



## 3LE on.....arts, culture, soccer and slices of life that make me smile...

Many of you who have worked with me will know of my love of arts and culture in their broadest senses, and also of my tribal affiliation to Tottenham Hotspur. At EEDA one of my most valued relationships was with Arts Council and together we became the first region to produce regional RDA/ACE prospectuses that became quite influential in national debates on culture-led growth and regeneration, and which delivered a range of flagship investments in East of England.

More recently I have been delighted to work with both the UK Centre for Carnival Arts (UKCCA) and Plymouth Arts Centre (PAC) as well as continuing my relationship with ACE. A sense of this can be found in:-

- [‘Community Arts goes global’](#) – Personal Blog, June 2011
- [‘Creating communities – carnival tackles social exclusion and boosts economies’](#), Guardian November 2011
- [‘Capital, capital: the Arts Council and the art of economic rebalancing’](#), Guardian, May 2012
- [‘Major events should be more than fun and games in your local economic strategy’](#), R&R, June 2012

I have also found inspiration and insights into economic growth and regeneration far and wide – in for instance:-

- [Sugar and Spice \(The Searchers\) and Rosemary’s Baby \(Polanski\)](#) on role and functions of LEPs
- [War of the Worlds, Clacton](#) 1952 amateur production, East Anglia Film Archive on town centres
- [Xmas Number Ones](#) and [Autumn Leaves](#) (Eva Cassidy version) – on the state of local economic development 2011
- [CSI, Law and Order and Silent Witness](#) – on local government/public service leadership
- [The Devils \(Ken Russell film\) and Catch-22 \(Joseph Heller\)](#) as parables for 2011
- [The Big Bang](#) (US sitcom) as part of my pessimism at government’s approach to local growth
- [Rikki don’t lose that number \(Steely Dan\)](#) as an inspiration for building successful places

And then, of course, there is soccer and my love of Spurs:-

- [Aspiring for the Champions League](#) – why redevelopment of THFC can be integral to Tottenham’s recovery from the riots of Summer 2011
- [Has it really come to this????](#) – Mansfield Town vs. Histon FC and doing local economic development under the coalition
- [‘What Wenger and Redknapp haven’t said’](#) about much-needed rebalancing of Champions and Europa Leagues
- [‘The regional economics of the English Premiership’](#) – what it ‘says on the tin...’

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