Regional Cultural Improvement Networks – the way forward

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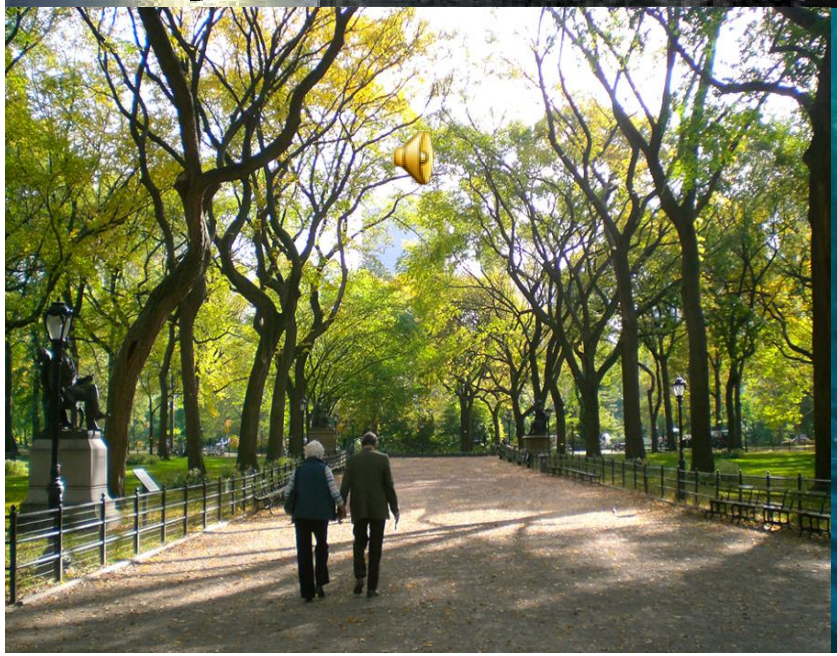

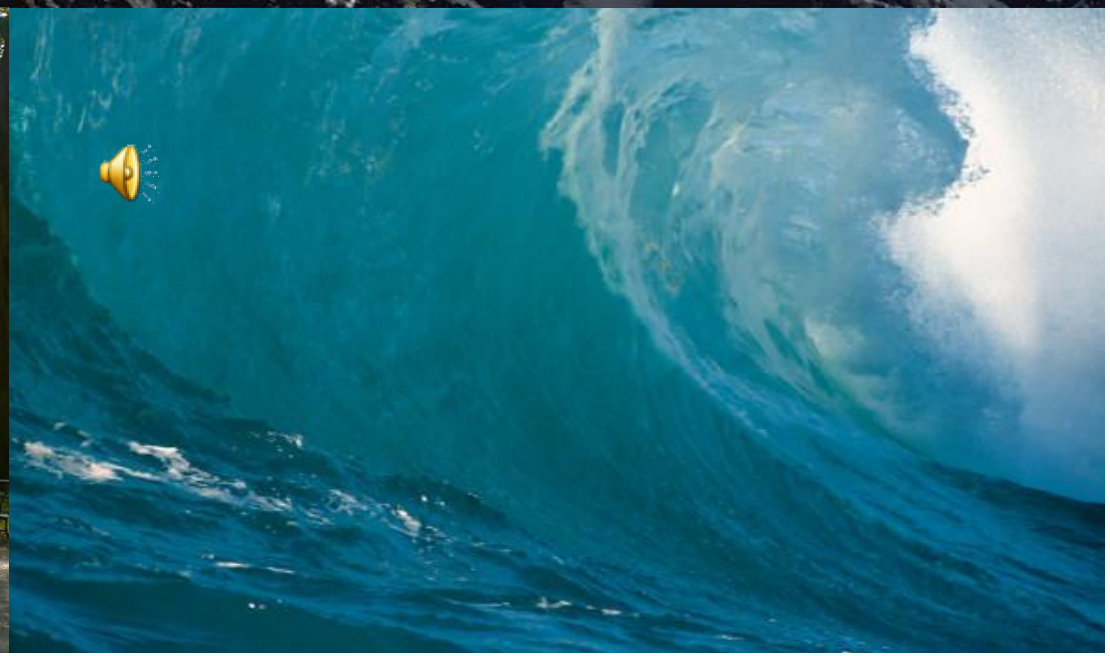

Regional Cultural Improvement Networks

- RCIN are established in 4 areas
  - East Midlands
  - London
  - East
  - West Midlands
- Emerging networks
  - South West and South East
- Operable network North West

- No formal network in Yorkshire and Humber & North East
- Each RCIN is different as it responds to LOCAL needs conditions
- A lot is common
- RCIN's also work together to share best practice and learning
- Deliver "A Passion for Excellence

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The Networks: Key Objectives

- Support Local Authorities to improve and innovate, particularly given spending cuts
- Drive improvement and effectiveness through building strong and effective partnerships
- Develop leadership and advocacy
- Support local authorities to find efficiencies and develop shared services
- Lead transformation of cultural services in the context of the local government change agenda

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Key Opportunities

- Regional Cultural Improvement Networks have confidence of Local Authorities, NDPB's and RIEPs with a track record of:
  - engaging local authorities in sector led improvement and efficiency projects
  - building capacity in Local Government & third sector
  - delivering sustainable improvements
  - effective collaboration and working across boundaries and disciplines
  - Maximising the role of culture in economic growth, health and social care, children's services

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Cost effective and flexible model of working in partnership with Local Authorities, best placed to help them respond to the change agenda

- Use of secondees ensures confidence and trust of Local Authorities – opportunity to build on this
- Opportunity to support innovation and avoid duplication by:
  - Leading on projects, sharing learning & good practice
  - Exploring new models of delivery, procurement and position sector for strategic commissioning
  - Capacity building in the third sector
  - Swiftly disseminating intelligence and providing learning opportunities

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Example of Programmes

- Securing funding for the sector
- Support Programmes Tailored to Localities
- Major Library Change Programmes
  - London, East, West Midlands and North West
- Efficiency Programme – East Midlands
- Self Improvement and peer supported Improvement Programmes
  - London, East Midlands and East

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Interactive Session

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