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Five Creative Region Initiatives

The DDN reports on the results of the Creative Region Initiative. Five initiatives or projects have been identified via the workshop facilitated by Richard Florida's consultancy.

Here they are, with some first thoughts from yer humble host:

Film Dayton: Launch a film festival in Dayton, establishing a seed fund for aspiring movie makers and leveraging the area's 30 to 40 film professionals into a new industry. The effort would work with three film festivals already held in Dayton to create a local film scene.

This one sounds the most interesting and accessible of five and builds on something that is already percolating here, albeit at a slow simmer.

Trying to think of what three film fests they are talking about? The Jewish Film Fest, the Gay & Lesbian Film Fest, and Big Lens (work by the WSU film students)? There have been one-off fests every so often, like one on Appalachian culture (I think this was a Cityfolk project?), which was pretty interesting. So this is very do-able.

I'll be blogging on local film cultures, with examples from elsewhere, as this is something that could really work here.

Innovation Collaborative: Bring artists and engineers together to exchange new ideas. Dayton has 50 percent more engineers and 5 percent more artists than the national average, according to an analysis by the Creative Class Group.

Dayton Creative Incubator: Using the technology incubator concept, put "techies" and artists together under one roof to bring them to life.

Building a bridge between CP Snows "Two Cultures"? These two seem similar, so I've grouped them together. Since I'm neither an artists nor a techie I wish them well, but doesn't grab me much. This seems a bit vague too, but I guess they are talking about a sort of local think tank? This one would take money as they are talking about a physical space.

Young Creatives Summit: Involve people under age 40 in more non-profit boards to include them in the area's decision making.

Absolutely! This one is pretty good. Not my age group, but I support the idea of bringing this younger demographic on board. It also demonstrates

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