

The Leap – Changemakers

Do you want to see change in Bradford?

Are you passionate about your local community?

Do you want great things happening in your neighbourhood?

The Leap Changemakers programme is for you!

The Leap are looking for people who are passionate about making change in arts and culture across Bradford and Keighley to be part of a new and exciting initiative, **Changemakers**.

Changemakers will be provided with support and training and be reimbursed for any travel expenses. To help identify members of the group, our communities have provided us with some characteristics of a cultural Changemaker which include:

- Active in the community and ready to help create change
- Passionate and driven
- Community focussed and able to collaborate with others
- Great at networking and solving problems
- Willing to learn new skills and share these with others

We are looking for 30 people to join the changemaker network from a range of cultural backgrounds, experiences, ages and with a mixture of arts and culture knowledge - so

don't worry if you have limited or no arts or culture experiences. A passion for making change and placing culture at the heart of that change is what is important!

The Leap is a Creative People and Places programme of arts and cultural activities in Bradford and Keighley. The Leap aims to get more local people shaping and leading on a new cultural programme for the district. This ten-year project will create experiences for, by and with local communities, starting in the wards of Manningham, Bradford Moor, Tong, City, Keighley West and Keighley Central

The Leap is led by a consortium of partners: Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Mind the Gap, Eid Festival and Keighley Women and Children Centre. We are currently funded by Arts Council England, Bradford Metropolitan District Council and Bradford for Everyone.

The Changemakers network (your first task is creating a name) will involve 30 local people who will get:

- A learning and development journey with opportunities to revolutionise arts and culture across Bradford District
- Access to 'Go See' visits, cultural experiences and artistic activity arranged by The Leap, including travel, tickets and food
- The chance to meet new people from across the District and be part of a peer learning and support group
- Support with travel expenses, access needs and refreshments at meetings and events

- Access to cultural activities across the District and any training available to The Leap, our creative networks and communities
- Training opportunities with sector experts to develop and strengthen knowledge of the cultural sector
- The opportunity to be part of an innovative, exciting programme in Bradford District with a regional and national reach.

Through this we hope that you will:

- Make real change in your community, changing the cultural experience of your neighbourhood
- Learn new skills and gain in confidence
- Meet new and different people and learn about them and their community
- Learn about our District and its diversity

Criteria & eligibility for applying

- You must be over 11 years of age.
- You can apply as an individual or on behalf of a network or group.
- You must live or work in Bradford District - we will prioritise people who are resident in one of The Leap ward areas: Tong, Holme Wood, Manningham, Bradford Moor, City, Keighley Central or Keighley West.
- You must demonstrate the motivation and commitment needed to be part of the Changemakers Network.

Application process

The deadline for applications is 12 noon, Friday 26th February 2021.

There are three different ways to apply, including a form, a Zoom call, or a phone call:

1. Via our online form – **[please CLICK HERE >>](#)**
or
2. Download the Changemakers **application form**, from The Leap website and send it to **wendy@theleapbradford.co.uk**
or
3. Arrange a phone / Zoom call with Wendy at a suitable time, please email **wendy@theleapbradford.co.uk** to arrange this.

We want to reach and engage a broad range of people during this process and we are happy to answer any questions you may have about the programme. Please contact Wendy if you have any further questions.

Email: wendy@theleapbradford.co.uk

Changemakers – FAQ's

What is The Leap?

The Leap is a Creative People and Places programme of arts and cultural activities in Bradford and Keighley. We aim to get more local people shaping and leading on a new cultural programme for the district. It is a ten-year project and will create experiences for, by and with local communities.

Who is The Leap?

The Leap is led by a consortium of partners: Bradford Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Mind the Gap, Eid Festival and Keighley Women and Children Centre. Our team consists of a Director, a Creative Producer, three Community Development Managers and an Administration Manager.

Where do you get your funding from?

We are currently funded by Arts Council England, Bradford District Council and Bradford for Everyone.

What are the six priority areas in Bradford and Keighley?

Our priority wards are Manningham, Bradford Moor, Tong, City, Keighley West and Keighley Central wards.

Why these wards?

These six wards have been identified as engaging less with arts and culture than other wards within Bradford and Keighley.

What's in it for me?

A fun and exciting journey of arts and self-discovery where you will meet new people, explore and revolutionise arts and culture in Bradford and create change in your community.

How old do you have to be to apply?

We are recruiting people who are over 11 years old and will ensure the group reflects a range of ages. Those apply who are under the age of 16 will need consent from a guardian to participate in the programme. Communication between the participant, their guardian and The Leap will be facilitated at all times.

How will the meetings work in the current climate?

All our meetings will be held in safe and accessible ways, ensuring we comply with any Government guidelines around COVID-19. In the immediate future all meetings will be held online until restrictions are lifted for in person gatherings. The Leap will provide support (where possible and appropriate) to any member of the group in accessing online meetings and information.

What access support is available?

The Leap will be developing Changemakers so that they are reflective of all of Bradford. We are offering application access support when you apply to join the group and, if you are successful, we will hold a meeting with each individual member to ensure we provide a safe working space that is accessible for all participants.

What do you mean when you talk about “*using arts and culture for social and radical change*”?

We want to make a significant change in the ownership of arts and culture across the Bradford district. We want to give communities and people of the district the power to shape what the culture looks like for them and their communities. We are looking for people who want to support that change and help us on our journey.

I have never participated in Arts and Cultural experiences in the City. Does that matter?

Absolutely not. We want to connect with new people, from a range of lived experiences, so cultural experience is not necessary. Although we are looking for a range of people, and when considering final group members, we will be looking for a balance of experience, which will make the group exciting and varied.

What happens if my circumstances change during the programme?

We want to be as accommodating as possible with participants and appreciate that this is sizable commitment to make. We understand we are living in an ever-changing society and environment, so we will be as accommodating as possible when it comes down to the change in circumstances for members of the group. But this programme is equally a network, a peer support group, a space to learn, a space to experience new things and a space to be part of pioneering programme in Bradford, and your ability to commit the time and effort in helping The Leap, should be considered when applying to be part of the programme.

When will you notify applications if they are successful?

Shortlisted applications will be contacted during the first week of March as will those who do not make the shortlist. Interviews will take place in the week commencing 15th March 2021. The group will be announced in April 2021.

Will you notify us to say you have received our application?

Once the call out has closed, all applicants will receive a confirmation email and we will provide further information on timelines and appropriate updates.

How do I engage with The Leap if I am unsuccessful?

The Leap has a number of fantastic opportunities and we are looking for a range of people to be part of our programmes. Do look out for other opportunities which we will make available via our website, social media channels and through our local connections and partners.

If you'd like to have an informal chat, please contact Celia at celia@theleapbradford.co.uk

For more information about THE LEAP, visit:
www.theleapbradford.co.uk