



About Overspill: the heritage of Manchester's slum clearances to Darnhill and Langley

'We were a family of eight in a two-up, two-down, outside loo, tin bath in front of the fire etc. We moved to a four-bed house on Windermere Road that had two indoor toilets, four bedrooms and two gardens. I still remember the moving day and the sheer wonderment at the size of the house. I also remember getting a clout for playing two ball inside the house - ten minutes after we arrived! Dad still lives in the same house.'

Overspill explores the stories of people who moved from Manchester slum clearances during the 1950/60s to the six original 'overspill' estates across Greater Manchester, with a particular focus on Darnhill in Heywood and Langley in Middleton. Families were uprooted from inner city dwellings and moved to outer suburbs, mainly built on farmland.

The project will deliver a busy programme of activities, workshops and interviews to identify and record the memories and experiences of the people who moved during that time. It will also deliver activities that better explain and interpret this heritage to new audiences. And will produce:

- book, film and website
- three exhibitions (Darnhill, Langley and central Manchester)
- archive material
- local history resources for primary schools / train teaching staff
- dementia reminiscence resource / train care providers

The Project Manager will establish a steering group for Overspill and recruit and manage a team of volunteers to support research, events and workshops. This is an ambitious project that needs an experienced and enthusiastic Project Manager to lead it.

We are delighted to have been awarded £63,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and a total of £4,000 in match funding from our partners at Guinness Partnership and Riverside Housing to deliver this project.

For an informal conversation about the post, please contact our Operations and Development Manager, Lucy Holland, on 01706 361300 or lucy@cartwheelarts.org.uk (please note: Lucy works Wednesdays and Thursdays).

Overspill sits within our Stronger Communities strand. We have a smaller project within this strand that will be offered to the successful applicant once in post, with additional hours to this role. **Please note that taking these further projects on is not a requirement of this role, but will offered on a 'first refusal' basis.**