#### WEST KENT GARDEN & ENGLAND

### **Peer Eco-Systems**

Are you pricing your experience too cheaply? Easy methods to increase visitor revenue





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### Welcome to Visit Kent Peer Ecosystems



### Are you pricing your experience too cheaply?

# Easy methods to increase visitor revenue

#### **Session Format**

- Introduction to Visitor Revenue
- Key Speaker: Chris Brant, Unmissable England
- Breakout Session
- Summary and Close



# What is Visitor Revenue?

"Income generated from visitors to your experience, whether that be directly through ticket purchases, gift shop, food & beverage, loyalty schemes or partnerships/affiliations with other experiences."



### Where is your visitor revenue coming from?





## Why Improve Your Visitor Revenue ?

- ✓ Increased profitability
- ✓ Financial stability
- ✓ Happy shareholders/investors
- ✓ Funds for improvements/upgrades
- ✓ Resulting in an improved customer experience
- ✓ Leading to improved customer satisfaction and loyalty
- $\checkmark$  Which leads to increases in bookings and sales



# Why is increasing Visitor Revenue important for the Visitor Economy?

Keep up with increasing customer expectations

- Keep up with competitor offerings
- Preserve the quality of the experience
- Retain good quality staff by paying well
- > Increase repeat business by improving the customer experience



### Easy Ways to Increase Revenue

- Provide value-add offerings that enhance the experience such as day lockers
- Create donation projects such as the renovation/updating of a certain exhibit
- Consider opening the venue up for private functions e.g., birthdays
- > Host themed events e.g., movie nights, murder mystery, music, dinner
- > Partner with other experiences to offer a premium experience e.g. a craft workshop
- > Create enticing offers during your quiet periods to bring in additional customers
- Incentivise repeat visits e.g., visit 4 times and get your 5<sup>th</sup> free, or a free coffee and cake on your 3<sup>rd</sup> visit.



## What are the challenges?

Encouraging customers to pay extra

Communicating value

Competitor pricing/offers

Staff training (upselling, etc.)

Investment needed to facilitate new offerings

Extra reporting (donations, etc.)

Finding the right partners/suppliers





# **Chris Brant**

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### **Breakout Session**



## **Chatham House Rules**

➤ Confidentiality – what is discussed in the session will not go outside the breakout rooms. This section of the virtual event will not be recorded for this reason.

Commitment - participants should commit to participate

- > Equal time Everyone should have time to speak
- > Listening everyone should ensure they listen to others and respect their viewpoints
- > Challenge it is helpful to challenge thinking and ideas, but criticisms and judgements should be avoided

➤ Safe Space - the group should be a safe space in which people can discuss their strengths and weaknesses openly



# **Participant Thoughts**

What new Visitor Revenue initiatives could you implement?

How would you evaluate whether it is worth investing money in

the new initiative?

➢What partnerships could help you to achieve additional revenue without investment?



## **Session Summary**

