

Everyman Community Annual Report 2023/24

Everyman Community was established in 2023. It focuses on community engagement with, and through, drama. Its work helps Everyman achieve one of the aims set out in the [Everyman Business Plan 2022-25](#):

- To achieve greater levels of diversity across all our activities (from governance and delivery to partnerships and community engagement)

The focus of the first year of the project has been primarily outreach, exploring opportunities by interfacing with potential community partners. The steering group has worked to identify a community (or communities) looking to express themselves creatively and who would benefit from the unique knowledge and experience of drama which Everyman can provide.

Initial contact has been sought with communities across the city. We also reached out to 'key links', people within a community who could signpost or connect us with groups we may not otherwise have been aware of. Discussions have been held with several groups with the view to identify where or if our interests overlap.

One group was UCAN, a performance and creative arts charity for blind and partially sighted children, young people, adults and their friends. Although it was ultimately felt that UCAN was not the right partner for Everyman Community, our discussions enabled us to introduce UCAN's Development Director to the Clubnight Co-ordinator with the hope that the charity will host a clubnight in the near future.

At the time of writing, the steering group is actively pursuing potential partners with a group representing women from ethnically diverse backgrounds. Future funding opportunities are also being investigated, for example National Lottery funding.

On 20th September members of the Steering Group will meet with representatives from agencies with similar interests in community engagement, including Literature Wales and Arts for Health & Wellbeing Team at Cardiff & Vale University Health Board. We will be happy to provide feedback from this meeting at the AGM.

Following the second anniversary of the 'Victoria Park Through The Ages' performance in August 2024, which led to the creation of Everyman Community, the steering group has also been working on ideas to celebrate the legacy of the event including recording some of our volunteers.

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