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We are an Arts and Community Led
organisation in Stoke-on-Trent.





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Portland Inn Project
Today's Exhibition
12-2 - CLAY ACTIVITY
- INFO ABOUT THE
- FUTURE OF THE PUB!

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Stoke-on-Trent 'betrayed' over homes scheme

🕒 31 October 2010



An MP says the government has "betrayed" Stoke-on-Trent over the end of a housing regeneration programme.

The nationwide £1bn Pathfinder Housing Market Renewal scheme has paid for the demolition of hundreds of Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme homes.

Labour MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central, Tristram Hunt, said: "We're going to have to think very creatively."

The Department for Communities and Local Government said it was "committed to supporting local councils".

A spokesman has said all projects which had funding until the end of the financial year would be completed.

'Knock down'

The government is to end the programme in England four years earlier than



The role of the artist in society:

Buying a £1 house: but what does a community need to thrive?



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COMMUNITY
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* ENGLAND *



A good chance to use the green space: so right from the beginning the street has been our studio – publicly testing and making but a necessity











The Oasis Social Club Committee, 2015



MONDAY 22 AUGUST



***Planning A Community Business
Development Plan For People Who
Have Never Planned A Business
Development Plan***

A WORKSHOP on how to start a business plan
including case studies of community led organisations

10.30AM - 1PM
Portland Street, ST1 5HZ



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appetite

British Ceramics Biennial

WHAT IS IT?

THE PORTLAND INN PROJECT IS A CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT FOR A COMMUNITY IN STOKE-ON-TRENT. THE COUNCIL HAVE OFFERED THIS DISUSED PUB TO BE USED AS A COMMUNITY CENTRE.

THROUGH THIS PUBLIC ART PROGRAMME, WE WANT TO FIND OUT:

- WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE RUN FROM THIS SPACE IN THE LONG TERM?
- IS THIS WHAT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WANT?
- HOW CAN WE RUN THE SPACE PERMANENTLY?
- WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN?

