

“When people ask you to compile a list of Englishness it’s impossible to do, to define Englishness”

Billy Bragg

‘Newsnight’ 4 September 4 2025



*Maybe there
is a way...*

We're telling
*The Story of
England in 50
Objects*

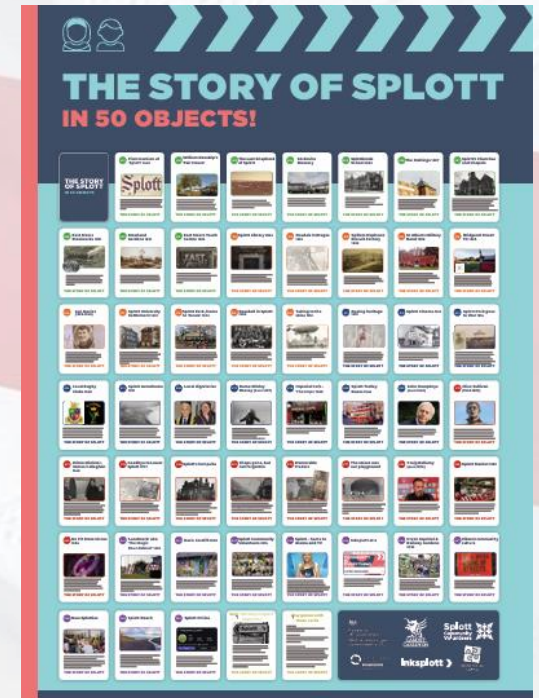




The *'People's Pocket Museum'*
project co-creates a deeper,
wider story of England

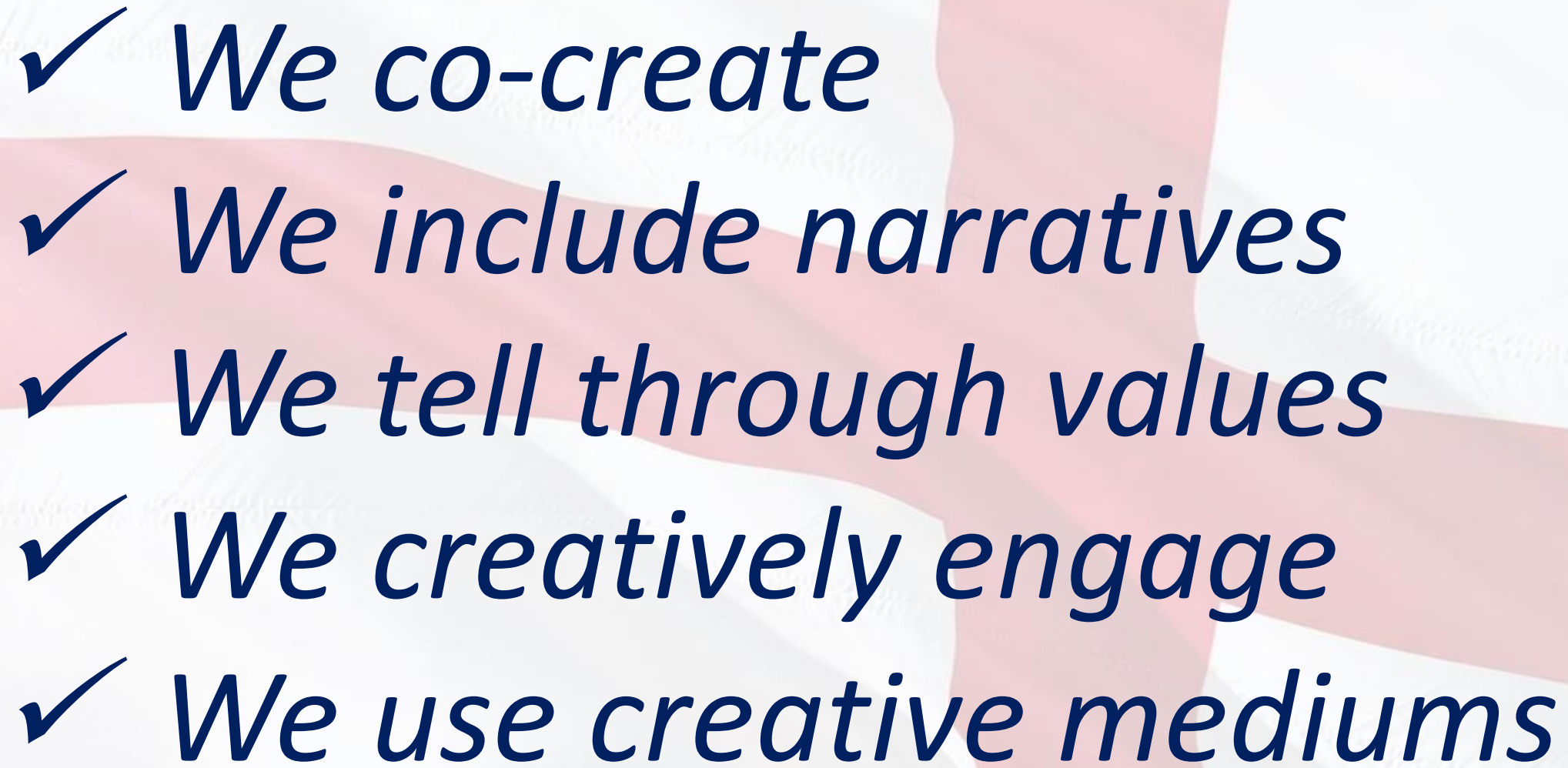
...from the bottom-up

The idea comes from 'People's Pocket Museums' telling *The Story of Cockney in 50 Objects* and *The Story of Splott in 50 Objects* in Cardiff



‘Objects’ can be artefacts,
cultural motifs, emotional
connections, famous
people, events, food,
landmarks etc

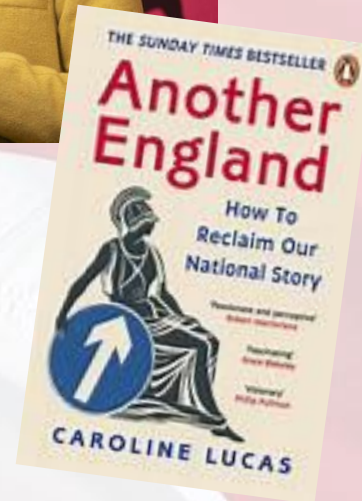


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- The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of several hands of different skin tones gently cupping a globe. The hands are positioned around the globe, with fingers slightly curled. The lighting is warm and diffused, creating a sense of care and global unity. The colors are muted, with soft pinks, blues, and greys dominating the palette.
- ✓ *We co-create*
 - ✓ *We include narratives*
 - ✓ *We tell through values*
 - ✓ *We creatively engage*
 - ✓ *We use creative mediums*

Project catalysts



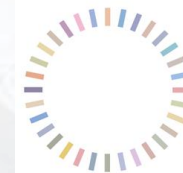
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To realise its potential we need:

- ✓ Your support: ideas/contacts/sweat
- ✓ More celebrity/profile/influencers
- ✓ More partners
- ✓ Online platform
- ✓ Funding (£5k-15k)
- ✓ Overcome complacency



Tell us your:

*7 objects that **must** be included*

*7 objects that you **want** to include*

*7 objects that would be a **Wow!***

*Share your ideas, or want to
find out more, or want to get
involved in some way get in
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