

TG funded Animate Projects Summaries

Animate: Grow (£1,001 - £12,000)

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Pride in Gloucestershire – 13 September 2025

About:

Pride in Gloucestershire stands as a beacon of celebration and advocacy for the LGBTQ+ community across our county. Through events like our annual Pride celebration, we strive to connect, uplift, and inspire. Our mission is to combat homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia while pushing for continual progress, acceptance, and inclusivity.

The event/ project:

Pride in Gloucestershire 2025, culminating in an event Saturday 13 September, will be an exciting 2-week, inclusive celebration of the LGBTQ+ community. It will showcase local talent and foster creativity, advocacy, and connection. The Pride Hub will open in September to host activities such as sign-making workshops, community talks, a queer art exhibition. The Pride Hub will engage different communities, offering opportunities for expression, connection, and active involvement in the celebration.

Arts Diverse-City CIC:Changes in Waves: Windrush – Sunday 22 June 2025

About:

Our support for diverse communities works by creating avenues for creative expression, storytelling, and shared experiences. We believe that the arts serve as a powerful medium to foster unity, encourage dialogue, and challenge stereotypes. By organizing

workshops, performances, exhibitions, and educational activities, we allow individuals from different backgrounds to come together, appreciate one another's cultures, and build lasting connections.

The event/ project:

Changes in Waves: Windrush is an impactful community-based project in collaboration with a consortium of key local community partners, including Empower You, Kulture Konnect, Canal Trust Waterways Museum, Gloucester FM, and Friends of All Nations Community Centre. The project seeks to commemorate and celebrate the Windrush generation's migration story and its connection to Gloucester's maritime history. The project will engage the community through creative workshops, storytelling, an interactive exhibition, and performances, all leading up to a commemorative event on Sunday 22nd June 2025.

GL4 - Outdoor Summer Circus Event – Saturday 26 July 2025

About:

GL4, are a community interest company based in Matson which started in 2016. GL4 believe that the arts and creativity should be easily accessible for all and aim to break down the barriers that people feel when they think of visiting the theatre, through cultural events, youth participation and community engagement activities.

The event/ project:

No Fit State Circus will be bringing free workshops and their incredible and daring performance, *Bamboo* to Matson on Saturday 26th July to be part of *The First Blast*, an established family fun day held near The Three Oaks.

As well as No Fit State, each of our own participation groups, held regularly in Matson and led by local artists, of Circus, Dance and Theatre will also be performing.

Gloucester Civic Trust: Exploring Textiles at The Folk – Weekly

About:

The Gloucester Civic Trust Ltd. (GCT), established in 1972, is a charity which secures the preservation, protection, development, and improvement of buildings and features of historic interest for the benefit of the people of Gloucester and its visitors.

The Folk of Gloucester is a project situated within a 16th century Tudor building with the City community at its heart. Honouring and learning about our past, by bringing people together from the present, our aim is to keep the history of Gloucester city alive through the telling of stories.

The event/ project:

'Exploring textiles at The Folk' is a free to access drop-in textiles group run by Ally Goff, a Neurodivergent community group facilitator specialising in mixed media. With a small enterprise grant awarded by The University of Gloucestershire in 2023, Ally set up the

group to improve the emotional health and wellbeing of vulnerable adults, reduce social isolation and teach a new skill.

Polish Heritage Day 2025 – Gloucester – 10 May 2025

About:

Polish Association Gloucestershire aims to promote a better understanding of Polish Culture and Heritage through diversity, citizenship and community development.

The event/ project:

Polish Heritage Days in Gloucestershire are annual events that celebrate Polish culture, heritage, and the contributions of the Polish community to the local area. The 2025 event will take place in Gloucester Park on 10 May and feature traditional music, dance, and cuisine. The event aims to further promote community cohesion by fostering mutual understanding and respect among diverse groups of Gloucester and Gloucestershire.

What's Your Style? (September 2025 - March 26 programme)

About:

Your Next Move is dedicated to fostering awareness and providing inclusive street dance opportunities for individuals of all ages and abilities. Our highly skilled team curates courses, workshops, and events designed to broaden your perspective and unleash your unlimited creativity.

The event/ project:

Your Next Move (YNM) will expand its youth programme with a new programme entitled *What's Your Style*. A multi-artform Hip Hop programme, with a particular emphasis on Street Dance, it will highlight the empowering role Hip Hop plays in inspiring young people.

The programme will be delivered in Quedgeley where the organisation has been active for nearly four years delivering open access activities for young people and families and will seek to address the lack of creative opportunities for young people in Quedgeley. The programme will be free of charge and held in an accessible community venue, easily reachable by foot, public transport, or car.

The Venture Community Hub - Cultural Connections (date tbc)

About

The Venture's foundations are built on grass roots Playwork and our adventure playground and indoor play space has been the focal point of community life for the last 40 years. It has provided a safe and consistent source of connection and support for thousands of families and has been a place for children, young people and their families to play, relax, learn and participate.