ACTIVITIES & DANCING

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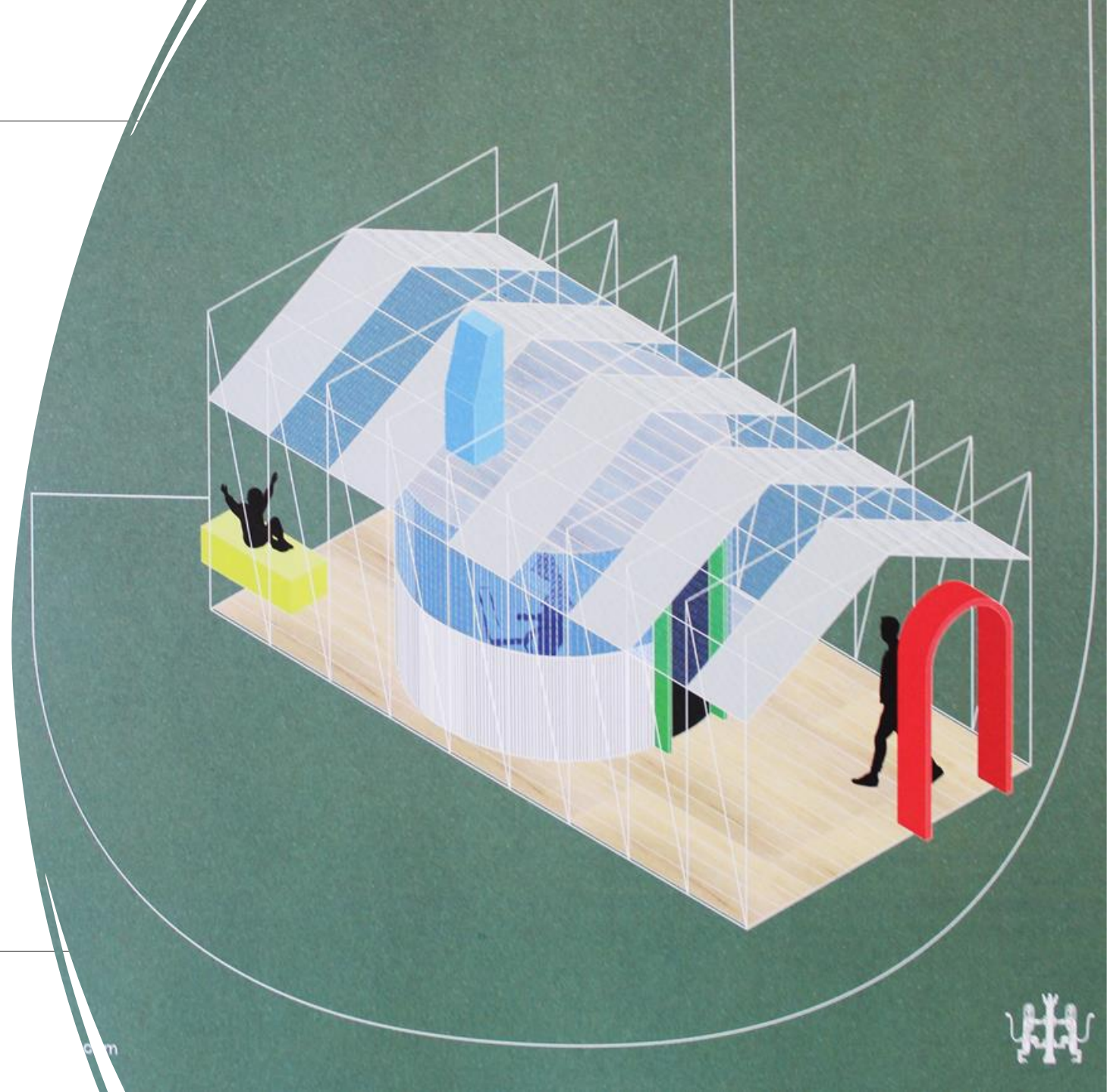
Raising The Roof, 2018: Asset Transfer Agreed and a process to continue to build confidence in the Community around what we can achieve together – Community Co-Build tested





Raising The Roof Architectural Structure on the Front Cover of The RIBA Journal, Feb. 2019.

- The *Raising The Roof* temporary structure designed by Baxendale Architects, and Co-Built with the Community of Portland St. Stoke-on-Trent was shortlisted for the RIBA MacEwen Award.
- Changing the rhetoric, starting to tell our story ourselves





STRENGTHENING THE ORGANISATION

To ensure we are able to be here to do what is needed :

We have set up a Community Decision Making Panel for the Portland Inn Project. The Panel is made up of a majority of residents from the local area, plus representatives from the key partners in the project. The Decision Making Panel will support the setting of priorities, and will work together on what is needed in terms of deciding on community activity and events and taking a role in advocating for the project locally. We have also developed a wider Governance Structure to support the project as a whole. Throughout the first of the three years, we will allow for reflection in this new structure to allow for change and development as we progress.



SECURING A TEMPORARY SPACE FOR COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

So we can deliver our programme while the pub is being built :

We need a temporary, weatherproof space to run activity from where we will host workshops and meetings with and for residents. Key themes for our programme will include self representation (using methods such as film, animation, design, radio programming). Learning and exchanging transferable skills is another area we would like to develop with community members; something we believe will happen through the development of our Portland Pigeon Ridge Tile. We will explore and deliver community based skills with community members. We anticipate this will include learning and sharing skills needed for the project to thrive (social organising, cooking, gardening).



THE PORTLAND INN PROJECT'S PRIORITIES OVER THE NEXT 3 YEARS...



FOCUSING ON SAFETY AND SECURITY

Through everything we do, by developing a community safety and security plan alongside our activity :

We need time and support to examine our Risk Assessment processes and develop policies for any event that threatens the safety and security of our residents and participants when we are leading activity. This includes strategies for community safety, child safety and vulnerable adult safety. Stoke City Council and My Community Matters have offered guidance and support for these much needed protocols and procedures.



