

# A manifesto to enable leisure and culture trusts to deliver effective public services for their communities

The next Government has a real opportunity to support and develop public leisure and culture services to continue caring about their local communities now and in the future.

Community Leisure UK call on Ministers, Members of Parliament and representatives in England, Scotland and Wales to get behind our manifesto.

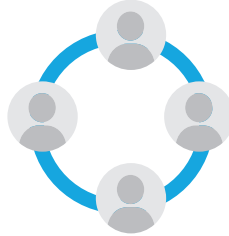
1. Recognise the significant preventative health contributions delivered by public leisure and culture services e.g. reducing social isolation, improving mental wellbeing, improving physical activity levels, supporting cohesive communities
2. Recognise, and advocate for, the genuine leisure and culture trusts (charities, societies or Community Interest Companies). The trusts are community anchors who reinvest all profit into their local economy, communities and services
3. Question the integrity of private sector leisure operators with a complex non-profit group structure. They extract profit from the local services and divert these into dividend payments to benefit shareholders
4. Engage Community Leisure UK as the association for community leisure and culture trusts. Seek their contribution across departmental policy development and delivery e.g. communities, local government, civil society, tax and business rates, towns, regeneration, arts and culture, health etc.
5. Champion and support commissioning of public leisure and culture services, rather than procurement, by prioritising social and environmental impact and local community needs
6. Resource councils to the levels they need to enable them to make decisions based on community need. It is vital we move away from cheapest cost or highest bidder with regards to the delivery of public services
7. Encourage councils to demonstrate alignment to responsible tax conduct, through implementing the 'Councils for Fair Tax Declaration' (reference Fair Tax Mark)
8. Retain and protect business rate reliefs and tax reliefs for genuine charities and societies like Community Leisure UK members
9. Support and enact the recommendations from the Grimsey Review 2. Drive energy and investment into making high streets community hubs - art, leisure, health, education, retail, office & shops. We believe community hubs are best delivered by charities and social enterprises as they afford accessible and inclusive space for all
10. Identify and develop financial investment schemes to support the maintenance of valuable community infrastructure and assets. For example
  - developing an energy improvement and efficiency capital grant or social investment loan programme. This needs to enable charities and social enterprises access capital at competitive and affordable rates and terms and conditions
  - ensuring that borrowing through a council partner and the Public Works Loan Board, enables and encourages borrowing at affordable interest rates
11. Strengthen and broaden the DCMS Mutuals Support Programme to include charities. There needs to be a focus on peer-supporting, preparing and helping mutuals with the re-procurement of their contract



# Community Leisure UK is the members' association that specialises in representing charities and social enterprises delivering public leisure and culture services across England, Scotland and Wales.

We:

- provide a nationwide platform enabling members to meet peers and access strategic partners to find best practice solutions to common problems and recommendations to tackle future industry developments; and



- use the power of the collective membership to represent, reach, influence and promote the charitable trust model benefits at a national level, to inform policy and increase understanding of the trust model.



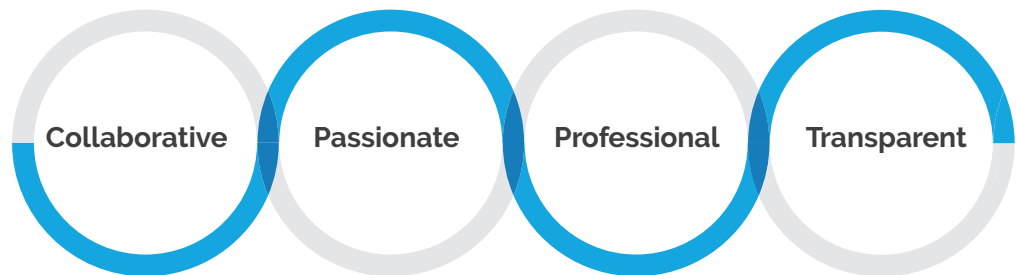
## VISION

Our members are the leading providers of accessible leisure and culture services.

## MISSION

To be the recognised voice of leisure and culture trusts across the UK.

## OUR VALUES



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## EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Board of Community Leisure UK is entirely comprised of non executive directors who are all Chief Executives of member leisure and culture trusts across the UK. The Board give their time to Community Leisure UK for free, for the purpose of furthering the community trust model and ethos.



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