

Durham Arts and Culture Collaborative

Arts and Culture Mapping Project Report







Visual Arts
Centre
Clarington

“There is a lot happening. In order to take full advantage, we need to start collaborating and working together. There are great examples in Hamilton and Kitchener-Waterloo.”

- Focus group participant





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“We need a central spot to fund artists' work.”

- Municipality/Institution Focus Group Participant



Local artist
Cheryl Rock at
Scugog Arts



Culture Days

“I find myself having to actively seek [activities] out and do the research; whether it be to view shows and events or to apply to them.

It has always been a small community in my opinion, slightly elitist or an inside club that is almost difficult to enter (and not worth being a part of). I am starting to see the changes implemented by the cities and the region however, and I am looking forward to the future of it.”

- Survey respondent



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Youth arts volunteers, workers, and activities

“So many people are over Toronto...there are phenomenal creative people in Durham Region”

- Interviewee

Recommendations

- Create an open-access and community-populated database to make it easier to find information and opportunities for collaboration
 - *We look forward to working with Regional staff to deliver a CityStudio project*
- Enhance regional capacity and collaboration
 - *The Collaborative has identified quarterly events we can host on a rotating basis around the Region, above and below the ridge, with support from Regional staff*
- Explore regional arts council models to assess what would work best for the Region of Durham
 - *We look forward to working with Regional staff to deliver a CityStudio project*
- Hire a dedicated regional staff person
 - *We understand this is not possible at this time. We do believe a dedicated position should be considered in future budgets of the Region of Durham to fully realize the potential of the arts and culture across Durham.*

Thank you for your support!

Artwork by DACC member artist Dani Crosby

