

Community

Communities are human people; not abstractions. A community is a group of people who share something in common. You can define a community by shared attributes of the people in it, or because those within a group feel some sense of belonging or interpersonal connection.

Underrepresented **Communities**

Identified in Arts Council England's language as groups who are "underrepresented" in the arts: both in terms of employment as well as their experiences and voices. This term is often used to talk about, and measure the impact of the arts on those "communities".

Underserved **Communities**

FACT prefers to use 'underserved' as we are talking about communities which might be represented in certain spaces, but may not have access to, or are not served by those same institutions.

How does FACT use "Community"?

Whenever we use the word 'community', we ask: Who is FACT's community and what is our role? Do the people we are working with understand themselves as a community? How would they define themselves?

Beyond Community

FACT aims to take a dynamic, collective approach to how the people and places we work with define themselves (or choose not to), understanding that this is constantly evolving.