

# 81 ACTS OF EXUBERANT DEFIANCE

## THE PROCESS

Our ways of working and how we will enable the programme

## PATHWAY TO CHANGE

The activities that will help us achieve our desired outcomes

76 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS AND 300+ INDIVIDUALS

COMMUNITY STEERING GROUP

CORE ACTION GROUP

CONSORTIUM OF PARTNERS

NETWORK OF ADVISORS

81 LEGACY ACTS

CITIZEN FELLOWS

## THE PROGRAMME

The programme of activity in 2021

10 COMMISSIONED ACTS

31 CO-DESIGNED ACTS

40 EMERGING ACTS

81 ACTS OF EXUBERANT DEFIANCE

Builders & Weavers | Deliberative Assembly | Uplifters | Partnership Development

### Redistribute power to citizens/ residents

- Practice citizen participant leadership
- Explore, discover and champion new modes of shared creative advocacy
- Create systems to facilitate transparent and open collective decision-making

Equity Support

### Champion diverse voices

- Led by a community steering group with a mix of voices
- Build a newly invigorated, diverse cohort of cultural leaders with relevant lived experience and deep connection to Brixton
- Drive our activities into spaces that have proved resistant in the past

Aficionados

### Facilitate collaboration

- Catalyse collaboration between disparate, diverse grass roots organisations
- Enable a multi-level approach to programming the 81 acts
- Develop participatory research methods

Creative Livelihoods | Interventions in Education | Upskilling

### Create opportunities

- Provide training and skill-development opportunities for young people
- Fundraise for grants to support creative individuals / projects
- Stimulate and enable new historical research

Bivouac Labs | Sparks Research | Digi-riot

### Ensure the programme's legacy

- 40 fellows develop skills in heritage-related disciplines as connectors between the programme and local/national/international organisations.
- 20 fellows, matched by skills/interests, are supported to take up governance roles at local/national organisations
- 21 fellows will be supported to develop social enterprises

### The programme will....

- Reappraise the history of the period through the curation of the memories of those who were present
- Bring together activists from '81 and today's activists
- Retell the story from different voices and perspectives
- Create deliberative spaces designed to encourage dialogue
- Engage the changing demographic of the area's rich activist heritage
- Provide a lens on our contemporary experience of equity in the area
- Seek to understand what divided communities as well as what was held in common
- Explore how conflict can build grounds for consensus, and how healing from the trauma of violence and alienation occurs

## OUTCOMES

The changes we need to facilitate in order to achieve our impact

Brixton's present is understood through a relationship with its radical and defiant past, with new continuities of heritage revealed

Storytelling draws on intergenerational collaborations, with new connections and channels of communication opened as a result.

People/ organisations/ politics are brought together across difference

Unheard voices and those with lived experience are celebrated and commemorated

Shared and inclusive spaces are created to nurture and hold difficult conversations

New strategies of community collaboration that foster collective advocacy are created and executed

New frameworks for the preservation and management of cultural heritage are created and executed

The anniversary of the 1981 Brixton Uprising is celebrated and commemorated publically and annually beyond 2021

There is a paradigm shift in how Black community heritage is positioned within the UK heritage landscape

## OUR IMPACT

The overall change we want to see in the world as a result

**Community resilience** (Brixton and wider South London) is **strengthened** and new **tools and strategies** are **created** for any community to facilitate change that happens **with them** and not to them.

There begins a **structural change** in the way the UK **cultivates, dispenses and governs cultural narratives** and this informs future UK heritage strategy.

# Theory of Change