

# Easy Read version Dorset Cultural Strategy 2021 to 2026



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## Who is the strategy for?

Here are some examples:

- People living in Dorset.
- People working for **cultural organisations**.
- People working for community and voluntary organisations.
- **Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership**.
- Dorset Council.
- Organisations who give money to spend on culture.



## What is Culture?

- Dance, music, comedy and theatre
- Art, design, craft
- Digital media and film
- Museums and archives
- Libraries
- Writing
- Beautiful countryside and buildings
- Food and drink
- Fetes, carnivals



## What we have now

Dorset has lots of beautiful countryside with villages and small towns. The biggest town is Weymouth.

The [Jurassic Coast](#) is England's only natural [World Heritage Site](#) with outstanding rocks and fossils.

Dorset has beaches and countryside full of wildlife and places to enjoy visiting.



## People

To help plan this Cultural Strategy, young people from Dorset gave ideas. Young people wanted to see more Festivals, Music and Theatre.

Young people want more information about things they can go to. They need things that don't cost too much money.



## Jobs and volunteering

Most jobs for people in Dorset involve:

- Making products
- Farming food
- Food and Drink
- Creative work
- Financial Services which means things to do with money



## Tourism

Tourism is people visiting Dorset on holidays or enjoying days out. Tourism is very important for helping to bring money into Dorset.



## Heritage

Dorset has special things that have been around for hundreds of years including:

- folk festivals
- carnivals
- village fetes
- very old buildings



## Arts

Dorset has exciting outdoor festivals and cultural organisations who run events and activities.

Many artists live in Dorset.

## What we want to do

These are the things we think are important:

There should be things to do all over Dorset that help people feel healthier and happier. We should help everyone to take part.

We want to make sure everyone is treated equally.

We must care for the environment. We must help other people understand how to help the environment.

We want to help get more money for Dorset that will help people in communities everywhere.





## Our aims

People must work together to make sure we can get good results for people in Dorset.

## Things we want to happen

- More people taking part and getting jobs in culture, including disabled people.
- Listening to what lots of different people have to say.
- Make Dorset a good role model to show how culture can help people feel better.
- We look after the environment better.
- We show how Dorset is a great place to live and work.



## Next steps



- Ask more people what they think is important to do for culture.
- Decide ways to achieve the aims of the Cultural Strategy by working together.
- Set up a Dorset Access Group. Disabled people should be in charge of the group. This group can help other people to get better at including disabled people in culture.
- Offer more training and opportunities for Dorset disabled artists.
- Make sure people working for Dorset Council and the [local health care authority](#) understand the Cultural Strategy.
- Help people who can't afford computers or the internet. Help people to understand how to use them.
- Make sure people working in culture support the Cultural Strategy.
- Start collecting information called data including how many people take part in culture.



# Glossary

## Words

## What this means

Cultural organisations



Examples:

- Museums
- Galleries
- Cinemas
- Libraries
- Arts centres

Voluntary or community organisations



Charities and businesses who help improve people's lives. They often have volunteer workers.

Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership



A group of people from local business and the local authority working together

Dorset Council



This is the local authority for Dorset. It is a large organisation of people who deliver services to people living in Dorset.

Jurassic Coast



A part of coastline in East Devon and Dorset that has special rocks and fossils

World Heritage Site



Places with very important culture, history or natural environments

Health care authority



Includes the NHS and the local authority who provide health services