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10
WORDS

TEN WORDS ON ENGAGING THE CREATIVE SPIRIT

A project by Engage Liverpool CIC in collaboration
with Liverpool artists, designers and printmakers

Introduction

by Diana Heredia

When it comes to the city we live in, we should be more than just bystanders, yes even more than consumers who take what is on offer. That is what makes us citizens. The city is ours.

It is ours to see, to hear, to take in, ours to love, ours to hate and it is also ours to share.

This city is mine and yours. It is where we live, learn, work, wake up, eat, make and meet friends and where we go to sleep. This city is our home.

So when it comes to our home we should not only take care of it, but also be critical and see how to improve and shape it so it meets our needs. “Ten words” is a small manual of how to make more of our city.



Absorb.

Becky Jones & Ricky Narito

Take it all in.

Get to know your city.

Enjoy all that it offers.

Look around and look up.

Listen to the heart-beat
of the city.



Wander.

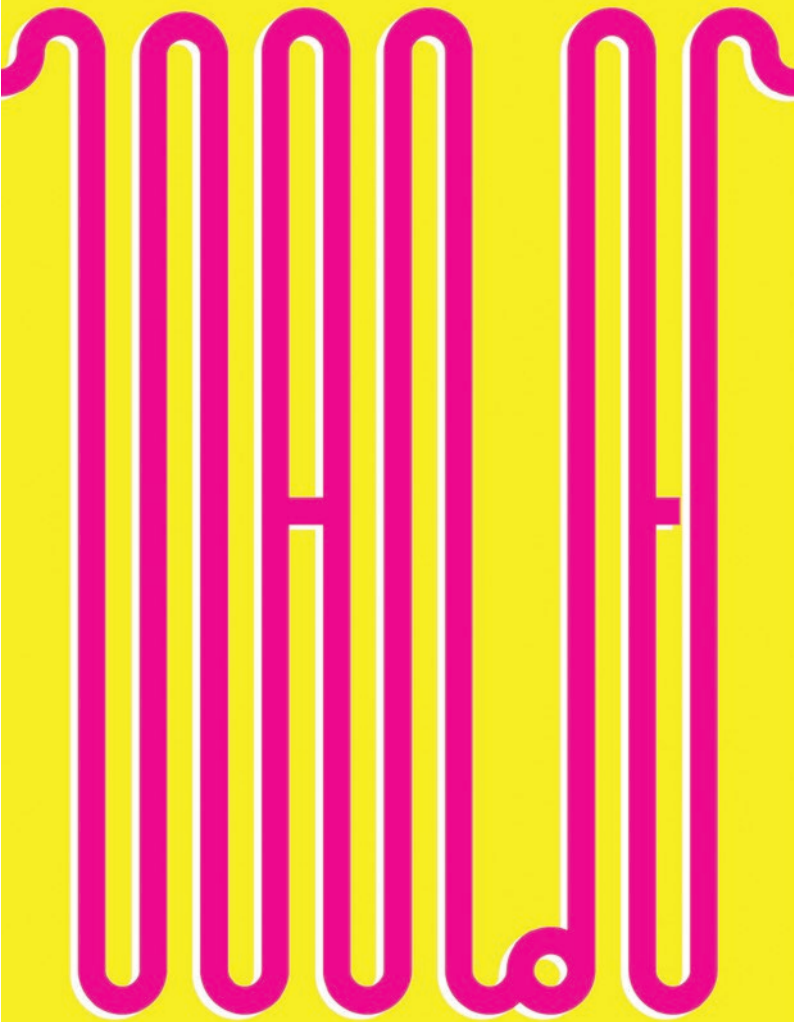
Jonny Biggs

Mentally, physically.

Take a different journey -
it gives you a different
perspective

Search out places you've
heard about but never seen.

Create the possibility
of something new and
unexpected happening.



Say Hello.

Karen Edwards

Be receptive to the people
around you.

Make the first move.

Smile as you walk.

Start a conversation.

Offer help to read a map.

Show someone the way.

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Capture good ideas.

Alex Smith

Take photos on your phone.

Record things that amaze you.

Share them on social media.

Listen carefully to
other people's ideas.

Write them down.

Make them happen.

CAPTURE
GOOD
IDEAS

Take risks.

Andy Jones

Be adventurous.

Allow your imagination
to run riot.

These times require new
and bold thinking.

Everything is changing.

Trust your instincts and
make a difference.



**TAKE
RISKS**

Join the dots.

Christine Toh

People unlock problems.

“Who do I know
that knows this?”

Who do I know that
has done this?

Who do I know that
I need to connect with?”

**JOIN
THE
DOTS**

Embrace the spaces in-between.

Nick Booton

Ideas often happen outside
of the 'places' and moments
we intend them to.

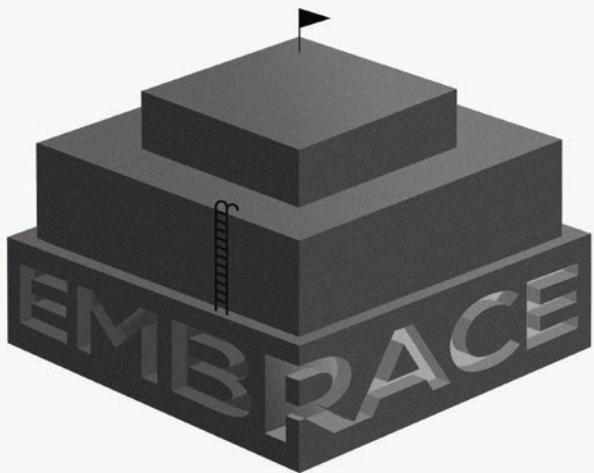
Meeting new people can lead
to unexpected alliances.

