



Exploring innovation, creativity, design, craft, skills, manufacturing, all through the lens of making



Celebrating all types of making

From the home, to the high street, to the factory.



An invitation to make

For fun, for well-being, for community, for enterprise.



A spotlight on Derbyshire's creative and cultural industries

Nurturing talent, building and conserving skills, encouraging innovation.





Why Making?

Making links between our past and our present.

Making connects people, helping share local, global and family cultural traditions, in homes and communities, both on and offline.

Making links across sectors, as relevant to schools, to adult learners, to factory workers.

Making is ever popular, our media channels are full of making content from the Sewing Bee, to the Great Pottery Showdown, to the Repair Shop.





Why Derbyshire?

Derbyshire is home to an increasing concentration of successful designer maker businesses alongside international iconic brands such as Denby Pottery and John Smedley Knitwear. Making is fundamental to our future prosperity.

Derby is home to the country's only Museum of Making, a flagship heritage attraction. Making is part of our DNA.

Derbyshire's heritage of makers & innovators has shaped our landscape, communities and towns. Making is central to our story.

Home to the Derwent Valley the world's first modern factory, which catapulted us into a world of mass production & consumption. Sustainable making is key to our future.





One of Derbyshire's most ambitious and far-reaching cultural events.

£1.5m over 3 years

Including £780k Arts Council England grant.

100,000 visitors

And audience reached through programme.

8,000 people

Participating in workshops and classes.

48 partners

Confirmed to date.

700 days

Of planned activity.

6 hub towns

Across Derbyshire.

plus 1,000's more

Reached online.

500 creatives

Employed to support delivery.

700 volunteers

Trained and engaged.



Past, Present & Future



From the potteries of South Derbyshire, to the textile mills of the Derwent Valley and the ironworks of the west and north of Derbyshire.

Designer makers, artist, craftspeople, creative businesses and manufacturers in 2024 and beyond.

Nurturing creative potential to level up & develop skills for a sustainable future.

Derbyshire Makes

Featuring...



Artists



Businesses



Manufacturers



Creatives



Designers



Museums and Heritage attractions





And the people of Derbyshire...



Showcasing the Power of Creativity For...

Boosting the local economy.

Promoting towns and businesses.

Driving footfall to the high street.

Maximising schools, libraries and heritage assets.

Strengthening social bonds, reducing isolation.

Bringing communities together, supporting civic pride.

Strengthening the visitor offer in the shoulder period.

Safeguarding traditional skills and crafts.

Building new skills and innovation for the future.





Three Core Strands







A major countywide public engagement programme, including a high profile mass participation project to launch.

Creative projects, commissions and events animating our town centres and heritage venues.

Building skills & capacity in Derbyshire's cultural sector & growing it's economic impact.





A Countywide Programme

Creative Hubs in:



Bolsover



Glossop



Matlock / Cromford / Wirksworth



Swadlincote



Chesterfield



Heanor (& possibly Belper)

Plus opportunities throughout Derbyshire in museums, heritage attractions, schools, libraries, adult and community learning centres, online and via the Makory, a mobile touring maker space.





An Annual Festival

Launching in October 2023 with an invitation of the whole county to get making, followed by a 4 week festival period in March/April 2025 and 2026.

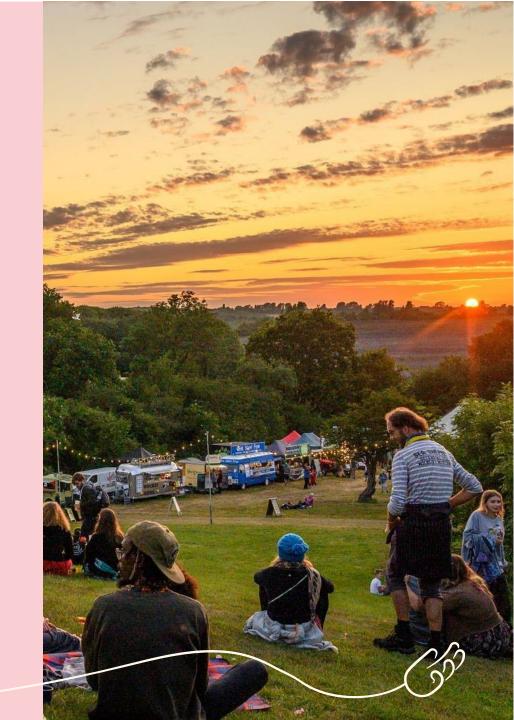
Exhibitions, events, markets, talks, walks, workshops and much more across the county.

Bringing profile and attention to Derbyshire.

Concentrated activity in each of the 6 Hubs.

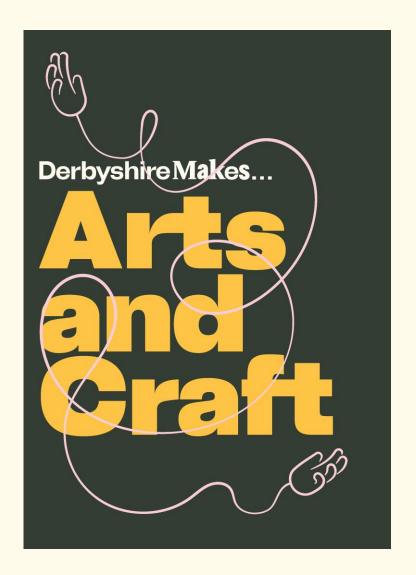
Touring Mobile activity, via the Makory.





A Far Reaching Campaign





Derbyshire – The Place that Makes

Derbyshire makes art, craft, music and even rather good puddings and beer.

Derbyshire Makes....

.....your heart sing

.....your soul soar

.....you stay longer

....you buy local

....a great day out

Made in Partnership



Derbyshire County Council



Arts Council England



Museum of Making



National Forest Company



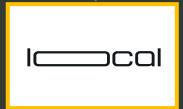
John Smedley's Knitwear



Arts Derbyshire



Derbyshire Museums and Heritage Forum



Local



Borough, District and Town Councils



Derbyshire arts, heritage and creative businesses



And you?...



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