

Report of the Chair of York@Large

The work of York@Large

Summary

1. The Cultural Strategy, which grew out of the discussion of the all-party EDAT scrutiny report into the Impact of Culture, proposed that the Cultural Leaders Group be reformed as a smaller executive body and, at the same time, an inclusive cultural forum be set up. The major projects of York@Large, cultural education, culture and wellbeing, and culture and place, are all seen as being within the remit of the CLG and the 'task and finish' project groups will report to it. Its role having been transferred, the Strategy proposes that York@Large is wound up. This is therefore the final report of the group.

Update

2. There was just one meeting of York@Large during the year, the agenda for which was to monitor progress on major initiatives. Looking back to the ambitions set out in the Without Walls Strategy 2011-22, the past year has provided concrete evidence that the city is making solid progress towards achieving its objectives. In November the York UNESCO Partners agreed the submission of the 4 year Monitoring Report summarising the activity of partners across the city. The outcome of UNESCO's evaluation is due in around three months' time.
3. Objectives are being set for the next four years of the UNESCO designation. How those are set, who 'owns' them, and how progress is evaluated, continues to be a subject for debate.
4. I hope Members will agree that York@Large has played a useful role. The contribution to discussion and delivery made by its many

members and Council officers, both during the period I have been Chair and before, is greatly appreciated. For me the work of the partnership has been in that spirit of enterprise and collective responsibility that epitomises York at its best.

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Abbreviations

CLG- Cultural Leaders Group

EDAT- Economic Development and Transport Policy and Scrutiny Committee

UNESCO- The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization