

Sheffield's Cultural Industries Quarter — Four Decades of Creative-Sector Urban Regeneration

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Quality score: 62/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Zoned in 1988 as one of the UK's first cultural-industries districts, Sheffield's Cultural Industries Quarter grew from ~120 cultural businesses and 1,200 jobs in the 1990s to over 2,000 businesses and 9,000 jobs generating almost £1bn a year today.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	1/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	3/3
Innovation	2/3
Inclusiveness / equity	1/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	2/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Sheffield City Council](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Arts Professional: Creative Clusters — Sheffield CIQ](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

[Public Sector Executive: Sheffield's 10-Year Growth Plan](#) — accessed 2026-08-28

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