

Rewire the Network

Explore & Inspire the Power and Reach of Hull's Voice

Our Hull City Of Culture commission will make unexpected things happen in familiar spaces and focus on the question: "How can we expand and celebrate the power & reach of Hull's 'voice'?"

Our plan is to create a series of public art interventions which will transform familiar public spaces into something magical and by doing so will demonstrate the power our 'voice' and its capacity to transform our environment and our lives. Our aim is to empower Hullian's with a sense of control over their city and to inspire people to reconsider the creative potential of both their actions and their public amenities.

For the research & development phase in 2016, we will explore the power of the voice in two ways and with two of Hull's public amenity networks.

The aim of the R&D is to begin conversations with Hull's residents, service providers and relevant council members through a series of creative interventions which, in turn will inform our plans for the bigger 2017 commission. We will use curiosity and intrigue to draw people into the process and to develop healthy working relationships with both local authorities and local people.

The 2 interventions we are planning for August/September 2016 are:

- I. **Voices that take you places:** Transforming the **Bus Stop** waiting experience.
The objective of this intervention is to demonstrate and explore the power of our 'voices' (both in **written & spoken form**) to make positive changes to our and other peoples public life and public space.
The transformed Bus stop will provide a platform to share inspiration words from infamous Hullian voices on an equal stage with the poetry and creative writing written and or recorded specifically for this bus stop by local school children, youth groups, poets and creative writing groups.
- II. **Voices that Play the City:** Transforming the **K6 phone box** into a street controller.
Our K6 will invite people to explore the playful potential of their voice to transform their immediate environment. We will harness the **volume & pitch of the voice** to control our cities public amenities around us.
The modified K6 call box will invite people to speak into a receiver which re-routes their 'call' to a nearby public amenity. e.g The louder you speak the more the street lights are animated, If you reach a particular high pitch then the seemingly 'broken' fountain is re-activated, If you reach a particular low pitch then green smoke appears from the postbox.

This intervention builds on an earlier project, where the power of peoples' voices was represented by lines of light disappearing through trees in a wood, like ripples in a pond.

We are seeking support from local specialists within the council to help us make this happen. In particular with:

- the temporary rigging of speakers and LCD digital text display in the bus stop outside ASDA on Beverly Road
- working in partnership with the relevant service providers in order to gain access to the street amenities at the Boulevard.