5 October, 2019
12pm - 2:30pm
FarGo Village, Coventry

With City of Culture 2021 less than two years away, there are plenty of exciting new projects underway across Coventry. From dance theatre to homeless monopoly, the University of Warwick and Coventry University have joined forces and are delighted to share some of these projects with you at FarGo village this autumn.

We hope you can join us to hear from the project teams and enjoy a networking lunch with the researchers, organisations and members of the public involved. Following this the event will evolve into a Family Festival where all members of the public are invited to engage with the research in fun, interactive ways. We have highlighted a few of projects here as a taster of what’s to come!

Please join us and enjoy a free lunch. The Partnership and The Twisted Barrel has got together and brewed a one-off, special and sparkly collaborative beer to add to the day’s celebrations. (Available to purchase).
What’s it all about?
Over the past few years, the University of Warwick and Coventry University have been working with local organisations and communities on a number of projects for Coventry City of Culture 2021. We want to help ensure that all people of all ages feel included in the City of Culture preparations and plans and following the presentations the event will be open to everyone. We’re excited to share some of our recent projects and initiatives!

Who will be there?
Researchers, local Coventry residents, charities, dance clubs, libraries and theatre groups that are involved in research and planning for 2021 events will all be available to chat to about their work.

What’s involved?
At the event, you’ll hear some short presentations and enjoy a networking lunch. Then there will be a host of exciting and interactive projects with information, games, and activities such as:

Route 10 Health and Healing with Mercurial Dance
This unique project focuses on health and healing through the creation of a brand new dance local dance theatre for touring, with potential outreach and community work. Through imagery and film, you’ll discover how this project is working with local residents as well as work underway to create a live dance and spoken word performance in the near future.
Literacies for Life in the City of Culture with Coventry Libraries/Coventry City Council

This project has helped members of the public with formal pieces of writing. Our research team will be on hand during the Family Festival element. They will be offering a welcoming and friendly space to talk about or receive feedback on writing and formal documents and offer some free advice on writing a CV, creating a letter of complaint, or just understanding an official letter received in the post.

Homeless Monopoly

Homeless Monopoly explores how arts and games can raise awareness in young people of the issues faced by Coventry’s homeless. Researchers have been trialling the game with CU Coventry, Cyrenians, Coventry University, University of Warwick and Cardinal Newman School. There will be two prototypes available to play and discuss on the day.

The Visual Heritage of Industrial Coventry

Researchers spoke to the public about television and photographic archives that showed how people used to earn a living in Coventry’s industrial past. Using imagery and archival footage the team will discuss their project and how others can get involved.

Reclaiming the Coventry Canal

This project worked with at least 25 volunteers to hold a Canal Festival to show the potential of the canal as a multicultural and environmentally rich space and increase the feeling of ownership among the local communities. The event was a success with a turnout of approximately 250 people! There were some very enjoyable performances and informative talks. The project team, including some public volunteers, would like to share their experiences and next steps.

And that’s not all! There will be additional project stands such as Wriggle Dance and Sensing the City, a project where human bodies are Coventry data gathering sensors.
#thisiscoventry2022: Exploring cultural legacy and social value of creative and social enterprises in the City

Join us to explore the legacy narrative in the context of Coventry City of Culture. Watch a documentary from our workshop and see a Legacy Map created by leaders of creative and social enterprise organisations in the city. On the day pick up your own vision plan template for achieving value for your organisation and the communities you serve beyond 2021.

Transmission

In the near future many of us, no most of us, will not have the privilege to become old, unless... Antibiotics - how and when to take them? A presentation on demonstrating this to our local audiences and the success of an amazing collaboration between the arts and the sciences... we might, we just might, stand a chance.

‘New Midlanders’: Self-reflective Photo Artworks with Asylum Seekers and Refugees

This project has ran on-going ‘Self Reflective Photo Workshops’ and created interdisciplinary photography, sound and moving image works that involve image sequencing, language and story-telling with Coventry/West Midland based asylum seeker and refugee participants.

Concrete Cinema: Everyday Brutalism

This project brings the beating heart of creativity to peripheral areas of the city by organising a place-making workshop with artists and filmmakers who will be guided in their creative process by locals.

When?
October 5 2019, 12pm-2.30pm
Where?
FarGo Village, Far Gosford Street, Coventry, CV1 5ED

Do I need a ticket?
RSVP to joanne.truslove@wbs.ac.uk to secure your space before 30.09.2019