Claire McColgan MBE Creative Placemaking Reio



1980 – the city at its lowest ebb –

Tate Liverpool kickstarts regeneration

Placemaking in a digital world requires bold, shareable content

We want to turn audiences into advocates







- 200 years as one of the richest and most important cities on the planet
- 40 years of decline and a city searching to define its place in the world
- European Capital of Culture 2008 gave Liverpool a reason to dream
- 8 Year Delivery Programme
- 10 million Audience
- £800m Economic Impact
- £200m Global Media Coverage

An exceptional programme of 362 events from local, regional and international artists

Creative Communities



European Capital of Culture was a scholarship not a prize

It has defined Liverpool for an entire generation

Physically & Emotionally

Physically

Culture as the Rocket Fuel for regeneration



Everyman Redevelopment Winner of the RIBA Stirling Prize 2014

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L.C.A.DING

Museum of Liverpool Awarded the Council of Europe Museum Prize for 2013

MUSEUM OF LIVE POOL

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LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC

PHILHARMONIC HALL



Emotionally

The most exciting city in the UK





Culture is not a 'nice to have' it is a frontline service

'I had parents come to me and say their child hadn't left the house in three years. When the session ended they cried – saying they had never had anything like this before'

ADHD After School Project (5-13 year olds) The Black-E



'I get up in the morning. I'm 73. I get up with all the aches and pains that we have at our age. I get up, I come here, the music starts and I'm young again'

Participant - '50 Moves' Dance Project Merseyside Dance initiative 'I was in a performance ... I couldn't believe it was me, and I've carried on with drama ... it changes my whole day.
It changes my life. I have a purpose .. The most important thing is, that it reminded me that I matter'

Participant with experience of homelessness, addiction and poor mental health

Creative Encounters Transition Project HOMELESS

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You need the right conditions to make this work



Financial Support

Over 40 cultural organisations a year from public funding

Political Support

At the heart of the city's agenda

Public Demand

The audience and participants want it and love it

Creative Ambition

Not standing still and a willingness to take risks

Social Curiosity

How far can culture help define what it means to be a city in the digital age?



INCLUSIVE GROWTH

- Ambitious
- Distinctive
- Inclusive

LIVERPOOL

• Global



A STRONG COHERENT STRATEGY

- Stable cultural sector
- Major events that bring attention to the city
- Culture as the rocket fuel for regeneration

What's the proof?

In January we will release 10 years of data research which shows empirically that investment in culture in Liverpool has:

Redefined the local economy

Increased social cohesion

Overhauled the national and international perception of Liverpool as a place to live, visit, study and invest



