

UP

PROJECTS

- Commissioning artists
- Collaborating with communities
- Encouraging learning
- Activating public space



*Making Space, Jessie Brennan, 2019
Image: Alastair Fyfe*

About UP Projects

UP Projects is the UK's leading public art organisation specialising in socially engaged public art commissioning.

We bring world class artists out of the gallery and into public spaces to create new work with communities across the UK and beyond. Our work is always responsive to context often activating unexpected corners of the public realm.

For 20 years UP Projects have been curating ambitious and impactful public art projects that empower communities and bring about social change. We develop arts and cultural strategies, commission artists and activate public places through creative projects, programmes and events.

At the heart of what we do lies a commitment to engaging communities and unlocking social value.



Beach Hut in the Style of Nicholas Hawksmoor, Pablo Bronstein, 2014
Image: Hydar Dewachi

Our Underlying Belief

We believe that art and artists have the power to effect social change when the process is considered just as important as the final outcome.



*Laid to Rest, Serena Korda, 2011
Image: Dave Sayer*



*Newham Trackside Wall, Sonia Boyce, 2021
Image: Benedict Johnson*

Our Core Values

All of our work is underpinned by our five core values:

1.

Artistic Excellence

Representing the height of ambition, talent and skill

2.

Relevance

Responsive to contemporary life and engaging for a wide range of diverse communities



*The Terrarium VR experience, Shezad Dawood, 2020
Image: Thierry Bal*

3.

Innovation

Challenging convention, supporting risk taking and testing new ideas in the physical and digital realm

4.

Openness

Making our work as accessible as possible: conceptually, intellectually, physically, geographically, economically, considering disability and barriers to access

5.

Learning to Learn

A collaborative and non-hierarchical approach to learning for all



The National Windrush Monument, Basil Watson, 2022
Image: Steve Russel Studios



Triangular Pavilion, Dan Graham, 2008
Image: Amanda Smethurst

Activating Public Space

Through creative commissions and events we bring places to life and allow them to be animated and discovered in new and different ways.



*The Floating Cinema: Extra-Ordinary 2013
Image: Hydar Dewachi*

Commissioning Artists

We commission extraordinary art for public places. We guide the commissioning process by shaping exciting and relevant briefs, developing artist selection processes, and carefully managing the delivery of artworks.

We work with both emerging and established names in the world of contemporary art with past collaborators include Sonia Boyce OBE, Shezad Dawood, Jasleen Kaur, Mark King, Yinka Shonibare CBE, Pablo Bronstein, Cooking Sections, Helen Cammock, Shu Lea Cheang and Zac Blas.



*Newham Trainside Wall, Sonia Boyce, 2018
Image: Alastair Fyfe*



*Globe Head, Yinka Shonibare CBE, 2017
Image: The Royal Opera House*



*Sculpture Garden by Matthew Darbyshire,
Berkeley Homes Vista Development, 2018
Image: Thierry Bal*



*Rotherhithe Public Living Room, public works, 2019
Image: Monika Szolle*

Collaborating with Communities

We empower communities to have a voice in the changes within their neighbourhoods. By embedding artists in this process, we go beyond consultation, enabling people to proactively and creatively contribute to the development of new places.



*Flat Pack Park, Laura X Carle, 2014
Image: UP Projects*



Rotherhithe Public Living Room, public works, 2019
Image: Monika Szolle

Developing Strategies

We unpick the unique character of place, understand local need and offer meaningful artist-led solutions through the development of progressive arts and cultural strategies.





Rotherhithe
Public
Living Room

Encouraging Learning

Learning to Learn is one of UP Projects' five core values and is imbedded across all aspects of our programme. We create bespoke learning and development programmes for grassroots community, arts and cultural organisations, produce educational resources and develop dedicated schools packs relating to our commissions.



*Take Actions for Oceans Workshops, 2022
Image: UP Projects*



*Look on me and be renewed activity
workshop at Science Gallery London, 2018
Image: Chiara Dalla Rose*



GoPro workshop, Spotlight Youth Centre, 2015
Image: Hydar Dewachi

Selected Past Partners



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Custom House is Our House, Jessie Brennan, 2019
Image: Thierry Bal



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