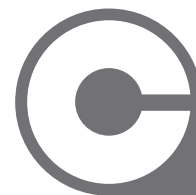




Luton Culture



Luton Cultural Quarter

Luton Cultural Quarter (LCQ) is a growing cluster of creative and independent businesses, arts venues, restaurants, public art and out-door events. The Bute and Guildford street area hosts the Hat Factory Arts Centre, Youthscape, the Bear Club for Jazz, Public art 'Beacon' by Mark Titchner and the University of Bedfordshire Art & Design School.

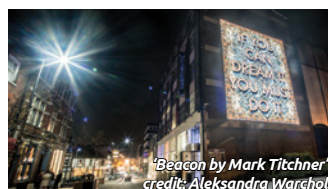
Luton Culture, is a local arts and cultural charity that provides performance and exhibition spaces, studios and a year-round theatre and events programme at the **Hat Factory Arts Centre**.

Over the next four years Luton Culture plans to build on the town's hat making and manufacturing heritage and create 2400 sq ft of new workspace for creative practitioners, artists, media companies, makers, producers and designers in the LCQ.

Luton Culture, Arts Council England, Luton Council and SEMLEP are working together to create an energy and vitality that is productive and attractive to residents, visitors, investors and businesses. This will contribute a further £29m to the local economy over the next ten years through the provision of 133 additional jobs in the Creative and Digital industries.

Hat Works: (see illustration) will provide more opportunities for talented creative people to meet their full potential through equipped studios and co-working spaces, bursaries, training, graduate opportunities and career progression.

Cultural Animation: Luton Culture secured £375k from Arts Council England to invest in a 3-year public realm arts project for the LCQ. 'Beacon', a major commission by Mark Titchner (see illustration), launched the project in 2016 alongside an outdoor projection gallery.



£3.9m has been secured by Luton Culture from SEMLEP Local Growth Fund for the transformation of empty old hat factories into new space for creative businesses.

Hat House: is a new facility that will open in 2020 providing exemplary warehouse style workspaces at competitive rates. All rental income shall be re-invested back into charitable arts & cultural activity and more start-up opportunities.

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