

AT A GLANCE

Cultural and Social

Definition

The Egan Review considers social and cultural aspects to be vital to sustainable communities. Their particular role is in making communities **vibrant, harmonious and inclusive** – in other words, lively places where people get on together.

These communities will have a sense of identity and people will feel they belong to them; they will have low levels of crime and anti-social behaviour, with visible and effective policing; plenty of chances to take part in sport, arts, leisure, and other community activities. People will be friendly and helpful to others in their neighbourhoods. People will get on with and respect people from other cultures and backgrounds, will be tolerant of others' beliefs, and everyone will have the same opportunities in education, employment and other areas of life.

How is the Egan theme reflected in IGNITE?

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The sub themes and the areas they cover are:

- **Heritage**

The role of the North East's heritage in the promotion of tourism and economic development.

- **Volunteering**

Includes the wider voluntary and community sector (VCS), not solely direct volunteering issues (although they are an important focus).

- **Young people**

Projects, practice and evidence relating to areas such as engagement, personal and health issues, learning, and behaviour.

- **Culture and creativity**

Includes the roles of culture, the arts, and creativity as drivers to regeneration and factors in sustaining communities.

- **Community development**

A wide ranging theme including information, research, case studies and evaluations relating to programmes, projects and practice supporting the development of communities.

- **Sport and recreation**

Includes the contribution of sport to social and economic regeneration, and to health.

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