



# Cultures of Creative Health

Call for submissions  
(Cultures of Creative Health publication)

Centre for Cultural Ecologies  
in Art, Design and Architecture

The School of Arts and Humanities has committed to delivering Cultures of Creative Health; a programme of knowledge and cultural exchange projects, exhibition showcases, residencies, talks, film screenings, performances and live events this academic year (2023/2024). As a year-long programme we are looking for contributions to feature in a book which will be published at the end of the project.

What is Cultures of Creative Health?

Our curatorial focus for this programme is informed by previous research which explored how to build a consortium of creative and cultural providers to help address health inequalities in West Yorkshire. The recent Creative Health Review now evidences plenty of data and case studies that show that if a person engages in culture and creativity, they can improve their health considerably. Cultures of Creative Health is exploring how culture can enable all kinds of capabilities in a person's life. The programme is linked to the recent announcement in December 2023 of a collaboration between Mayor Tracy Brabin and the West Yorkshire Health and Care Partnership Board. The region will become a Creative Health System, which will help to drive forward creative initiatives designed to make people feel happier and healthier.

Links to further information here:

- Centre for Cultural Ecologies in Art, Design and Architecture: [Centre for Cultural Ecologies in Art, Design and Architecture - University of Huddersfield](#)
- Cultures of Creative Health: [Cultures of Creative Health - University of Huddersfield](#)
- Creating Change Creating Change - University of Huddersfield.
- Percy-Smith, B., Bailey, R., Stenberg, N., Booth-Kurpnieks, C., Munt, D., McQuillan, D., & Towns-Andrews, L. (2023). *Creative Health in Communities: Supporting People to Live Well in West Yorkshire*. [Creative-Health-in-Communities-Final.pdf \(hud.ac.uk\)](#)
- West Yorkshire Combined Authority (2024). West Yorkshire Announces Plan to Boost Health with Creativity. 13 December 2023. Available at: [West Yorkshire announces plan to boost health with creativity - West Yorkshire Combined Authority \(westyorks-ca.gov.uk\)](#)
- Previous Cultures of \_ publications: Cultures of Place - [Cultures of Place \(hud.ac.uk\)](#) and Cultures of Sound - [Cultures of Sound \(hud.ac.uk\)](#)

Call for submissions (deadline for abstracts: **Monday 17 June 2024, 5pm**)

We call upon your expertise, existing and new research to navigate and explore the theme of creative health and encourage you to develop this as broadly as your thinking and research allows. We are particularly interested in submissions that engage with and/or represent creative health across West Yorkshire. We are looking for contributions to our publication which may take one of the following formats:

**Case studies:** short 500-1000 words (with images) describing an area of good practice in creative health. This may be the work of a creative/cultural provider, or an example of an existing project that has had a positive impact on a community in West Yorkshire.

**Position pieces:** up to 3000 words (with images) engaging with an aspect of creative health. We encourage reflection on the challenges and opportunities of creative health for the West Yorkshire region, and particularly encourage pieces that may share existing research, critical reflections and/or observations about creative health in the wider contexts of the arts and humanities.

**Knowledge and Cultural Exchange projects:** up to 1500 words (with images) on projects that have engaged in some form of knowledge or cultural exchange.

**Exhibition showcase documentation:** 500-100 words (with images) documenting exhibitions featured through Cultures of Creative Health. Please note that if you have not yet exhibited but still want to be showcased, please submit an abstract explaining when your exhibition will be.

**Interviews:** up to 2000 word interviews with key practitioners, people with lived experience, academics or other, who may bring new insights to bear on the value and importance of creative health.

## Timeline

**Monday 17 June 2024 (5pm):** Deadline for abstracts Please submit a short abstract/summary of the proposed written contribution (300 words). Include a bio-note outlining who you are, credentials and area of interest.

**Monday 1 July 2024:** notification of outcome of abstract.

**Monday 30 September 2024:** deadline for submitting final draft.

**Monday 24 November 2024:** proof-copy circulated for review.

**January 2025:** Final publication of Cultures of Creative Health and public launch (University of Huddersfield Press through Arts and Humanities Imprint).

Send your abstract to: [Culturesofculturesof@hud.ac.uk](mailto:Culturesofculturesof@hud.ac.uk)  
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