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**Design for social cohesion. Design for Social Cohesion: Collaborative creative practices as “places where strangers meet”**

Contemporary societal challenges are amplified and their resolution hindered by trends of extreme individualism and ‘carcinogenic tribalism’ – eroding the ‘social fabric’ and promoting social marginalization, social isolation and loneliness. We need to find ways to strengthen social cohesion towards the co-creation of resilient communities.

Here collaborative creative practices can make a contribution. The practices of creative collaboration foster cultures of social resilience. This paper will share some lessons learned from a three-year action research at University of the Arts London, *Cultures of Resilience*. Looking specifically at the way in which creative collaborative practices can contribute to address social isolation and loneliness it will tell a story of the collaborative design led redevelopment of a street market in the Somers Town area of Camden, North London as an example of this practice.