



Theaster Gates

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'.

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