

## IPSWICH AND THE ARTS SURVEY THROUGH SHAPE YOUR IPSWICH

Information and link for the survey was shared with 65 individuals

- 50 RADF Applicants
- 8 RADF Committee Members
- 7 Community Development Team members (with an network list of approx. 300)

Recipients were asked to also distribute the information through their networks. The survey was also shared on Council's webpage and through social media.

Some key themes from answers to the following questions:

Q1 - How has your arts practice been affected by COVID-19?

- All respondents spoke of cancellations to exhibitions, live performances, and even competitions and awards.

Q2 - How are you adapting your arts practice to current changes?

- moved to online exhibitions, promotion or performances
- taking the time to develop new works or larger scale projects
- attending online professional development opportunities
- cancelling live performances and closing down during the restrictions

Q3 - What kind of support do you need to be able to adapt your arts practice to these challenges?

The three main areas are:

1. Funding

- support to pay expenses that were not reduced or suspended through COVID-19 restrictions with no income or relief from fees and charges
- financial assistance with moving to digital platforms (purchase of technical equipment required)
- greater engagement of local artists by Council

2. Professional Development

- assistance and guidance to move into the digital space (development of videos, digital content, guide on digital publishing)
- business support

3. Physical Spaces

- more public art spaces
- low cost venue spaces
- ability to resume use of venue spaces