. 	<p>Lead: Cultural agencies.</p> <p>Supporting: Creative businesses.</p>
Schools, Dundee & Angus College, University of Dundee, Abertay University and cultural organisations raising awareness amongst young people of the creative sector – opportunities and events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key contacts in cultural and educational organisations to act as brokers to industry/creative sector. Develop events to promote opportunities in the sector to young people. Raise awareness amongst guidance teachers of the roles within the creative sector and routes into those roles. Promote cultural/creative events amongst young people. Raise awareness amongst students and young people of the potential to establish a creative enterprise. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More young people choosing creative sector subjects. More young people participating in creative events, courses and skills development. More cultural organisations providing opportunities for young people. Appropriate routes for sharing information identified. 	<p>Lead: Dundee City Council, educational institutions, cultural agencies.</p> <p>Supporting: Cultural Enterprise Office, Business Gateway, Creative Dundee.</p>
Greater understanding of the skills required to start, run and grow a creative business, including the development of new business models such as creative hubs, co-ops and collectives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a programme of skills development at key stages of the creative business life cycle – start up, ramp up and growth. Pilot new business models in the city. Identify existing creative hubs, hot desking, collectives and gather information on their experiences. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased number of creative start-ups in the city. Increase in number of work spaces for the creative sector in the city. 	<p>Lead: Business Gateway, Dundee City Council, Cultural Enterprise Office, Creative Dundee</p> <p>Supporting: Creative businesses, academic institutions.</p>
Collate data on the creative sector to support understanding of the sector, its needs and the opportunities it presents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify data held, data needed, how to collect it. Establish a methodology for collecting data. Liaise with other growth sectors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baseline data established to provide a starting point for monitoring outputs and achievements. Data available with which to sell the sector. Better understanding of the sector. 	<p>Lead: Dundee City Council.</p> <p>Supporting: Creative Dundee, Cultural Enterprise Office.</p>

The creative sector has a lot to offer society and the economy, how does the city develop the conditions for these collaborations to emerge?

'Although we can't predict the jobs of the future, we can create the conditions to ensure they have the potential to emerge.'

- Fabric Dundee participant

DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

The city has significant strengths and expertise which should be harnessed to develop Dundee and its surrounding region, and be an international exemplar for other similar sized cities.

Of those recorded as working in Scotland's creative sector, 87% are micro-businesses with fewer than 5 employees; many more are independent freelancers, sometimes working in isolation. Although Dundee has a strong and well-connected creative ecology, some people are keen to further develop opportunities to collaborate with others, combine skills and learn from each other.

Identifying sectors which could benefit from collaborations and partnerships with the creative sector will be valuable for exploring new and emerging practice. Within Dundee there are vibrant life sciences and healthcare sectors, a rapidly growing service sector, and a large number of public, charitable and third sectors who are all doing important work.

Over the next few years, the anticipated increased numbers of visitors to the area offers significant opportunities for cultural tourism, which is increasingly recognised as a vital tool for place-based regeneration.

By combining the creative and tourism sectors' expertise through targeted support, Dundee will provide high-quality, world-class visitor experiences. These cultural products and experiences with provenance to the local area have the potential to increase visitor spend and stays, and inspire the next generation of creative businesses. Finding ways to create authentic cultural tourism experiences will also be critical for the success of the city and the wider region's offer.

The city has good national and international links, although these are not always visible. Therefore more awareness-raising is needed, along with encouragement of the value and benefits of working with external partners. Profiling the city's creative sector at national and international events and making better use of global networks, such as the UNESCO Creative Cities Network, are critical.

As a recognised hub for digital technologies, "Dundee should create the space for experimentation and new ideas to form in a wider context than educational institutions, and beyond the development of traditional digital products – thus building awareness of the city as an international creative technology hub.

Digital platforms offer innovative ways of the city connecting with practice internationally. These should be fully explored to share the city's stories and ways of working with the world.

