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Engaging with Culture and Creativity Policy

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1.   Introduction

1.1   Libraries offer the opportunity for people to engage with culture and creativity and encourage increased knowledge, experience and participation across cultural and creative activities. Libraries are places where cultural traditions, local, national, international and multi-cultural can be encountered, experienced, and celebrated in a shared environment.

1.2   Culture and Creativity cover the areas of:
- verbal arts – literature, poetry, storytelling
- performing arts - music, song, theatre, dance
- visual arts - painting, film, photography, animation
- traditional arts in Northern Ireland incorporating the indigenous music, song and dance of the region
- cultural diversity
- exhibitions

2.   Purpose

2.1   The purpose of the policy is to ensure a consistent approach to Libraries NI's culture and creativity offering.

3.   Policy

3.1   Libraries NI will:
- promote libraries as shared spaces for all age groups to experience culture and creativity
- promote cultural engagement in local communities
- facilitate, host and support participation in culture and creativity
- promote and support the creative industries
- increase understanding of cultural diversity
- promote community cohesion through culture and creativity
- promote wellbeing through engaging with culture and creativity.

3.2   It will do this primarily by:
- establishing libraries as locally accessible inclusive venues with a range of platforms including digital for artistic and cultural provision to support creativity and the creative industries
- working in partnership, facilitating partners/partnerships to deliver in our shared space

- providing books and access to other resources
- developing skills
- engaging with local communities to develop audiences and increase participation.

4. Authority

Policy Sponsor: The Deputy Head of Service with responsibility for Collections is the Policy Sponsor.

Policy Owner: The Service Development Manager with responsibility for this area is the Policy Owner.

Policy Contact: The Manager for this area is the Policy Contact.

5. Related Documents

Policies
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Procedures

- Customer Feedback procedures
- Procedures for Managing Film Requests