

Creative Community Impact Hub

Consultation Feedback

Transcript of postcards from Making Selkirk Festival 27-28th June 2026

What are your memories of the building? What might you like to see in a creative community hub? Please write down your comments.

1. Excellent! We need a family place to play! (Creative.) Room for allied healthcare practitioners, etc.
2. It would be great to have a creative space: workshops, exhibitions. I'd welcome anything. 😊
3. Future uses — workshops/studios, if there is enough call. Temporary hire spaces — rehearsals, groups, marketing, etc.
4. Memories — as a contact centre. I'm sure I used to pay my council tax here.
5. Creating collectivity! Guidelines for inclusivity; positive steer! Skills development; assertiveness and articulating dreams; equity and openness; connecting — continuum of commitment, low-high.
6. Mix of rentable studios and communal space for free local activities. Volunteer-run café and shop for local artists. Flexibility in communal space: kids, seniors, garden, repair workshops, [Souter Stormers?].
7. Gallery/shop/café area with a kiddie area that has art materials to experiment with.
8. I would love to see… attention to the garden as an opportunity to demonstrate and create soil-friendly chemical-free healthy polyculture. ♥
9. Studios where art and craft workshops can take place. Community space for coffee/snacks. Gallery.
10. Small studio-like areas for hire to create: paint, sew, woodcraft, etc., with seating for a chill-out space and reflect[?].
11. Creative Community Hub could be used for:

– Artists' studios
– Education space/multi-purpose space

– Makers' meetings/craft fairs
– Community:
– Welcome point
– Warm space
– Coffee mornings

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–1Information hub
– Mini venue hire
– History section
– Make an example of a historical building being run on renewables
– Rest area, toilets public

13. Community hub with village hall vibe, e.g. library, therapy rooms. Similar to the Quaker Meeting House (Kelso), e.g. Selkirk Antiquarian Society talks…
14. Makerspace for all ages and genders, even if separate.
15. I remember visiting my father in these offices when he was Burgh Surveyor and these were the council offices.
16. A wonderful building that fully deserves to be rescued! I fully support a community drive and also suggest library use.
17. It's a very handsome building, so it would be great to see it put to use for the folk of Selkirk and around. As a creative person, I would love to see it developed as a creative space. This is especially important as the budget for creative aspects of the school curriculum is being severely curtailed.



19. From chat: artists working together (mentoring and co-working).
20. Workshops, creative meet-ups and exhibitions.
21. Community space with café, relaxed vibe. Space for older teens to hang out. A space/ r workshops during the day, space for social suppers in the evenings.
22. I remember when the small room to the right of the front door became the Selkirk Registry Office. A couple from our twin town, Plattling in Germany, came to be married here. I think the office was only in use for a couple of years, then was moved to Gala. The room to the left was the Contact Centre, and upstairs was the Museum Office.
23. A community building focusing on developing creative communities.

Geek Retreat model, but with a creative, equitable focus (art shop also). Venue for community groups such as Nerdy Dads in the Scottish Borders.

23. I would like to attend craft and artist workshops. An arts supply shop, a gift shop and information for tourists. Handmade items for sale from local craftspeople. Artists' studios for rent? A bookstore?
24. A beautiful art exhibition space! Art shop, art café, social space, art workshops.

25. I remember Museum Services were in the Municipal Buildings. I think it was once used by the police too. I'd like to see art and writing workshops in a creative community hub. It would be nice if there were supervised, shareable resources like a large 3D printer, jewellery tools, etc.
26. Ceramic painting.
27. It will be great to see the building brought back to life before it decays further. A creative/arty studio would be good, as there are many talents in and around the town. This type of space is much needed.
28. This Creative Coathanger event was perfect use of the community hub: well organised, and a super way to showcase local talent in a relaxed atmosphere and "have a go".
29. This is a historic building [?funded by] [redacted]. It has had many functions since the eighteenth century, of course. It sits in a perfect position and could be a huge asset to the town.
30. Noted from chat: (pop-up) bank service; library.
31. This building is important to us because we were married there! We need a creative hub for mental wellbeing and inclusivity. Anything sewing-related would be welcome.

[redacted]

32. By-the-hour office space
    – Office services: printing and binding
    – Meeting rooms present
    – Coffee, Wi-Fi
33.

– Lots of different communities
– Ensure space for families
– Space for creativity: anyone can be creative
– Break down barriers for folk who think, "I'm not an artist"
– Trade element - Coffee, food, shop, etc.

34. From conversation:
    - library… longer opening hours. Volunteers to help open.
    - Tourist information.
35. From conversations:
    - charity drop-in sessions, e.g. health…
36. Community hub:

– Artist studios
– Locate local library

– Community vegetable beds/apple trees
– Venue for community activities, e.g. drama society
– Private/public/community partnerships?
– Put in a café as a community meeting place, e.g. men's club, bowling, local live performances

– Repair café
– Table tennis club
– Local story-gathering centre

37. [redacted]

– Flexible meeting/exhibition space
– Minimal-energy use - design etc
– Working space for eg repairs/crafts skillshare space
– Drop-in spot for affordable, good-quality snacks!
– A place to go, chat/get warm in winter!

38. From chat:

– Something for young people…
– Get-togethers
– Café (licensed)

39. From conversation: changing monthly exhibitions of local artists [needs volunteers]
40. Community garden

Demo site for eco/chemical-free methods
– Agroforestry
– Longer-term planting plan incl ?perennials
– Permaculture ♥

41. Quiet studio space with lots of light.

– Perfect for painting watercolours of the local countryside
– Space for setting out illustration panels for children's books, to see the "big picture"

42. Space for creative work, gallery space, teaching space and flexible space. Shared large pieces of kit. Opportunity to have creative events with a Borders creative slant.

    Showcase & Create (and net zero as an old building [?]

    [redacted]

    Art
    Sketching
    Language 🙂

    44. It would be lovely to have a community art & creative space for local makers, artists to work, exhibit & do workshops. Let's put the Borders on the creative industry map.

    45. Sculpture House (community asset) Paisley



46. Didn’t Selkirk used to have a photography museum?
Perhaps if it still exists somewhere it can be revived in the building as part of a larger museum?