Community Recovery Fund – project summaries

Hull City Council was allocated funding from the Ministry of Communities, Housing and Local Government (MHCLG) in response to the violent disorder that took place across late summer 2024. A proportion of this money was allocated for schools and the voluntary, community and social enterprise sector to provide projects and activities that will help to improve community cohesion.

A list of grant awards has been published and this document provides an overview of each project and its aims.

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Hull Fishing Heritage Centre

This project, which is situated in the culturally diverse Hessle Road area, aims to increase Heritage Centre visitors from different communities across the city, as well as overseas visitors. It includes improving the displays to make the building more accessible to people who don't speak English as a first language.

City of Hull Sport and Community Group CIC

'All Nations Boxing' is an ambitious project aiming to use boxing as catalyst for creating connections between young people aged 13 to 17 and adults from different cultures living on the Orchard Park estate. Activities have been co-created with residents from British, Eastern European, and Middle Eastern communities with a focus on offering a safe space for them to come together through physical activity, learn about different cultures, and develop resilience to misinformation.

Thoresby Primary School

Over the last 27 years, Thoresby has conducted a festival called Kaleidoscope in recognition of the changing demographic of the area. The event aims to build community cohesion through shared values. The funding from the Community Recovery Fund will help to make this year's event bigger and better, including litter picking around the local Dukeries area with the #Loveyourstreet team a chance for children to design and paint a mural within the community area next to the school with an artist.

Hull and East Yorkshire Swahili Diaspora

The Umoja Hull project will foster community cohesion by creating safe spaces for open dialogue, cultural exchange, and collaboration between people from different backgrounds. Structured engagement activities will take place in Hull city centre, West Hull, and East Hull, focusing on areas where ethnic and local communities have experienced tensions. Activities will be held in community hubs, faith centres, and accessible venues to encourage participation from diverse groups.

Humber Community Advice Services (H-CAS)

This project will break down the barriers and misconceptions that exist between different ethnic groups, helping to build stronger community cohesion. It will provide advice and support to help people resolve issues, develop a level of understanding of local culture, language, and support services; and grow in confidence. The project will train and encourage beneficiaries to support other families accessing HCAS' services for the first time.

Young Leaders Hub CIC

Bridging Communities Project is an activity-based, immersive engagement programme designed to build trust, counter misinformation, and reduce community tensions in Hull. Through structured training and collaborative action for 30 young people, the project will foster dialogue and equip participants with tools to navigate differences, tackle shared challenges, and promote social cohesion.

Dance In Company CIC

This project will explore the feelings and reactions of local young people following last summer's unrest in the city centre, using workshops and weekly dance sessions to enable them to express themselves in a way that is culturally familiar to them. The popularity of social media to young people aged 10-18 will be harnessed to create something positive and overturn the negative influence online misinformation can have in their communities.

Women's Voice of Thornton Estate

Building Strong Communities Project will provide a range of activities for the whole community, including cultural sessions to raise awareness about different cultures through storytelling, a skills bank where women from diverse cultural backgrounds can learn different skills from each other, and art & craft sessions.

Humber All Nations Alliance

HANA has been operating in Hull since 2005, and their core aim is to support Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities in the city. They work to reduce racial prejudice and discrimination through support to their members and the wider community. They work with statutory sector partners and 39 cultural community groups in Hull as a partner, critical friend and advocate. They received funding for capital works to improve their building in the city centre.

Summit Education Society

Summit Education Society supports children, young people, and the wider community through education, personal development, and community engagement. Their programs aim to foster well-being, empowerment, and social cohesion. They run book clubs, weekend schools, community engagement and wellbeing sessions, and social gatherings. They received funding for capital works to improve their building in the Beverley Road area.

North Hull Community Association

North Hull Community Centre provides a safe space and venue for groups/ organisations and the general community. The Centre is used by many different groups including those from Arabic, Turkish, Indian and African communities. They provide open access activities for children and young people, including dancing and fitness, and a host of other sessions including coffee mornings, prayer meetings for the Muslim community and social gatherings. They received funding for capital works to improve their building.

Youth Aspire Connect

Funding will be used to extend the time of YAC's project coordinator to help deliver hub activities based on young people requests. The riot in the summer had a devastating impact on the mental health and well-being of young people in the city. YAC captured young people's experiences of the riot which were published online and reported on the BBC. This project will support young people to develop their own idea of setting up a friendly Youth Hub where young people from different races can meet, cook local food, play music, build connections, and have honest conversations with each other and members of the Local Authority.

