

#### Health and wellbeing benefits of the arts

Creative Health: the Arts for Health & Wellbeing



- symptoms and outcomes for people with long term conditions incl. mental health
- Saves money in health & social care

### Engagement and inequality of access



Locally, people are more likely to engage with the arts

arts activity in the last

70%

Brighton & Hove

England

Engaged in any

12 months (%)

84%

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....and we also engage more often.



But those less likely to engage include:

- People living in social housing
- People with disabilities
- Carers

# Starting well Key health and wellbeing issues in Brighton & Hove

- Arts can
  - Build emotional health & wellbeing
  - Promote healthy lifestyles
  - Improve inclusion and outcomes in vulnerable children and young people





# Living well Key health and wellbeing issues in Brighton & Hove

- Visual arts can have a positive impact on mental health to reduce depression and anxiety and increase confidence and self esteem
- Music can enhance wellbeing and reduce stress
- Arts can help people manage long term health conditions – eg singing and long term respiratory conditions





## Ageing well Key health and wellbeing issues in Brighton & Hove

- Group activities can help to reduce loneliness and social isolation, support independence and wellbeing
- Dance can reduce falls
- For people with dementia participation can improve attention and communication





#### Dying well



- Participatory arts and therapies can improve end of life care settings
- Helping people come to terms with dying – creativity offers a way for people to express themselves
- Supporting the bereaved





### Arts and healthcare settings



- Arts in health & care settings eg primary care & social prescribing
- Health in arts & culture settings eg promoting wellbeing in museums and libraries
- Festivals offer opportunities to promote health through content and settings



#### Brighton & Hove as a Centre of Excellence

We could become a national leader

