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# Old School Thornhill

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**Old School Thornhill (OST) is a development trust whose vision is to: Build a strong, collaborative community in Thornhill and the surrounding DG3 area that combats rural isolation and nurtures rural entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation.**

Our Mission: We will harness the skills and experience of people living locally to redevelop and operate the Old School as an innovative, entrepreneurial Creative Hub. OST will see the co- location of services, workspaces and creative activities that will support young people, the self- employed, small and micro businesses, artists, creatives, and a wide range of local community groups and organisations.

In order to achieve our mission, we have the following five goals:

- Foster social and economic resilience and increase community cohesion of our rural town and the surrounding communities.
- Support small businesses and creative freelancers by providing spaces to pilot and test ideas, collaborate with others and access support services.
- Promote a diverse and engaging programme of cultural and social events in the Old School for local people, particularly those unable to travel to events in the wider region.
- Develop a program of learning activities focused on developing the skills, creativity and imagination of local people, with a dedicated space for children and young people.
- Support the vibrancy, appearance and sustainability of a rural place by maintaining and further developing the activities/ offer in OST – a restored and repurposed building of significance to the local community.

