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**EVENT
 REPORT**

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WHAT HAPPENED?

On Thursday 17th August 2023, local businesses, community organisations and individuals came together for an event in Lewes managed by Culture Shift, a Lewes based arts charity. The primary focus for the event was to celebrate the art of spray painting in a positive, inclusive and family-friendly way. The venue was a warehouse on the Phoenix Estate in Lewes called The Sheds. Access to the event and all activities was free, with funding support received from the Chalk Cliff Fund.

A total of 14 local businesses and community organisations contributed to the event. 350 individuals attended the event.

Art

Award-winning local artist Sarah Gillings gave a live demonstration of upcycling using spray painting techniques to decorate a wardrobe donated by local charity Furniture Now. Across the day people were able to participate in a series of 4 spray painting workshops facilitated by UCAN Spray and an exhibition of spray painted artwork created through a series of 7 workshops which happened prior to the event at the Landport Youth Centre. Over 80 people took part in spray painting workshops during the day (aged between 6-52 years old). The badge making activity facilitated by Culture Shift artists was also extremely popular throughout the day.

"I would love to see these run often, particularly in the winter, when it is so hard to find things to do with kids."

"A huge well-done to all the teams that put the event together, it was fantastic."

Music

Young musicians supported by Starfish Music performed live throughout the event & there were singing and songwriting workshops led by Glyndebourne and Culture Shift's Voices from the Edges artists.

Community

Human Nature displayed detailed plans of the future development of the Phoenix Estate and invited attendees to share ideas about potential public street art displays in Lewes. Participating event partners led activities and conversations, promoting local community activity and services with members of the public including Sussex Prisoner Families, Lewes Railway Land, Furniture Now, Sussex Communities Rail Partnership and Patina.

"The spray painting workshop was great and the community kitchen food was delicious"

"Everything! The people, the music, the atmosphere. The kids loved the activities, the cafe was so reasonable which is a big help during the summer holidays. We loved it!"

Food

The Community Chef gave cooking demonstrations in a kitchen with free, freshly cooked food shared throughout the event. Low cost drinks and snacks were available to buy from a pop up tuck shop.



"We enjoyed the badge making and the song writing workshop a lot. My eldest son had a great time singing! The whole event was an excellent and inclusive learning environment, with fantastic organisers, and a real treat for it to be free and in Lewes, which is quite rare"