



## **Charlotte Bowen, Founder and Creative Director, The Culture House**

Charlotte is founding director of and creative producer of The Culture House, an Arts Council England National Portfolio organisation based in Grimsby working to widen access to culture and creative opportunities.

The Culture House produces strategic place-based events, festivals and creative interventions in partnership with a range of local, regional and stakeholders in what is an Arts Council England 'Priority Place'.

Charlotte is a passionate programmer, with the organisation focussing on delivering quality outdoor arts, music and performance projects and programmes, increasing the amount of quality touring work to the region. Projects help artists to reach new audiences, support talent development and improve access by utilising non-arts and public spaces.

Culture House projects play a significant role in increasing engagement and participation in culture in North East Lincolnshire. Recent activity as part of DCMS' Cultural Development Fund Programme for Grimsby includes Our Future Starts Here, a new combined-arts programme exploring sustainable futures while shifting perceptions of and raising pride levels in the town, Festival of the Sea, celebrating our connections to the sea and Love Your Town, an initiative encouraging a safe return to high streets post-Covid.

Charlotte has a strong interest in the value of culture to regeneration and quality of life and how engagement and participation in cultural activity provides opportunity for connection, education and transformation.

