

KNOWSLEYFUTURES

What is KnowsleyFutures?

KnowsleyFutures is a borough-wide storytelling project, aiming to capture local people's stories of the pandemic so far. The project is being run by the Young Foundation in partnership with Knowsley Council, and is funded by the National Lottery.

The purpose of the project is to allow local people to share their experiences of the pandemic so far and highlight how the community has been responding in these challenging times. We want to gather stories **looking back** at how individuals and communities have been responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, and stories **looking to the future** that demonstrate what local people want the future of Knowsley's civil society to be post-COVID.

The stories will form the basis of conversations in 2021 - about what sort of future the people of Knowsley want to live in after the pandemic, and will add to stories already gathered for Knowsley 2030.



Why Get Involved?

Everyone has a story to tell about what they've been going through. This is an opportunity for people to express themselves about how their community has been experiencing the pandemic (the good, the bad and the ugly) in a creative way.

The pandemic continues to test us all, and we hope that taking part in the project will provide a welcome distraction from everything going on at the moment. Creating your story can be a fun activity to do at home or over Zoom with friends and family!

These are unprecedented times, and we hope this project allows people to contribute to an archive of stories about what we're living through. This is a chance for people to leave their mark in the history books!



How to Get Involved

Visit Our Website: Anyone who lives or works in Knowsley can their submit their story via our website www.futurestories.life Stories can be submitted in a range of formats, including drawings, photos, poems, videos, audio clips or written narratives - whatever takes your fancy! You can also view other people's contributions here. The stories don't have to be about big events or initiatives, but can be everyday acts of kindness or personal reflections about life during the pandemic – the good and the bad – and what these might say about the kind of future we want to create.

Get Inspiration: We have created a selection of resources to inspire you and give you ideas on how you can create your story as a picture, a dance, a song, a book, a sculpture or a poem. We have sheets of activities which you can access along with some 3 minute videos from local artists on how this can be done. These can be used at home with the kids, on your own, or would be great for group activities over Zoom. Find these on the website!

Spread the Word!: We want as many people to take part in the project as possible. Have a look at the website, share it on social media, give it a go and tell your family, friends and neighbours!

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