



‘Underpasses – connection people, connecting places’ exhibition at Central Milton Keynes Library. August 3rd- September 30th 2016.

On the Verge ‘Underpasses’ project continues with an exhibition at Central Milton Keynes Library exploring Milton Keynes’ unique urban design and architectural heritage.

The exhibition traces the history and development of Milton Keynes, touching on its earliest settlers of the Stone and Bronze Age periods through to current day residents of the new town’s central areas. The exhibition will run until the end of September in the Discover Milton Keynes space on the first floor of Central Milton Keynes Library and is free for people to visit.

Centred on community engagement, the ‘*Underpasses*’ project will deliver heritage inspired public artworks located in two city underpasses. The work is informed by the ideas and inspiration of local communities in Fishermead, Oldbrook, Conniburrow and Downs Barn. A programme of events is currently taking place where local residents are working with artists, heritage advisers, archaeologists and historians to explore the distinctive heritage of these areas.

The Underpasses project will lead into, and form part of, Milton Keynes’ 50th Anniversary celebrations in 2017, designed to connect people to their shared Milton Keynes heritage.

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Notes to Editors

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 the town's heritage and its 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' 50th Anniversary.

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