



A New Creative Arts and Education Hub for Bexhill



Where we started...

- Jan 16 – Old Job centre had been sitting vacant for over a year
- Bexhill Hive CIC formed with vision to transform the space into a high quality centre for community use and to provide a space for Creative and Digital Education in Bexhill



Where we are now

The building is now a thriving centre, used by young people every day, bringing together Bexhill creatives and with new community activities launching in 2018



Aims and Outputs in Hive Community Grant

- **Key Aims**

- Renovate building for public use
- Create 5 classrooms
- Develop Basement space

- **Key Outputs**

- Use of local construction suppliers
- 14 Jobs linked to Hive Development
- Increased engagement of young people into the area
- Community Use of the space



Outputs Delivered

- **Building Renovation completed Feb 17**
 - Building renovated with 6 flexible learning spaces and large communal lobby space
 - Basement practice rooms and studio space development funded additionally by Dv8 in September 17
 - Local Bexhill based suppliers used in project



Jobs and Young People

- **Jobs**

- 26 people now employed in Hive building in various capacities including new Hive Projects Coordinator

- **Young People**

- Over 80 young people use the Hive every week on Dv8 programmes aged from 14- 24 years old.
- Over 150 Young people used the centre in August 17 with National Citizens Service
- Weekly evening sessions with Audio Active
- Range of new activities about to launch



Community Use and Links

- **Local Residents Steering Group**
 - Steering Group of local residents (Bexhill Central) now being formed, first meeting to be held early March
 - 3 Workshops funded per week to be delivered for community activities
- **Bringing Bexhill Creatives together**
 - Local creatives increasingly involved in projects at the Hive
 - Bexhill based tutors and support workers employed at Dv8
 - Streets of Bexhill to be based at Hive
 - Creative Careers day to be held at centre in March



Renovation Project Budget and Funding

- **Total Budget Proposed in Bid - £74k**
 - Match funding proposed – Total £44k
 - 30k RDC
 - 15k Dv8
 - 25k Locate
 - £4k Arts Council
- **Final Renovation Project Costs £85k**
 - Match Funding Secured for renovation - £55k
 - £30k RDC
 - £10k Empty Building Renovation Fund – Locate East Sussex
 - £20k Startup loan from Lets do Business
 - £25k Dv8

Project Revenue

- Annual rent, rates and running costs of building covered through Dv8 tenancy – Approx £75k per annum
- Other room hire- Approx £7k through summer NCS Hire
- Other Hive project funding – Approx £35k for 2018 secured through project funding
- Audio Active Evening sessions - £1k for evening workshops

**Total revenue income or funding secured in 2017 / 18 –
Approx £118k**

Active Communities Grant



- **Project Coordinator** post appointed Feb (14 hours per week)
- **Steering Group** made up of local residents (Bexhill Central) to shape provision
- Hive to host **144 workshop sessions** (3 per week), half of which will have funded staffing
- £26k funded over 15 months
- For all ages
- **Aims of fund:**
 - 1) **Collective Control** - Increased involvement of local residents in activities and services and in the project's design and delivery. Participants enabled to lead, shape and develop the project
 - 2) **Social Links and ties:** Stronger connections between residents, enabling friendships and improved social networks.

RDC Health Inequalities Grant

- **April – June 18 – Create a Band Project** – Weekly evening workshop sessions
- **June – August 18 - Games Development and Media Production** – Evening and summer workshops
- £10k funded up to Summer 18

Aiming to Engage 30 NEET young people aged 13-24



Further Developments

- **Planned Projects**

- Community Arts venue
- Bexhill FM partnership
- Commercial Studio Use
- Summer Activities



- **CLLD partnerships**

- Development of Community Arts Space
- Support for Self employment and traineeship programmes



- **Dv8 Study Programmes and other Provision**

- Applications up 300% on this time last year
- 63% increase in Bexhill residents applying for 18/19
- Expanded Traineeships programme
- Aiming to support over 100 young people on Dv8 programmes next year

Impact of RDC Grant



- Kick-started a **unique project in Bexhill**
- Promoting **positive activities for young people** and local residents
- Enabled a **high quality space** to offer training and support as alternative to mainstream FE offer, **supporting vulnerable client groups** positively
- Attracting young people from outside Bexhill into the **town centre**
- Providing a high quality space that will be used by **local community groups**
- Facilitating **new networks of creative professionals** and providing positive employment for local residents

Thank you from The Hive team!!

