

## SEFTON BOROUGH OF CULTURE 2020 PROJECTS ARE TO GO AHEAD DIGITALLY TO HELP RAISE SPIRITS IN FACE OF COVID-19

After much thought the Borough of Culture team are now working on a scaled-back programme, delivering what we can with the resources we currently have. We aim to focus on projects that we can deliver safely rather than events that realistically won't happen this year, maintaining the participative elements where we can. We will focus on schoolchildren and those who are isolated by current circumstances with an aim enable people to enjoy and take part in the activities either online or by post.

We are working closely with successful bidders and our partners to change tack and adapt their projects for digital delivery, while still creating fun and engaging things to do for our residents of Sefton. So far, the team has awarded over £15,000 one-off grants for cultural activities at the heart of our communities.

### SEFTON COMEDY HUB

Launched already via Facebook, **Sefton Comedy HUB** is a chance for local residents to submit Tik Tok clips of themselves telling their favourite joke, recalling amusing anecdotes and humorous stories and reciting funny poems and comedy impressions.

Hosted by local comedian Bren Riley, the project is for people of all ages and 'clean' clips should be submitted to the page. There will be weekly feedback on the clips and e-vouchers provided for the funniest clips.

People will also be able to register to play **Bingo via Zoom** through the Sefton Comedy Hub Facebook Page. Tickets for the six sessions will be emailed to local residents and e-vouchers will be given as prizes.

More information is can be found at [www.facebook.com/seftoncomedyhub](http://www.facebook.com/seftoncomedyhub).

Through **Origami Pulse**, people will be able to follow a detailed video showing them how to make their very own red squirrel from folded paper.

People will be invited to share pictures their squirrels online and these pictures will be used to



create a large artwork at the Atkinson later in the year.

In conjunction with Venus,



**Community by Nature** will be working with three artists to develop three 'Playing In' packs for vulnerable families, least likely to have access to art-making materials at home during the Covid-19 restrictions. Provided with food parcels, the packs will provide free, fun ways for families to enjoy themselves at home and to keep children occupied.

Downloadable versions of artist-designed play activities will also be available for wider use by anyone across the Borough as well as video and online workshops introducing creative play ideas via Facebook and Instagram. People will also be able to submit memories of games they have played in the past and photographs showing people playing out.



**Birkdale Community Hub** and will be running a photography competition that will see residents invited to take photographs of their gardens or what they can see out of their

windows while they spend this time at home. Participants will be able to submit their snaps via email and social media and there will be a future exhibition at the HUB.

Through **SING Plus**, older people in the community who do not have access to the internet or social media will be provided with materials and maps to chronicle their recollections of Sefton. The memory boxes they create will be used as part of the local archive held at Crosby library.

Also, SING Plus will see young people asked to keep a diary of their thoughts and daily life at the present time and the effect of the current situation is having on them and their families. Activity boxes and snacks will also be provided for the young people taking part.



After the Covid-19 crisis is over both

groups, old and young, will meet up after the need for social distancing has ended, to share memories.

**Words of Wisdom** is an inspirational project that will see young people being encouraged to keep in touch with the elderly community around them, online and through social media, as well as using simple pen, paper and telephone.

With the help of their parents and carers, the young people will be asking their elderly neighbours, family and friends to share their words of wisdom based on a lifetime of stories and experience. The best 100 lines of wisdom on topics such as family, fun, friendship, finance, fears, fulfilment, farewells, fitness and the future will be captured in a book as part of the legacy of the Sefton Borough of Culture 2020. People can find out more about Words of Wisdom by contacting Peter Hawkins at The Windmills Foundation on 01704 874 903 or [pete@windmillsonline.co.uk](mailto:pete@windmillsonline.co.uk).

## THE GRAND POETRY COMPETITION

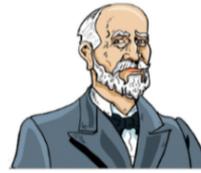
THE JOCKEY CLUB  
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Through Aintree Racecourse Sefton's Borough of Culture 2020 **Grand Poetry Competition**, budding young poets are being asked to get creative and tell us what they are missing.

Entries are being invited for the 4 to 8-year-old, 9 to 12-year-old and 13 years and above categories and winners will win family tickets to Aintree Racecourse's Family Day in October and Liverpool's Day or Grand National Day in 2021. This follows the recent unveiling of the spectacular Red Rum wall mural in Southport, commissioned by the Sefton Borough of Culture programme and painted by Paul Curtis, to celebrate the three-time winner in the town in which he lived and trained.

Poems' subject should be about something or someone they love, miss or find amazing. Poems, with a maximum of 200 words, should be handwritten and decorated and sent to [GrandPoetry@thejockeyclub.co.uk](mailto:GrandPoetry@thejockeyclub.co.uk) in an email which includes the child's full name and age.



Keep your eyes peeled for **The Stories of Sefton Project**, a trail of comic strip boards erected across the borough, celebrating some of Sefton's most interesting stories such as The Bootle Blitz,

Kenny Everett and winner of the Sefton Stories Vote, Frank Hornby. There are ten boards popping up in various places throughout the borough in the coming months as part of a trail across Sefton.



**The Sefton 2020 COVID-19 Time Capsule** pack is a great way to keep children occupied and a wonderful way of remembering this exceptional time. Children can document how they feel, what they've done to stay connected with their friends and family, and how they have celebrated some special occasions whilst they are home during this time, and much more. With a prize for the best, this truly is a wonderful way of capturing the memories of our time as we live through history.

If you have any questions, please contact us via [BOC2020@Sefton.gov.uk](mailto:BOC2020@Sefton.gov.uk)

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