*The UK-wide Tech Nation 2017 Report highlighted that Dundee has the highest growth turnover in the UK of 171%. <http://technation.techcityuk.com>

SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED NEEDS

- Identify key sectors such as healthcare and life sciences which would benefit from collaborative opportunities with the creative sector – map and understand where this is already happening well in the city.
- Increase the connections between the city's artists and designers and the third sector.
- Develop the city's cultural tourism offer as a city to visit, stay in and invest in.
- Build opportunities to ensure Dundee continues to be recognised as an important creative technology hub, nationally and internationally.

RECOMMENDATION

Build on the city's strengths and expertise to develop innovative new approaches to supporting the local economy and society.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- Run an annual programme of events focused on building and maintaining effective connections between the city's creative community and other sectors.
- Encourage the development of high quality cultural tourism products.
- Develop inclusive approaches to engage citizens in the city's creative sector activities.

BENEFITS

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- Creative Technologist

ACTION PLAN

Objectives	Actions	Outcomes	Partners
The creative sector to be better connected, with improved networking opportunities within the sector and with those in other sectors, creating new business opportunities for creative businesses, non-creative businesses, the third sector and the public sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop events which aim to engage the organisations within the creative sector and across sectors. Engage the third, public and private sectors in creative approaches (e.g. design-led) to development of new services/products. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increased cross-sectoral working in the city, creating more opportunities for the creative sector. Development of new products, processes and services through collaboration/convergence. Enhanced networking within the sector and across sectors – events etc. 	<p>Lead: Dundee City Council, Creative Dundee, V&A Dundee.</p> <p>Supporting: Local and national agencies.</p>
Dundee's creative sector provides high-quality cultural products, services, events and experiences as a key offer for visitors to the city.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify key selling opportunities for creative businesses. Raise awareness of cultural tourism and the cultural tourist and the future opportunities in the city for creative businesses. Support the development of products for cultural tourism. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Visitors spending more money and time in the city as a result of an enhanced cultural tourism offer. More creative businesses engaging with cultural tourism. Increase in the number of cultural tourism products offering unique/authentic experiences for visitors. 	<p>Lead: Dundee City Council, Creative Dundee, V&A Dundee.</p> <p>Supporting: Scottish Enterprise, Cultural Enterprise Office.</p>
More people across the city are engaged in/with the creative sector through events, experiences, services and products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Engage citizens with the European Capital of Culture bid. Ensure the Creative Industries Strategy and the city's Cultural Strategy are working together to deliver. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase in the number of Dundee citizens participating in creative/ cultural activities. Series of events/activities to engage local people developed. 	<p>Lead: Cultural organisations, creative businesses.</p> <p>Supporting: Communities officers, schools.</p>
The city's identified UNESCO Design Values are recognised and adopted by organisations and companies to support the growth of the creative sector.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the UNESCO team to develop awareness of and engagement with the values. Support local companies to engage with the design/creative sector through networking, awareness and opportunity. Support the development of V&A Dundee's Design for Business Model. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local creative companies engaging more effectively with other companies – being commissioned and procured for creative services. 	<p>Lead: UNESCO City of Design Team, V&A Dundee.</p> <p>Supporting: Businesses and organisations.</p>

Resources are tight for everyone, so how do we join forces and find economies of scale to unlock our potential to achieve?

“Our main challenge is actually bringing individuals closer together in order to truly pool resources in an increasingly challenging financial climate. That challenging environment is not simply a matter of funding, but of effective use of what we have, finding suitable ‘in kind’ partnerships to facilitate mutual growth and success for our varied projects.”

- Artistic Director

DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND CHALLENGES

Dundee’s creative economy is innovative and vital to the city, yet is still fragile. Like other cities it has limited access to available spaces to make, perform, show and sell work. However, despite this challenge, a recognised core strength of Dundee’s creative sector is the will and passion which is shared collectively to help others succeed. Creative practitioners are active in ensuring that the city functions well and that creativity and culture are at the heart of progress and development.

The creative sector has made great progress in bringing to life redundant spaces in the city (Fleet, Tin Roof, Generator Projects), but needs real effective partnerships with the public and private sector to continue this work. Fleet Collective is an important example in the city of a collaborative space initiated by a creative collective with a landlord which is working well – case studies like Fleet should be amplified to increase the understanding of the value of these partnerships for both creative communities and property developers.