About the event/ project

Cultural Connections is a community-driven initiative celebrating the diversity and creativity of Gloucester. The project will combine open-air cinema with cultural activities. The cinema screening will be outdoors in a local park, offering communities an opportunity to enjoy a screening of a culturally diverse film on their doorstep. The cinema event will include pre-show activities such as music and dance performances representing different cultures, interactive workshops (e.g., traditional crafts), and storytelling sessions. Food will be provided by our Eat Well Wagon and will include food from a variety of cultures.

Jamaica Independence & Family Day Celebrations - Sunday 3 August 2025**About:**

Glosjam is managed by a small team of volunteers who are supported by Jamaican heritage organisations including: Windrush Group, All Nations Community Centre, Black Elders Day Centre, St Anne's Society, Ebony Carers, Church of God of Prophecy, Seventh Day Adventist Church, Glos Jam, Arts Diverse-City, GFM Radio and African Caribbean Association.

About the event/ Project

GlosJam is a Jamaica Independence Festival Family Day community event. This year 2025, the festival will be celebrating a milestone 18th birthday and will focus on a theme that celebrates Jamaican and Caribbean culture and include carnival procession, local performers on stage and a Caribbean vibe of music and food.

There will also be educational workshops around Jamaica, music and its culture within community spaces.

Chispa - Gloucester Skatepark Project. July – August 2025**About:**

Chispa is a youth-led organisation that acts as a catalyst to enable young people's potential in Gloucester. We make it an exciting place where young people thrive by facilitating young voices to influence change, enabling youth-led activities/opportunities/programmes/projects and spaces, and developing youth leadership.

About the event/project

The Skatepark project has been developed with the skating community at the centre with aims to champion a park which fosters inclusivity, improves mental health and wellbeing, and provides an accessible and welcoming space for all ages and vulnerable people.

This project aims to provide affordable, active, and creative activities such as skills workshops for Gloucester residents, particularly during summer holidays. There will also be a Summer Jam family friendly event with competitions, mini games, DJ performances and showcases. The skatepark is a second home to many, and ensuring it's a safe,

welcoming space for all is a top priority. Events promote the park, introduce people to its community, and foster connections among users with shared interests.

The Music Works - Gloucester Young Producers (working title) - April - September 2025

About:

The Music Works, based at the accessible hub in the heart of Gloucester, works with over 8000 young people annually and places youth voice firmly at the centre of their ethos and practice.

About the event/ project:

The Young Producers programme combines professional event delivery with youth development, creating pathways for young people to gain hands-on experience in event management, production, and performance.

The programme addresses Gloucester's events management skills gap by combining hands-on training with real-world event delivery. Through training 12 young people and delivering 6 outdoor events, the project aims to build the next generation of event producers while enriching the city's cultural landscape.

Animate: Explore (up to £1,000)

Over 60s Bollywood Club

Roots Acoustic Cafe - Second Thursday of each month

Tredworth Street Party

Westgate Art for Wellbeing

Further Information

Westgate Residents Group - Westgate Art for Wellbeing - 2025-26

About:

The Westgate Residents Group support residents from diverse backgrounds to get involved with the community. Since its creation, the group has been very effective in bringing people together and tackling isolation, loneliness and bereavement.

About the event/ Project

This group will run art and craft workshops with subjects and skills chosen by the community members. Suggestions and requests so far have included lino printing, bookmaking and toy making. Members of the group have been developing their mentoring skills and following the workshops delivered by an artist, they will be using the skills learnt to continue to hold independent sessions with the remaining group members, with future ambitions to enable them to sell artwork, become more confident and self-sustaining, and allow people to continue their artistic journey.

Roots Acoustic Cafe - Second Thursday of each month**About:**

Roots is a community space, refill shop and coffee shop for Kingsholm, Gloucester. It is a social enterprise that aims to make Kingsholm a more positive place to live and work.

About the event/ project:

Roots Acoustic Cafe is currently the only regular open mic running in Gloucester City, taking place monthly on the second Thursday of the month, this relaxed and inclusive event is welcoming to all, regardless of musical genre or ability. The grant will support purchasing equipment to enable everyone the opportunity to play and be able to widen the performances beyond music, to spoken word and comedy.

Over 60s Bollywood Club - (Manny Masih) dates tbc**About the event/ project:**

The over 60s Bollywood Club will aim to build connection for the South Asian community of Gloucester. Older people can meet people from all religions, and listen to old Bollywood music, have tea and/or other drinks with some Indian food, and have a chat. We'll also partner with other organisations to connect to Gloucester through talks and activities including from British Heart Foundation and Age UK, as well as from the members themselves and participate in light exercise through Bollywood Dance, Yoga, Walking, Indian Head Massage.

Tredworth Street Party - Sunday 22 June 2025**About:**

Tredworth Residents Association (TRA) aims to bring residents together to celebrate our strengths and differences, and to help build a strong, cohesive community. We aim to advocate for residents, to improve access to public services and social opportunities, and to raise pride in our neighbourhood - including in its physical environment.

About the event/ project:

The annual Tredworth High Street Party provides opportunities for residents to meet each other and build good relationships, as well as being a source of fun and enjoyment for people on low incomes who may not be able to access many other social events. The

Street Party will host henna, face painting, street food, badminton session and games and music for the community.