

Cara Courage



**Strategist
Futurecity**

Time at Futurecity: 1 year

Professional Experience: 17 years

Qualifications: PhD Arts and Place
MSc Psychological Studies
BS (Hons) Social Anthropology

Cara is a collaborative placemaker, a placemaking academic and arts consultant, writer/commentator, curator and project manager. Her career spans 17 years, working in arts in the public realm and public engagement with the built environment and working as a consultant and project manager for public and private initiatives.

Cara is author of *Arts in Place: The Arts, the Urban and Social Practice* (Routledge, 2017), and the co-editor of *Creative Placemaking and Beyond* (Routledge, 2018) and she also works as a Research Adjunct at University of Virginia, researching and developing creative placemaking metrics. She is a member of the Placemaking Leadership Council, Fellow of the RSA and Academician of Academy of Urbanism, and member of Royal Geographic Society and American Association of Geographers.

Cara has a career spanning 17 years, working across art forms with a particular expertise in visual arts; architecture/built environment; cultural learning/arts CPD; HEI creative endeavour; and collaborative and networked practice. Award-winning, she works with individuals and organisations on a broad range of development activities as well as initiating her own arts-led built environment and placemaking interventions.

Value added:

- Aggregating and enabling artists, arts and creative industries organisations and social enterprises to uncover and realise ambition of a project; and in enabling the community voice in development.
- Substantial experience from her academic and professional work to ground project research and proposals in robust theoretical and practical frameworks, ensuring sustainable recommendations that provide the most value.

Key relevant projects:

- Astana Cultural Masterplan, Kazakhstan
- Barking Riverside Cultural Strategy, London UK
- Central to Eveleigh Cultural Strategy, Sydney, Australia
- Didcot Garden Town Masterplan, Oxfordshire, UK
- Bridge Close, Romford Cultural Masterplan, London, UK
- Royal Docks Cultural Strategy, London, UK
- UX Manchester Cultural Strategy, Manchester, UK
- Wembley Park Cultural Strategy and Public Art Strategy, London UK