Absolutely Cultured

This project will empower young people (ages 11-17) from global majority communities in Spring Bank, Hull, to co-create large-scale murals that celebrate their neighbourhood and provide a positive artistic response to recent riots. Through hands-on workshops in mural design, graffiti art, and storytelling, participants will explore themes of identity, social cohesion, and resilience. It will include intergenerational storytelling events, cultural food-sharing days, and a youth-led community exhibition.

St. Michael's Youth Project

Filter the Feed will work with young people (ages 10-18 years old) to equip them with the skills to critically assess online content, resist digital peer pressure, and make informed decisions. Young people will take part in workshops, real-world case studies, and peer-led discussions. They will design social media campaigns, create fact-checking content, and develop engaging videos and graphics to raise awareness, share on project pages and platforms, and with their peers. Interactive challenges, games, and real-life scenarios will make learning fun and relatable.

The Peel Project CIC

The Peel Project have taken a long term lease of a community facility and are transforming it into an easily accessible gym and hub for women from Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic communities. The project will support women who are isolated and economically inactive, providing a safe space and working with a wide range of partners. The project will provide one of the most under-served groups in Hull with equal opportunities to participate in wellbeing activities that support both their physical and mental health.

Toranj Tuition

Toranj Tuition delivers community and education services in Hull, focusing on enhancing social mobility and equal opportunities through adult and children's programmes. They offer tailored adult training programmes, and informal science and homework clubs for children, along with specialised peer mentoring and employability programmes for refugee and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children. They received funding for capital works to improve their building, the Toranj Learning Centre.

Giroscope

Out On the Tiles will co-design, produce and install colourful, expressive floor tiles inspired by the different cultures present in HU3 (Afghanistan, Turkey, Spain, Portugal, India and more). The process of designing, producing and placing the tiles will enable the community to share values and cultural heritages and the use of the distinctive public spaces created through the tiles will serve as an ongoing legacy. The tiled spaces will be located in local community organisations across the HU3 area. The tile-making workshops will be preceded by a series of preparatory activities which will bring people from different cultures together, forming a committed and enthusiastic group.

Hessle Road Network

This project will expand the charity's existing Parents Group, which is currently attended by parents, carers, grandparents and children. The majority of service users share the same challenges particularly around the impact of living in an area of significant deprivation. The charity encourages open discussions about various cultures and traditions alongside offering opportunities for participants to develop skills, make positive social connections and access a range of support. One of the main activities will be cooking on a budget sessions which will include exploring food from other cultures.

The Vulcan Centre

The Hull Together project will engage people who are newly arrived in the community, including people with refugee status, and offer activity sessions in the St Andrews area of Hull. These activities will include a gym and social group planned and led by people who have recently moved into the area from overseas, and sessions open to people from across the community with the aim of encouraging integration.

Hull KR

Beyond the Try Line is a community cohesion programme that will work with two different communities and then bring them together to celebrate. Young people will take part in activities including sporting events and group workshops on radicalisation, anti-social behaviour and community within schools. People from migrant backgrounds will take part in community engagement sessions looking at integration and life in the UK. The project will culminate in a community cohesion event at Craven Park including a sporting festival and tournament with teams from diverse communities.

Lonsdale Community Centre

The Lonsdale Community Hub project builds on the centre's successful lunch and dinner clubs that build connections between different communities, create safe spaces and promote shared values. Activities will use food as a way of bringing together people from marginalised communities, in partnership with Magic Basket, Women Accede and REACH - a Romanian support organisation who provide a dinner club and family activities for the Romanian and Roma community. It will also deliver a new monthly crafters club with a guest craft tutor demonstrating and teaching different ethnic craft making techniques from around the world once per month, recognising the positive things that unite people.

Oasis Hub

The Building Community Connections project recognises the time it takes to build trust between people from different backgrounds. The project will build on the weekly community meal, where everyone comes together to cook, set the tables, eat together with people they might not normally talk to and help to wash up. The project will also celebrate different cultural events through food, and create a weekly activity time to bring people together, creating space for conversations between different groups. An artist will help to facilitate the creation of a community mural that reflects Hull's diversity with families this summer.