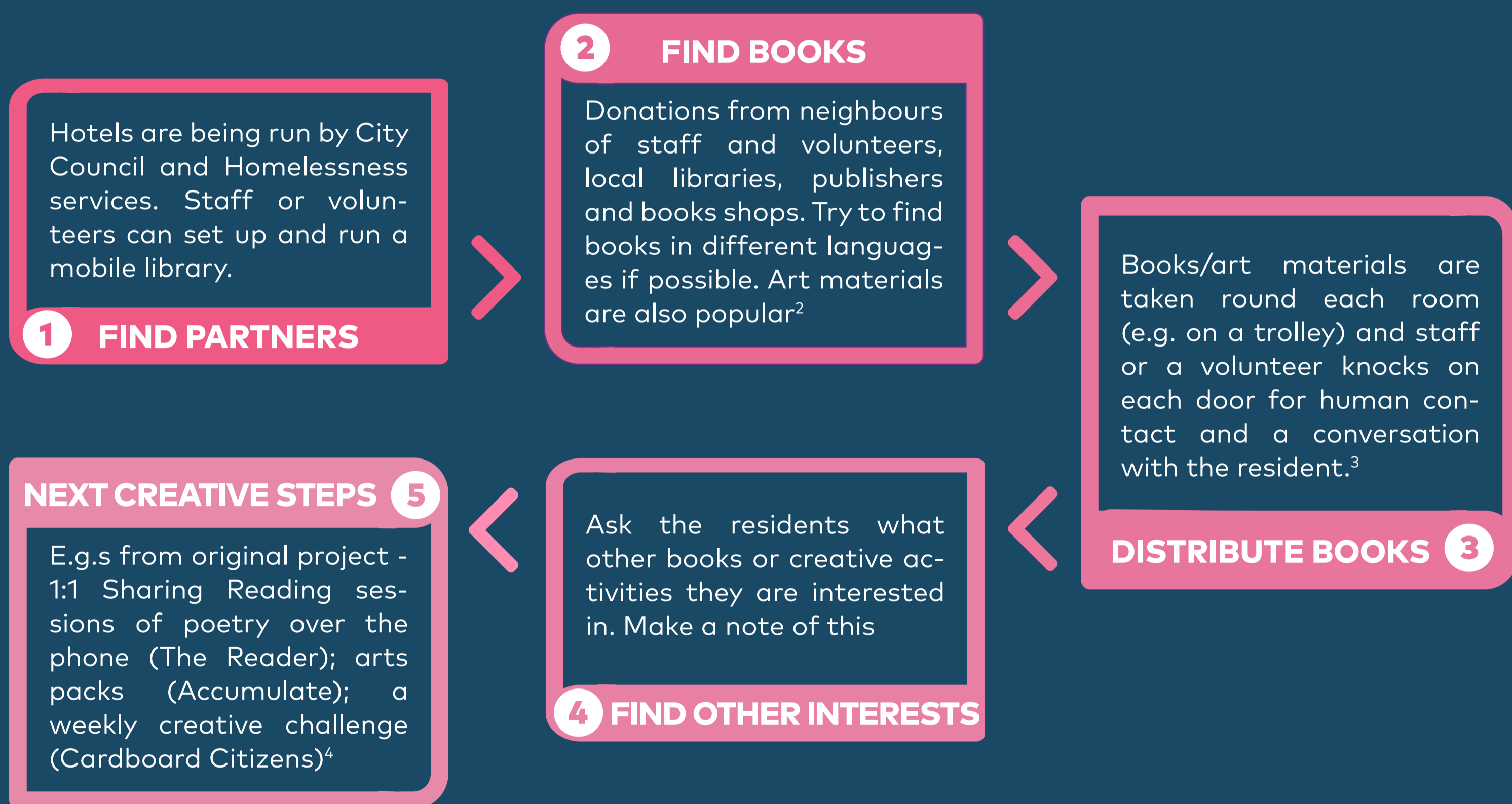


Setting up a Mobile Library for People Who are Homeless During COVID-19

C-19 has resulted in further isolation for people who are facing homelessness. Creative projects are being used to mitigate boredom, loneliness and build well-being. Arts & Homelessness International is sharing some of these¹.

A collaboration has developed between **Cardboard Citizens**, **The Reader** and **St Mungos** in the UK to pilot ways to bring creative activities into hotels housing people who were sleeping rough in London. A simple “mobile library” was set up as an initial step in this work, inspired by the work of the Reader to enable everyone to experience literature, as a tool to survive and live well.



¹ This process is designed for people who are homeless staying in hotels but it is also being used to reach people on the street and in flats

² Contact COVID19@with-one-voice.com for other suggestions of where to source books and art materials

³ Adhere to protocols around social distancing and use of PPE. Please leave books for 72 hours before distributing and remind residents that books are not to be swapped between residents so as to avoid risk of cross-contamination. It's best to avoid meal times for book distribution.

⁴ There are several projects in the arts and homelessness sector which could be useful and provide valuable longer-term access to creativity – WOV is also creating an on-line database of projects around the world that have started during C-19 <https://arthomelessint.ushahidi.io/views/map>