

SITUATION

Rosehill Arts Trust operates from Whitehaven in Cumberland, West Cumbria. Within its immediate community are some of the most deprived wards in Cumbria, in the 10% of England's most deprived. Available data shows a high proportion of residents have low engagement with culture. Cumberland's community is still recovering from the pandemic post and faces daily challenges. Rising energy costs and the cost-of-living crisis are just some of the reasons that residents do not easily access arts opportunities on their doorstep.

Rosehill recognises its role in creating spaces where communities can be together and feel nourished. We believe that art and artists have the special ability to bridge differences such as age and culture within our communities. Through democratic art-making practices we aim to fire imaginations, prioritising freedom and autonomy, bringing people together to enjoy experiences rich in creativity, learning and connection.

