

# INTERWEAVE – THE NEWSLETTER FOR

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Specialists in  
community-led  
Creative Placemaking

*Connecting People to People  
and People to Place*

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Fantastic collaboration bringing the Jupiter/Saturn conjunction into schools and into the hearts of our communities.

### - **Devonian Voice**

Our Devonian dialect and accent is fading – or is it? Our citizen-led initiative explores.

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### **Our Associates** – sociocracy and the participation revolution

Interwoven has been incredibly blessed in welcoming **9** new members to our governing team bringing the total to **15** fantastic individuals!

Drawing expertise from local government, academia, and the cultural and social enterprise sectors, we've been thrilled this year to welcome in an extraordinary team of individuals all brought together by a shared vision of a more connected world.

Two things have made this possible. Firstly, we have adopted a sociocratic form of horizontal governance where we are all the boss! It may seem counter-intuitive but this form of meeting is actually much more efficient than the archaic, Edwardian form that most of us still endure in the work place.

Secondly, inspired by the <https://www.enspiral.com> Enspiral model our approach allows each Associate the power to link across the network and find the partnerships that will unlock the funding “**to do the work that matters**” – rather than contorting themselves to fit funding criteria. What's more, we know how to do this whilst working in integrity with the Quiet Voices in our **5** (and more in the pipeline!) **Squillometre neighbourhoods.**

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## “Quiet Voice” training

Struggling with the “hard to reach”? We are very proud to present a series of workshops developed directly from our *Squillometre* street experience over the last six years.

These workshops will allow you to explore the nuance and multi-vocality of any neighbourhood so that you can work in confidence.

*“A perfect amount of information to take in in the time frame. Clear concepts and techniques that we can definitely use in our communities.”*

*“The workshops gave us the practical knowledge to hang on the theory of ABCD ... I’m much more confident in carrying out the theory of Asset Based Community Development”*

East Devon District Council –  
Housing/Community Development Team

## **How we’ve been helping our communities through Covid**

#ConnectMe resources – with thanks to Exeter City Council and Devon County Council we now have a full set of FREE resources available online giving all age groups the guidance and information they need to explore the hidden histories/aspects of their own homes during lockdown and to find creative ways to share and connect with others.

In December 2020, in collaboration with the University of Exeter Astrophysics Outreach Team and the Exeter Science Centre we were thrilled to bring the Jupiter/Saturn Conjunction event into the heart of our communities through a school’s performance, a spectacular multi-media installation in an empty unit right in the heart of the City and a street viewing event on Burnthouse Lane housing estate.

Devonian Voice project – we started this project on the assumption that the Devonian accent is fading but now we’re not so sure. Our citizen-led group of indigenous Devonians are exploring the realization that their accent is still live and kicking but is often under- or mis-represented. Watch this space as some amazing creative ideas are emerging to re-present this beautiful accent with pride.

## People Place and You! – Leadership and creative placemaking

We’ve come to realise that, in the whole Interwoven endeavour, our *Squillometre* Place Champions are key. They are Super Participants with real power over their role. We love our Place Champions and provide a full range of support and training for them.

If you’re looking to develop your skills in creative placemaking, leadership and participatory practice then this could be you!

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you  
join us  
and be part of a brighter,  
more connected future!

Are you looking for a fun, rewarding way to become part of your own community?  
We're waiting to welcome you into a growing family of volunteering Place Champions.

to learn more go to  
#ConnectMe  
interwovenproductions.com/be-a-place-champion

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