

Our Vision

To be a flagship centre for the arts and a vibrant cultural hub for the south-east, owned by our communities and known for our programme nationally and internationally. Responding to our world class architecture and living heritage, to allow greater access to cultural experiences, and to ensure culture-led regeneration for the region into the next decade and beyond.

In January 2023, Rother District Council was awarded £19m to help level up Community Creativity and Skills.

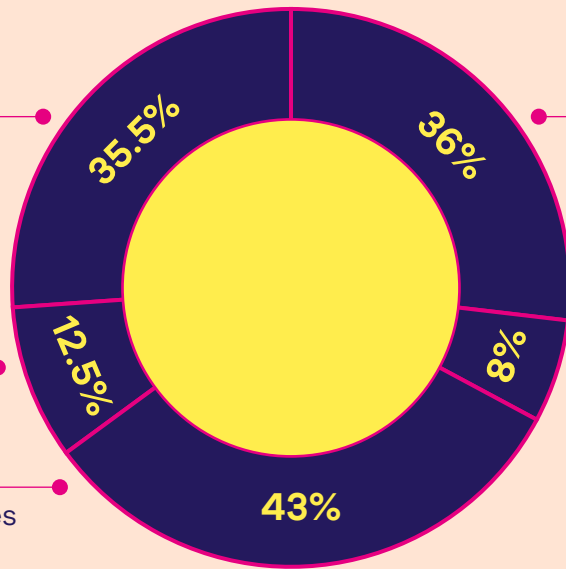
315,000

visitors

of overnight visitors visited a local restaurant, bar and shop

stayed overnight

travelled 30+ minutes to reach us



592

individual performances, events, exhibitions and activities in the building



9 free exhibitions



166 gigs and shows



5 outdoor festivals



93,000 tickets

Why visit us

From exhibition visitor surveys

45% to spend time with friends & family

35% to be entertained

35% to be inspired

40% for the atmosphere

43% to learn something new

94% of visitors would recommend our exhibitions

Financials

 £3,787,182 turnover includes:

£546,697 (Rother District Council)

£517,785 (Arts Council England)



Our Values

We believe in a **HEALTHY AND HAPPY COMMUNITY** which reflects our values:

- **Bold & ambitious**
- **Create opportunity & inspire creativity**
- **Professional & honest**
- **Inclusive, respectful & empathetic**
- **Kind & compassionate**

Community

- **96%** of visitors agree DLWP is good for Bexhill & the surrounding area
- **5** free outdoor film screenings
- A record **600+** visitors to Bexhill Jobs & Apprenticeships Fair
- **49** community group and private hires
- **129** staff – **89%** live in the local area
- **20** volunteers, **700** hours
- **34** free creative family events
- **32** free Blueprint Collective creative sessions for 16 – 22 year olds
- **8000** young people engaged with our learning programmes
- Worked with **45** primary, secondary and SEND/SEMH schools, and colleges
- **32** drop-in sessions for Bexhill's Ukrainian Refugees and hosted a day of Refugee Week events with the Refugee Buddy Project, Hastings Rother & Wealden
- **150** children from families who receive free school meals joined our music, heritage, arts and free food holiday clubs
- **2** dementia-friendly events and **40** staff trained to be dementia champions

Skills

Engaged **3000** young people in creative career sessions

Organised work experience for **86** young people

Created **8** new apprenticeship opportunities

Enabled **1100** young people to perform or exhibit

36 early career opportunities

Environmental

- Carbon footprint 260 tons
- Building Energy rating – C Rating
- New Environmental Strategy for our capital project and operations

“With a visit there, we now know we can be confident of a warm welcome to everyone.”
Project Art Works facilitator