



# Theaster Gates

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## Dorchester Project

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**Initiator:**  
Theaster Gates

**Location:**  
United States

**Category:**  
pedagogical, urban-development,  
social

**Users:**  
Theaster Gates, Inhabitants of  
South Dorchester Avenue.

**Maintained by:**  
Theaster Gates

**Duration:**  
2006 - ongoing

**Description:**

The project consists of a platform for art and cultural development in the Dorchester neighbourhood, Chicago. After refurbishing some buildings using repurposed materials from all over Chicago, the initiators co-organized the program of activities with residents and it offers free art workshops, it creates new cultural amenities and it develops affordable housing, studio for artists and live-work space. The core values of the project are: black people matter, black spaces matter and black things matter.

**Goals:**

To provide affordable housing, studio, and live-work space for residents of Dorchester, Chicago.

**Beneficial Outcomes:**

Provides cultural institutions in the neighbourhood, brings together different community organisations and individuals, creating what Gates calls 'radical hospitality'.

**Images:**

