



### **Artists appointed to work with communities in the Underpasses project.**

On The Verge has appointed artist Janetka Platun and the artist collective RARA to deliver a programme of community events leading up to and informing the development of artworks for the *'Underpasses – connection people, connecting places'* project around Central Milton Keynes.

**Janetka Platun** will be working with Oldbrook and Fishermead residents and her approach is to explore ideas about people and place through her creative interventions. Janetka has worked across the UK including being commissioned as part of the Cultural Olympiad Project by The London Borough of Bexley and is currently undertaking a Leverhulme Trust artist in residence award at Queen Mary University, London. Further information on Janetka Platun and her practice can be found on her website: [www.janetka-platun.com](http://www.janetka-platun.com).

**RARA**, which stands for *The Redundant Architects Recreation Association (RARA)*, will be working with communities based on Conniburrow and Downs Barn. Through their practice, they collaborate on a broad spectrum of works with a commitment to bringing people together through the creative processes of design and making. More information on previous projects and members of the group can be found at: [www.r-a-r-a.com](http://www.r-a-r-a.com).

**Myriam Metcalf**, Director of On The Verge comments: *'We are really excited to be working with RARA and Janetka Platun. Each brings a different approach and skills set to the projects that are rooted in exploring ideas with communities. We're anticipating a thought-provoking range of events being held across the four estates across the summer and beyond.'*

If you want to find out more about the artist-led events taking place in your area please look at the On The Verge website [www.ontheverge.org.uk](http://www.ontheverge.org.uk) or follow us on:

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On the Verge and its partners MK Council, The Parks Trust MK and the MK City Discovery Centre, are delivering the yearlong 'Underpasses' project with funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), the MK Community Foundation and MK Council. On the Verge is a Community Interest Company.

On the Verge has been awarded a 'Our Heritage' grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund towards the '*Underpasses connecting people, connecting places*', which will see a series of heritage and cultural events taking place with 4 communities in Milton Keynes designed to explore its heritage and unique system of underpasses. On the Verge will be working with partners and artists to deliver a series of community engagement events to uncover local history, collecting artistic responses and oral histories. Artwork for two underpasses, a heritage trail and series of exhibitions and publications will be created through the project, culminating in a celebration event next year marking Milton Keynes' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

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