DEVELOPING SKILLS IN THE COMMUNITY



Which can support activity and events :

This part of our project is about long term sustainability, development of core and embedded skills for the future of the project and the community. Our aim is to take a focused group of people through skills development, using The Portland Pigeon as a platform for learning skills by developing this product.



Photographs by Glen Stoker

Creative Civic Change Programme, proposal in 2018 and then initially 3 years of funding from 2019 - 2022

A game changer for us, enabling us to go from being project based to establishing ourselves as an organisation, building stability and focusing on the longer term, and equipping us to apply to become an Arts Council NPO









How do people get involved in decision making?



The Portland Inn Project Community Decision Making Panel meal meetings, 2018 to present

This sits alongside our Bi-monthly Services Meetings running from 2017 to present



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The Future







- Portland Palissy is an eco-auditing method based on Bernard Palissy's Palissy ware: lack of survey culture, informing a Neighbourhood Recovery Plan, in development with Natural England, and gathering of baseline data ahead of ecological interventions to increase biodiversity locally.





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NEIGHBOURHOOD

The word 'NEIGHBOURHOOD' is rendered in large, bold, black letters. Each letter is filled with a different illustration: 'N' has a green vine with purple flowers; 'E' shows a person in a wheelchair; 'I' shows a person on a ladder; 'G' shows a person painting a wall; 'H' shows a person on a ladder; 'O' shows a person with a dog; 'U' shows a person sitting on the ground; 'R' shows a person with a dog; 'B' shows a person with a dog; 'O' shows a person with a dog; 'O' shows a person with a dog; 'D' shows a person with a dog.

WORKSHOP!

The word 'WORKSHOP!' is rendered in large, bold, black letters. Each letter is filled with a different illustration: 'W' shows three people standing together; 'O' shows a person with arms raised; 'R' shows a person with arms raised; 'K' shows a person with arms raised; 'S' shows a person with arms raised; 'H' shows a person with arms raised; 'O' shows a person with arms raised; 'P' shows a person with arms raised; '!' shows a person with arms raised.

NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKSHOP!

DAKOK SUPPORT CENTRE

Meet Dakok, a charity registered in April 2023, is dedicated to supporting refugee communities in the UK, with a particular focus on Kurdish and Middle Eastern communities. Our mission is to provide comprehensive advice and support to all members of these communities, including children, women, the elderly, and disabled individuals.

Neighbourhood resident Qadir, member of DAKOK, has organised 2 amazing things to happen on the street - A Street Barbershop and A Community Litterpick with members from DAKOK! Join us on Wednesday 3rd April for a fresh trim and community clear-ups!



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NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKSHOP!

The Gutter Doctor

Meet Stewart AKA The Gutter Doctor!

Stewart has over 35 years experience working in the construction and joinery trade, for many years he worked for other businesses and self-employed. He set up Cornerstone Construction 8 years ago and has built a trusted team of employees and subcontractors working on renovation projects in the city.

As part of the Neighbourhood Workshop, Stewart will become our temporary Gutter Doctor! He will be able to advise on any issues you might be having with your guttering and what we can do to prevent future gutter problems.



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Since 2016 The Portland Inn Project has received funding from the following:

Aziz Foundation.

The Stoke-on-Trent City Council Community Investment fund. Arts Council England.

Creative Civic Change programme delivered by Local Trust, Gulbenkian Foundation,

Big Lottery and Esmee Fairburn.

Big lottery Mayor's picnic

Bernard Leach foundation

Staffordshire Community Foundation/ European Social Fund,

Big Lottery Covid Recovery Fund

Sports England Return to Play Fund

Whitegold International Ceramics Prize

Axis Social Artery fund

Unltd Fund for social entrepreneurs etc.

UKSPF

Natural England

Community Ownership Fund

Community Health Impact Assessment funding

etc



OUR FUTURE BUILDING "PIP"