On a park bench.

In a queue.

On the bus.

Over a drink.



THE
~ SPACES ~





Disrupt your routine.

Bernardo Codesido

Slow down.

Refuse to be predictable.

Listen to some live poetry
or music in the city.

Read something different.

Visit an exhibition or museum.

Go to the theatre

Create a new space for
new things to happen.



disrupt

your

routine



Grumble.

Charlotte Weatherstone

Be disgruntled -

but only if you take action.

Moan about what isn't right -

but do something
positive about it.



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Get involved.

Spudgun

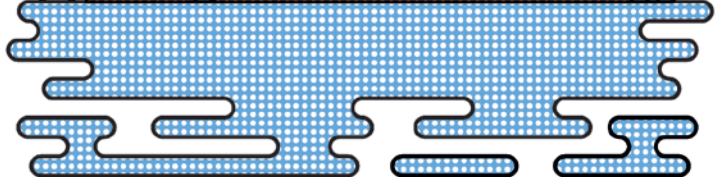
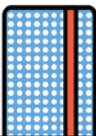
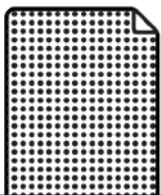
Don't sit on the side-lines.

Don't be a consumer only
be a creator too.

Be a part of the city's fabric -
take root and grow.

GET

INVOLVED



About this project

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When Simon Rhodes, director of Smiling Wolf, gave his keynote speech on Engaging the Creative Spirit to an audience on Liverpool's Waterfront in May 2013 he could not have anticipated just how long his words would resonate with us nor that they would inspire a grassroots art project.

We took Simon's ten suggestions for getting more involved in our city and gave them to local artists, illustrators and graphic designers. We asked them to give us their time and creativity: they gave us ten exceptional artworks in return.

The **Ten Words** in this little book are a guide to being curious about your own city. We are profoundly grateful to the gifted artists and illustrators who donated their time and craft to this project, producing striking, inspiring images for each of the Ten Words. The artists have done their bit: now we have to do ours.

Looking after our city means a kind of active citizenship: getting involved and working together to improve our quality of life.

These thought-provoking concepts are a modest manifesto for greater involvement in the life of our city. We hope that everyone who reads this booklet will find something new to do in Liverpool, or someone new to meet, or something you think that needs to change.



About Engage Liverpool

Engage is a resident-led social enterprise founded in 2007 to make Liverpool City Centre and Waterfront a place where people would want to live out their whole lives and not simply for a brief transitional moment during their youth. We are moved by the work of the New Economic Foundation and have adopted and adapted their ground-breaking Five Ways to Wellbeing which perfectly describe our work and ambition to create a sustainable and resilient city centre community:

Engage connects residents with each other with stakeholders and with their neighbours. We encourage everyone to be active and to take notice within their urban world. We keep learning by promoting dialogue and debate and we give back in creative involvement to a city that inspires and motivates us.

We constantly work against the values of a consumer-driven society to build a consensus as citizens where everyone plays their part and contributes to the common good. This Arts Project is one small part of our work.

Other elements include an annual three-part Seminar Series on topics of interest to urban dwellers which includes international and national speakers.

This 2nd edition of 10 Words is being produced as part of the 2016 Seminar Series 'Reclaiming the City: from consumer and stranger to citizen and neighbour'. Partnering with the Titanic Hotel we are distributing copies at all our events to encourage a greater commitment to creative civic engagement.

We run an Annual Conference with a major keynote address. And there is our promotion and support of Neighbourhood Planning as an opportunity for place-shaping through the exercise of local democracy and partnership working.

Engage is committed to encouraging distinctive neighbourhoods in the city centre and to representing residents to stakeholders when required. We offer direct assistance to apartment residents to help improve the quality of management in their buildings.

Engage is delivering distinctive neighbourhoods in the city centre and representing residents to stakeholders when required. Engage has just completed two significant projects The Liverpool Air Project and Blue-Green Liverpool.



Reclaiming the City Seminar Series 2016:

from consumer
and stranger to citizen
and neighbour

Weds 5th Oct / Weds 19th Oct / Weds 2nd Nov





TITANIC HOSTS

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**THEMED CHRISTMAS
PARTY NIGHT**



THE THEME

Glass of Prosecco on arrival
3 course Christmas meal
Oscar themed arrival and event
Oscar awards ceremony
Live music followed by disco

THE TICKETS

£65 per person – Friday & Saturday
£60 per person - Thursday

THE DATES

Friday 2nd December 2016
Saturday 3rd December 2016
Friday 9th December 2016
Saturday 10th December 2016
Thursday 15th December 2016
Friday 16th December 2016
Saturday 17th December 2016

PRIVATE PARTY NIGHTS

Warm winter punch on arrival
3 course Christmas meal
Christmas themed décor
DJ
Private Bar

THE TICKETS

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(Minimum numbers 100)

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