



Outside the Exhibit

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Project Focus This Term

This term has centred on co-producing key elements of the project – from evaluation and environmental policy to wider partnership development.

We also offered a range of team training opportunities, including Easy Read, Makaton and the Thinking Museum Approach.



Evaluation Update

Following discussions in September and a co-production session in November, we now have:

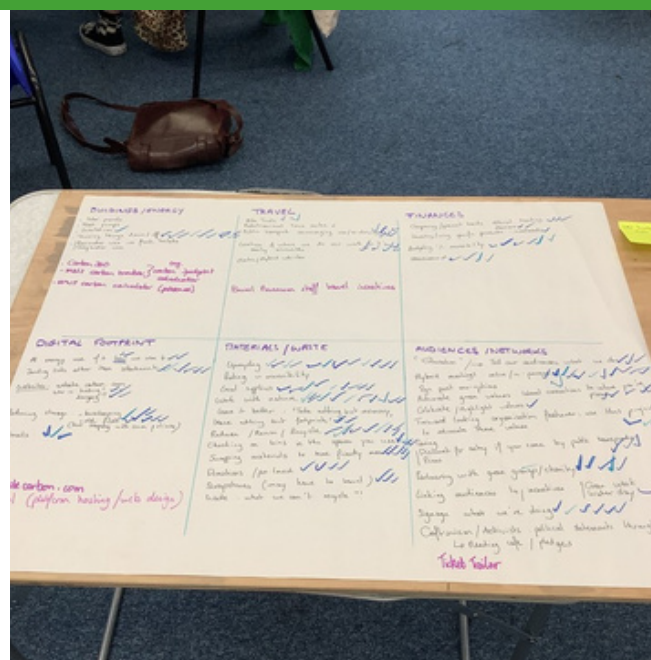
- An evaluation framework
- A research scoping document
- An evaluation tools outline

All documents are available in the Google Drive.

Environmental Rider

Together, we identified the key environmental actions we can meaningfully address within the project.

You'll find both the full Environmental Rider and an 'At a Glance' version in the Google Drive.



Training: Makaton

Several team members have now completed, or are beginning, Makaton training.

Makaton uses symbols, signs and speech to support communication. It's especially helpful for people with limited or unclear speech and opens up more inclusive ways of engaging with participants.

We still have budget for a couple more places – let us know if you'd like to join a course.





Training: Easy Read

We recently ran an Easy Read workshop with Kat Gill. Easy Read helps make information more accessible by focusing on:

- Clear wording – short, straightforward sentences
- Useful images – chosen to support key messages
- Accessible layout – simple, attractive and easy to follow

Workshop resources are available in the Google Drive.



Training: Thinking Museum Approach

Led by international facilitator Claire Bown, this training introduces key practices from the Thinking Museum® Approach.

Expect tools for:

- Opening dialogue using well-chosen questions
- Facilitating multiple perspectives
- Encouraging curiosity, connection and collaboration

Dates:

- Friday 23 January 2026, 1–3pm
- Monday 2 February 2026, 1–3pm

Please sign up soon if you'd like to take part.

Partnership Development

Behind the scenes, we've been tailoring approaches with organisations who will help us reach diverse audiences.

We're excited to welcome the following organisations to the project:

- North Herts Services for Young People
- Supported Activities
- North Herts College
- The Red Shed
- Young Carers Crew
- Watford Refugee Resettlement
- Age UK Herts

Activities begin in the new year.

Schedules are in the Google Drive.