



Arts & Culture 2026 Municipal Candidate Survey for London

Arts and culture are essential to London's identity, economy, and quality of life. For generations, Londoners have built and sustained cultural institutions, festivals, venues, and creative organizations that enrich our community, nurture artistic talent, attract investment and contribute to a vibrant, inclusive city.

As London grows, sustained municipal support for arts and culture will be critical to our city's success. We invite candidates in the 2026 municipal election to share their vision for culture in London and their commitment to ensuring that creativity, innovation, and cultural vitality remain priorities.

Please respond to the following questions.



1 Vision, Leadership & Accountability

What role do you believe arts, culture, and heritage should play in London's future growth and quality of life? If elected, what specific actions would you support to ensure sustainable municipal investment in the sector and accountability for updating and achieving the City's cultural strategy?

2 Economic Development & Placemaking

Arts and culture contribute to London's economy, downtown vitality, tourism, and civic identity. What specific policies or investments would you support to strengthen the cultural sector as a driver of economic development, talent attraction, and placemaking?

3 Equity, Inclusion & Reconciliation

How would you ensure that municipal cultural investments, programs, and decision-making processes are inclusive and accessible for Indigenous, Black, newcomer, disabled, and other equity-deserving artists and communities? What role should reconciliation play in London's cultural development?

4 Infrastructure Investment

Many of London's cultural facilities, creative spaces, and heritage assets face aging infrastructure, affordability pressures, or capacity challenges. What are your priorities for maintaining, improving, and expanding cultural infrastructure across the city?

5 Arts, Health & Community Well-Being

Research shows that participation in arts and culture strengthens community belonging, social connection, mental health and well-being, and quality of life. What municipal strategies would you champion to further support and advance these outcomes?

6 Municipal Investment & Budget Priorities

Municipal budgets require making choices among various priorities. Where do arts, culture, and heritage fit within your spending priorities and why?

