



**Northern Heartlands
Is seeking a dynamic and enthusiastic
EXTERNAL EVALUATOR**

to help us evaluate our project:

“Turning The Hourglass – Community Empowerment through Arts & Creativity”

BACKGROUND:

Northern Heartlands is a place-based cultural organisation currently delivering a range of arts, heritage, and creative projects with communities across south and west Durham. The organisation also operates at a strategic level with cross-sectoral partners, promoting community engagement through creativity as a means of supporting a range of agendas, from health and wellbeing to planning, the environment and tourism.

TURNING THE HOURLASS:

With funding from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation’s Arts Access & Participation Fund, we’re working with communities in the former pit villages of Dene Valley Parish and Witton Park, in County Durham.

In Dene Valley (a collection of 7 former small mining communities) the project will develop work undertaken over 18 months as part of our previous Great Place Scheme; in the small village of Witton Park village we are working with the community for the very first time.

We’re interested in finding out how creative engagement, carnival and events can impact on existing power structures at a hyper-local level.

We have already begun this work, with the planning of an interactive Halloween story-walk in Witton Park, and we’re currently working with the community in Dene Valley to plan their very first Christmas lantern parade.

Funding is in place for two years, although we will need to supplement this as we go – and we know very well that this work takes time.

We have a budget of £3500 for the evaluation contract (10 days @ £350/day), plus a further £3000 for dissemination through a shared creative speaker and discussion event. We will require a final written evaluation report by the end of 2022 and are planning the final shared creative discussion event for Spring 2023.

If you’re interested, we would love to hear from you!

Please submit a Letter of Application (no more than two sides of A4) outlining your approach to the work together with a current CV and at least two examples of previous relevant work you have undertaken.

Email applications to : info@northernheartlands.org with TTH Evaluation in the subject line.

Deadline: Monday 29 November, midday.

We would welcome further discussion about your approach prior to application – please just email us or phone the office on 01833 200220.

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