There is a need in the city for both temporary suitable spaces (for making, performing, exhibiting and selling work) and mixed-purpose, alternative spaces (for experimentation and the development of new collaborations). Both the creative and property sectors could benefit from greater communication and understanding through regular meetings and events to develop new strategies which tackle common challenges of empty and under-used spaces.

The size of the city and the strength of connections between cultural organisations and individuals also creates a unique potential to work more closely together. This offers an interesting way to share and benefit from pooled and shared city-wide resources – such as smaller emerging creative practitioners benefiting from working with larger established cultural organisations.

The creative sector has a culture of flexibility, collaboration and partnership working, so opening dialogue to develop partnerships that improve access to space and resources should be a priority.

The city’s technology sector requires access to affordable high-speed broadband which is not always available. This has been highlighted in the strategy consultation as an issue that needs to be addressed to ensure Dundee continues to be recognised as a renowned digital hub.

SUMMARY OF IDENTIFIED NEEDS

- Understand the challenges which are preventing creative practitioners from bringing redundant and under-used space into productive life, and build these into long-term property development plans.
- Develop a three-year plan and audit of under-used property with potential to support the creative industries to determine the best solutions of temporary use of space in the city.
- Create case studies of partnership projects which have used space and resources well in the city to highlight opportunities to other developers/property owners.
- Build initiatives which offer ways for the cultural sector, creative practitioners and creative businesses to share resources and benefit from collective working.

RECOMMENDATION

Access space and resources to develop innovative ways to open and share.

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS

- Enable better use of property space for creative use.
- Create a city-wide support scheme for skills/resource exchange.
- Ensure access to high-speed and affordable internet for creative businesses.

BENEFITS

Increased experimentation and trialling of initiatives for collective city-wide impact through developing new forms of collaborative working and shared spaces across the city.

‘It would be good if there were mixed venues which combine work space with exhibition/retail/social facilities. We need more routes for/getting/work in front of the public, not just showing to an audience of the like-minded.’

- Textile Designer

‘Resources are our greatest potential to achieve.’

- Fabric Dundee participant

ACTION PLAN

Objectives	Actions	Outcomes	Partners
Ensure that both the public and private sector are aware of the property needs of the creative sector and that the creative sector can access and manage appropriate, innovative property solutions to support their needs: working, selling and showing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify the property needs for the creative sector at various stages of business – start up and growth – share with property owners. Engage the creative sector, planners and property owners in discussion about needs and opportunities. Provide the creative sector with an overview of the property sector – legal requirements, rates & rates relief, health & safety. Undertake research into the re-use/ temporary use of vacant spaces. Support the development of hot-desking, co-working spaces. Research opportunities for selling and showcasing products, services and events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More creative businesses are able to find appropriate and affordable property solutions. Creative sector establishes new working spaces in the city. New selling and showcasing spaces identified – pop-up and more permanent. 	<p>Lead: Dundee City Council, Creative Dundee, creative businesses, property owners.</p>
Create a city-wide ‘support scheme’ addressing skills exchange and/or resource sharing between cultural/creative organisations and individual practitioners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake an audit of resources in cultural organisations that can be shared – physical and skills – sharing directory. Pilot the sharing approach. Develop a protocol for sharing resources and skills – the sharing economy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smaller cultural organisations and creative businesses accessing skills and resources from larger organisations to help them grow. 	<p>Lead: Cultural organisations, Creative Dundee.</p> <p>Supporting: Creative Scotland, Dundee City Council.</p>
Ensure access to high-speed and affordable internet for creative businesses.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work together to identify needs of the creative sector and current/planned status of internet provision across the city. Look at alternative models of provision. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creative businesses are able to access affordable high speed broadband. More of the city is covered by high speed broadband. 	<p>Lead: Dundee City Council, creative businesses.</p>

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Dundee is a city of strong partnerships, and the recommendations and outcomes detailed within this strategy will only be achieved through the collective action of organisations and individuals in the city and beyond.

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