

Artist conversations	Organisation	Awarded	Project description
Ad Infinitum's New Space: Artist Conversations in Bristol	Ad Infinitum	£4,500	In March 2026, Ad Infinitum opens its new space in Bristol. We want to host artist-led gatherings to reflect on barriers, needs and aspirations. Artists' insights will feed into Bristol's Cultural Strategy while establishing a new, shared, accessible creative space.
In Practice' Podcast	Spike Island w Noods Radio	£4,500	'In Practice' is a new eight-part pilot podcast series produced by Spike Island and Noods Radio, exploring how to sustain a career making art and the role studio provision plays in enabling artistic practice to thrive.
Beat The Makers: Open Styles	Bristol Breakers CIC	£4,496	An interactive event at the crossroads between Beatmaking, Streetdances, and Bristol's Hip-Hop and experimental Culture. Dancers and Musicians/Producers will exchange in a live Battle/Performance format, which will be open to audiences to participate and contribute to the dialogue.
Make It Ours	Circus City	£4,500	'Make It Ours' is a call out to Bristol based circus artists to collectively imagine what's next for the UK's home of contemporary circus. Bringing together artists, producers and creatives to celebrate and share their practice and imagine the future.
NOW YOU SEE US: Putting young, local artists at the forefront of the Bristol Cultural Strategy	Rising Arts Agency	£4,100	Rising Arts Agency have been consulting young, local artists in Bristol for 10 years. NOW YOU SEE US brings together insights from underrepresented creatives, all under 30, who have something important to say right NOW.
Echo: A Tale of Two Cities	Trinity Community Arts	£4,425	This project enables five Bristol-based artists to engage in cross-border music exchange with European partners, fostering dialogue, collaboration, and learning, while strengthening local creative networks, showcasing talent, and expanding international opportunities rooted in Bristol's music heritage and community
Community conversations	Organisation	Awarded	Project description
A seat at the table: Artists with Learning Disabilities Cultural Plan Engagement	Firebird Theatre	£4,500	A co-produced process to engage artists with a Learning Disability in plans for Bristol's new Cultural Strategy - culminating in a day-long, facilitated Gathering for LD artists to have their say in creative and accessible ways.
Creative Conversations with Children and Young People in Barton Hill	Travelling Light Theatre	£4,500	Travelling Light will conduct community conversations with children and young people in the Barton Hill area of Bristol, using drama and creative activities to input into the new cultural strategy via our Youth Theatre groups and holiday programme
Growing Culture: Community Conversations through Green Social Prescribing	Redcatch Community Garden	£4,217	Through Green Social Prescribing groups, people living with mental health challenges and long-term health conditions will have conversations about culture, wellbeing and everyday life. These insights will shape a co-created Culture Day celebrating identity, creativity and community.

Bristol Refugee Festival: Spring Workshops Season	Bristol Refugee Fest (with Arnolfini)	£4,488	A series of creative workshops and a digital exhibition exploring identity and culture by refugees and asylum seekers in Bristol, presented by Bristol Refugee Festival in partnership with Arnolfini.
Dreaming Together: Culture and Collective Futures	Many Minds	£4,500	Dreaming Together is a participatory arts project engaging under-represented communities in Bristol to explore culture, wellbeing, and imagined futures. Through creative workshops and public sharing, lived experience is documented to inform Bristol's Cultural Strategy.
What Culture Means to Me?	Heart of BS13	£3,178	A creative community workshop inviting local residents to explore culture, connection and belonging through conversation, food and participatory art, producing creative outputs and a short report to ensure local voices inform Bristol's future Culture Strategy.
Culture Connect - Bridging Generations	Young Bristol	£4,455	We will deliver four creative, inter-generational events that bring young people and older community members together to explore and celebrate what 'culture' means to them, culminating in a visual and media-based artwork shaped by their shared stories.
Everyday conversations		Awarded	Project description
Writers of the Global Majority Zine		£500	Creating a printed and digital zine with participants from Writers of the Global Majority, a free, monthly creative writing workshop at Arnolfini Arts. The workshop is intentionally open, accessible and supportive, welcoming writers at all stages of their practice. It is an inter-generational group, with participants ranging in age from their 20s to their 70s
A change in the climate		£500	Roaring Girl Productions & lead artist Liz Crow creatively explore the interweave of climate change and disability, echoing the nuanced fragility and strength within disabled bodies and nature alike. The visual art work invites audiences to consider what it means to be human in the face of environmental crisis. Working with photography, moving image, sound and text.
Frome Voices: shared stories from a living waterway		£500	Frome Voices: shared stories from a living waterway is a small-scale, participatory audio project rooted in everyday encounters with the River Frome, as it flows from Frenchay Bridge (the Bristol/South Gloucestershire border) to where it meets the River Avon
Mother Song		£500	Weaving music with stories - of personal and professional challenge - we will explore some of the core themes that emerge in our network conversations (Mothers in Music), and shed light on both the personal and the structural challenges that women face in the music industry when they become a mother
The buskers of Bristol		£500	A snapshot of a moment in time on the streets of Bristol. The Buskers of Bristol will be a series of short interviews conducted with Buskers in the city centre. Buskers are a transient community, people disappear, new people arrive, but often certain characters become integrated into the everyday routine of commuters across the city.
Everyday Resonance: Sounds of Belonging in Bristol		£500	Everyday Resonance is a small-scale creative sound project exploring how everyday culture is experienced through informal music-making, listening and shared moments of connection. The project centres on a relaxed, participatory music session with adults connected to a Bristol-based mental health support group, followed by the creation of a short audio piece capturing these everyday cultural moments