

England, North: delegated decisions June 2025

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Grant increase

Reuniting the Portico Library, Uniting People

Applicant: The Portico Library and Newsroom

Project description: To transform Portico Library into an accessible, sustainable and dynamic arts, learning and heritage hub for Manchester's residents and visitors.

Decision: Award grant increase of £67,474 to make a total grant of £521,438 and agree change in grant percentage from 66% to 68%

National Lottery Heritage Grants £10,000 to £250,000

50 years of The Whitechapel Centre – ending homelessness for people in Liverpool

Applicant: The Whitechapel Centre

Project description: To celebrate the 50th anniversary of The Whitechapel Centre with a range of engagement activities culminating in an exhibition in Liverpool.

Decision: Award grant of £30,700 (100%)

The Settle to Carlisle Railway Heritage Programme

Applicant: The Neighbourhood Project CIC

Project description: To hold a talk on the history of the Settle and Carlisle railway line, followed by hosting a series of 21 'memory banks' events alongside undertaking secondary research to inform the creation of 23 short informational videos.

Decision: Award grant of £15,200 (100%)

Rugby Boots and Mining Roots

Applicant: Featherstone Rovers Foundation

Project description: To care for the organisation's collection, including having the equipment to properly store and display its heritage, capture oral history stories and collect objects of significance.

Decision: Award grant of £77,999 (96%)

Defining a Decade: A 10-year masterplan for Sheffield Museums

Applicant: Sheffield Museums Trust

Project description: To create a 10-year holistic organisational and estate masterplan, realistic delivery plans, a five-year business plan and training opportunities for the Museum Trust team.

Decision: Award grant of £206,500 (86%)

Gorse Hill Studios: A Celebration of Creativity and Young People

Applicant: Gorse Hill Studios Creative Community

Project description: To encourage young people to participate in creating a record of the history and the community of Gorse Hill studios through cataloguing and indexing a digital archive of its creative art outputs.

Decision: Award grant of £58,764 (100%)

Westfield War Memorial Village Centenary: A History In Pictures

Applicant: Westfield War Memorial Village Lancaster

Project description: To encourage the recruitment of more volunteers and review material kept in the organisation's archives. To hold a workshop and learn about digital archiving to ultimately complete a pictorial history book which preserves and displays the heritage of the village.

Decision: Award grant of £20,010 (99%)

Contested Desires: Constructive Dialogues

Applicant: D6: Culture in Transit

Project description: To use professional artists to research and explore the North East's colonial heritage and facilitate community engagement as part of a wider project across 20 organisations.

Decision: Award grant of £110,547 (67%)

Accessing Our Hidden History – The Disabled People's Archive

Applicant: Greater Manchester Coalition of Disabled People

Project description: To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Disabled People's Movement and connect disabled people to their heritage, as well as to promote the existence of the Disabled People's Archive.

Decision: Award grant of £237,928 (99%)

We're Still Here Blackpool!

Applicant: Abingdon Studios

Project description: To create a queer heritage digital archive platform on the We're Still Here website, building on previous collections and collecting heritage through community engagement.

Decision: Award grant of £235,463 (92%)

Urbex Audio

Applicant: Modus Arts CIC

Project description: To use sound and 3D imaging to engage people in the heritage surrounding five abandoned yet historically significant buildings. To combine urban exploration, creative outputs and wide engagement with local communities.

Decision: Reject

A Treasury of Tyneside Tales

Applicant: Moving Parts Arts CIO

Project description: To hold heritage workshops where older and younger Tyneside residents uncover local folklore stories, leading to local artists creating a new performance featuring a large-scale crankie.

Decision: Award grant of £49,800 (53%)

The Arcadea Archive: Uncovering the History of Disability Arts and Activism in the North East

Applicant: Arcadea CIO

Project description: To make the archive of Arcadea – including documents that formed the local/national/international disability arts movement of the 1980s and 90s – accessible and visible, to empower disabled people, instil pride and inspire future generations of artists and activists.

Decision: Award grant of £43,284 (81%)

40 Years of Faith in the City: Celebrating Our Journey, Connecting Generations

Applicant: Churches Together in Merseyside Region

Project description: To preserve and celebrate the heritage of the 1985 report, Faith in the City, which was a catalyst for faith-based engagement in urban issues, reflecting on its legacy to deepen awareness of the faith community's commitment to civic welfare and inclusion.

Decision: Reject

ROOTED – INTRODUCING OUT OF MANY PEOPLE CIC

Applicant: OUT OF MANY PEOPLE CIC

Project description: To produce a programme of events celebrating Black British culture and research activities involving community groups. To commission business planning support to help the organisation become more sustainable.

Decision: Reject

Empire Theatre Rotherham – Building for the Community

Applicant: The Rotherham Empire CIC

Project description: To save and open the Empire Theatre as well as deliver a 12-month programme of activities that engage the community and help towards a sustainable future for the building.

Decision: Reject

Anchored in community: building legacy for the Dock Museum

Applicant: Westmoreland and Furness Council

Project description: To hold a range of activities – including digitisation, repackaging and creating a touring exhibition – to preserve the newly acquired Ken Royall photographic collection and engage the public.

Decision: Reject

Pahari Lok

Applicant: Kashmir Youth Project

Project description: To recognise, value and celebrate the cultural heritage and traditional skills of Kashmir people through: the co-creation of activities with members of the community and volunteers; the collection of stories; the continuation of events; and holding exhibitions and archiving.

Decision: Reject

Rooted: A Community Eco Farm for Saddleworth

Applicant: The Outdoor Collaborative

Project description: To purchase land in Saddleworth to create an off-grid eco farm and creative retreat, bringing people together to grow food and learn sustainable living skills.

Decision: Reject

Forget Me Not Project: Highlighting Upholland's Heritage

Applicant: St Thomas the Martyr CE Primary School

Project description: To create online digital teaching resources and tools which can be used by the school's teachers to teach pupils about the history and heritage of Upholland.

Decision: Reject

Our Heritage Hub: A home to explore our heritage

Applicant: Our Big Picture Ltd

Project description: To become the heritage hub for North East Lincolnshire through capacity-building and pilot heritage activities, with a principal project strand of business modelling to create a business plan, skills audit and a management and maintenance plan.

Decision: Reject

Soothe Through Heritage: Empowering Young Minds Through Local Stories, Traditions and Calm

Applicant: Stable Minds CYP CIC

Project description: To hold a heritage-informed mental health programme, which will be delivered across ten schools in and around Knutsford, Cheshire.

Decision: Reject

Kitchen and disabled toilet

Applicant: The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Bradfield, St. Nicholas Church Bradfield

Project description: To install a kitchen and toilet to the rear of the church building.

Decision: Reject

Celebrating Diversity In Salford

Applicant: Visible Outcomes 4u Ltd

Project description: To deliver a comprehensive programme of activity to preserve, celebrate and raise awareness of the cultural heritage of refugees and migrants who have settled in Salford over the past two decades.

Decision: Reject

History, heritage and hopes at 40

Applicant: North Tyneside Disability Forum Ltd

Project description: To commemorate the 40th anniversary of the organisation by engaging its service users and volunteers in a programme of craft-based activities to create a commemorative craft piece, deliver 40 activity sessions and produce a time capsule.

Decision: Reject