

## PARTNER SEARCH

Funding Call	Creative Europe: Culture Small Co-operation Projects
Proposal	<p><b>Suffolk County Council, England, is looking to work with European partners on a small co-operation project through the Creative Europe Culture programme.</b></p> <p><b>Our project proposal aims to develop the audience for local level archive services by working directly with under-represented groups to co-produce materials of relevance and interest to their communities.</b></p> <p><b>Objectives</b> To identify target audiences who are currently under-represented in their use of local archive services and work with them to co-produce content for display in their communities, online and in Suffolk Record Office venues.</p> <p><b>Activities/Outputs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To identify, recruit, train, and work with under-represented audiences through Audience Development Groups in different local areas to co-produce materials about their local area.</li> <li>• Suffolk aims to work with the following target groups: Visitors with limited mobility, Adults with learning disabilities, people from black and minority ethnic groups, young people aged 18-24, school pupils, people from areas of socio-economic deprivation. Partners are welcome to choose their own target groups; the key is that this project is about working with groups who don't currently engage with heritage often.</li> <li>• To support Audience Development Groups to deliver community based activities and events to showcase their materials in their local area.</li> <li>• To deliver major exhibitions of the various works created in the project.</li> <li>• To upskill Records Office staff to work more closely with communities in producing materials and in bringing archives out to the community.</li> <li>• To test and identify effective ways to engage under-represented groups in archives and therefore build a wider audience base.</li> <li>• Organizational learning through collaboration with European partners.</li> <li>• The project materials will be shared through a new online, interactive mapping platform enabling audiences in Suffolk and beyond to access the materials more easily.</li> </ul> <p><b>Why is this important?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To increase the generally low level of public awareness of what a Record Office does.</li> <li>• To develop new audiences for archives and show their relevance to under-represented groups. Archive services currently have quite a narrow range of users but many groups of users who rarely use them (e.g children and young people, ethnic minorities) could benefit from doing so but are unaware of what we do. We would like to change this.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve access to locally relevant archive materials – there is increasingly good access to nationally relevant materials online but limited local material.</li> <li>• To increase access to archive materials for everyone by bringing archives to communities rather than people having to go to the archives.</li> </ul>
Aims, Objectives, and expected results	<p><b><u>Timescales</u></b>  Target submission of application: <b>End October/November (to be confirmed)</b></p> <p>Earliest project start date: <b>May 2017</b></p> <p>Project implementation: <b>Summer 2017</b></p>
Lead Partner	Suffolk County Council
Deadline for expression of interest	<p>Initial Deadline: 13<sup>th</sup> September for responses from interested partners</p> <p>We are looking to apply for the next call for projects. The deadline for this is still to be confirmed due to the call launch being postponed but we are advised that it is unlikely to be before the end of October.</p> <p>We are aware of the quite short timescale to apply and would be needing interested partners to have the capacity to complete the application quickly and be ready to start the project in mid-2017. This year's guidance is not yet available but last years can be seen via this link: <a href="https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/funding/support-european-cooperation-projects-2016_en">https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/funding/support-european-cooperation-projects-2016_en</a></p>
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