

# ADEPT President's Awards 2025

Entry form

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**Award category** Innovation in Place-shaping

**Project Title** Our Cultural Heart

**Local authority entrant** Kirklees Council

**Partner/s if applicable** Turner & Townsend, BAM Construction

**Headline summary (150 characters max.)**

Our Cultural Heart is transforming the centre of Huddersfield, delivering a new library, food hall events square, museum and gallery and music venue

**Please note we need at least one supporting image per award submission. Upload your image/s below.**



**Innovation in place-shaping: How has this project used digital innovation and/or the imaginative use of new or existing technology? (150 words max.)**

Cultural Heart includes a new Museum and Gallery which will use digital technology and innovation to promote inclusion and participation. the events square will promote digital programming and content delivery.

**Innovation in place-shaping: How has this project shown evidence of improved outcomes for users? (150 words max.)**

a key principle of the project is family friendly. E.g. public spaces are designed to increase dwell time, safety and child /family friendly play in order to appeal to a wider variety of customers and help underpin a growing residential community in the town centre. the aim is to complement other, paid for, leisure opportunities in the town centre such as the private sector investment in the Kingsgate Shopping Centre which is supported by a commercial loan from the Council, to provide free, family friendly activities.

**Innovation in place-shaping: How has this project shown evidence of the transformation of a service/department/organisation by changing behaviours, delivering savings or improving ways of working? (150 words max.)**

the project has been stimulated by re-thinking provision of library services, included the integrated of the West Yorkshire Archives service and the Museums and Gallery services. The project will involve restoration and digitisation of much of the archives and open them to far greater public access, and enable to closure of the former Tolson Museum as the service expands into the Cultural Heart facility.

**Innovation in place-shaping: How can the innovation/technology in this project be applied in multiple sectors/areas? (150 words max.)**

The digitisation of the West Yorkshire Archives service presents significant opportunities for greater public and business access.

**All categories: please add anything else that supports your award entry**

Cultural Heart has established a social value fund, operated by a third sector organisation, One Community. The fund is contributed to by the main contractor, BAM and any subsequent contractors/supply chain for future phases in order to provide legacy impact, stimulate grass roots cultural activity and support VCS sector resilience at this critical time.