

Appendix 1

Local Community Festival Grants - (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Request	Award
1	Footlight Drama Group	Community	Another Bitta Broadway	6	£1400	£600
2	Sporting Hearts	Community	Truck Run	5	£3190	£720
3	Maghera Cricket Club	Sport	A Festival of Cricket	6	£836.44	£600
4	Galbally GAC	Sport	St Patricks Day Breakfast	6	£1550	£600
				Total		£2520

Good Relations Grants - (Maximum £1,200)

No	Organisation Name	Aim	Title Of Event/project	Band	Requested	Awarded
1.	SWS Wheehchair Basketball Team	Community	Basketball Game Day	3	£1000	£960
				Total		£960

Bands	Score	%
7	30-39	40%
6	40-49	50%
5	50-59	60%
4	60-69	70%
3	70-79	80%
2	80-89	90%
1	90+	100%



DECLARATION OF INTENT

Following ongoing engagement with the Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) where the case for additional support was outlined, we have recognised the impact the cost-of-living crisis is having on the staff you have employed within your organisation.

In recognition and to acknowledge the vital role that the VCS plays in providing critical services within our communities we are now offering a one-off, non-consolidated payment to VCS organisations funded through the Voluntary and Community Division (VCD) or Community Empowerment Division (CED). This payment is being offered as a one off, in-year financial contribution, for 2022/23 only, with the amount for each organisation determined through calculation of a **maximum of £1,925 pro rata (gross) for each post*** for which salary support is provided.

***The payment is being provided ONLY for posts that attract a maximum annual salary of up to £47,665 (pro rata where postholder works reduced hours)**

Payments are scheduled to be issued on 13 March and should be available in your organisation's bank account within 5 working days of this date.

To confirm you wish to avail of or decline this additional support you are required to complete the declaration below and return by **24 February 2023**.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact your Development Officer/Programme Manager.

DECLARATION

Intent to avail of this Salary Support Payment.

Mid Ulster District Council

Project Ref: CO1-22-3141

We wish to avail of the opportunity to receive a one-off payment of **£22,004.25** (gross), distributed to the organisations you fund as per **Annex A**, to provide a payment of **up to a maximum of £1,925 pro rata (gross) per funded salary** currently supported through VCD/CED as a one off contribution to assist with cost-of-living/inflationary pressures on budget and incomes for VCD funded organisations. This payment is to be applied to any posts that VCD provide salary support to.

PLEASE NOTE: The payment is being provided ONLY for posts that attract a maximum annual salary of up to £47,665 (pro rata where applicable)

- ☐ **We intend to avail of the full salary support above.**

- ☐ **We intend to partially avail of the salary support up to an amount of £_____ for the following reason:**
_____.

- ☐ **We do not intend to avail of the salary support above for the following reason:**
_____.

Where availing of salary support, we undertake to: (Please tick the following as appropriate)

- ☐ **Ensure the funding provided will be paid through supported salaries**

- ☐ Provide detail of instances where our employees supported by VCD/CED funding have received any other lump sum payments to assist with the cost-of-living crisis.

In the event such payments have been made we undertake to discuss this with our Development Officer/ Programme Manager and understand that any support may be reduced commensurate with any other such support provided.

- ☐ Ensure any underspend will be returned to VCD/CED as soon as possible.

Note: This payment could be subject to normal vouching and verification arrangements as necessary.

Signed Position in Organisation:

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Dated

ANNEX A

Organisation	Amount
Community Support General, Advice Grant, and Welfare Reform Tribunal Representation	£15,349.99
Welfare Reform Face to Face Mitigations:	
<i>STEP</i>	£6,654.26
Total	£22,004.25



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DECLARATION

VCD funded organisations intent to avail of additional funding to assist with increased running costs.

The Department has listened to concerns from across the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) regards the cost-of-living increases and the pressures this places on organisations such as yours as you seek to maintain delivery of vital services across our communities.

The VCS plays a crucial role in assisting our most vulnerable citizens and appreciate the pressures and impact of the increasing demand for access to the range of services you as partner organisations provide.

The Department has been considering ways to help mitigate some of these pressures, whilst we cannot meet all your additional requirements, securing limited additional funding that will at least make a contribution to your increased running costs.

..... (Insert organisations name)

would like to avail of opportunity to receive a one-off payment of up to £1500 to assist with rising cost of living increases. Our organisation is currently experiencing financial hardship and are or are likely to experience difficulties with service delivery if this additional support is not made available.

We understand that this payment is to be made available to assist with increased running costs. The increases in energy costs must be to cover the period between 1 April to 30 September 2022.

We also understand that this payment could be subject to normal vouching and verification arrangements.

We acknowledge that it is made to assist with the ongoing cost of living crisis and undertake to ensure that the payment provided is used for this purpose.

We undertake to advise the Department of and additional support for increased running costs/energy costs that my organisation has received/receives by 31 March 2023 from any other funder.

To facilitate prompt processing return the Declaration as soon as possible but **no later than noon on 18 January 2023** to PDTApplications@communities-ni.gov.uk

We confirm that if any of the above circumstances change, I/we will commit to notifying the Department immediately.

Signed

Dated

Position in Organisation:

Mid Ulster District Council Arts Plan 2023/2024



Burnavon Arts Centre Mid Ulster

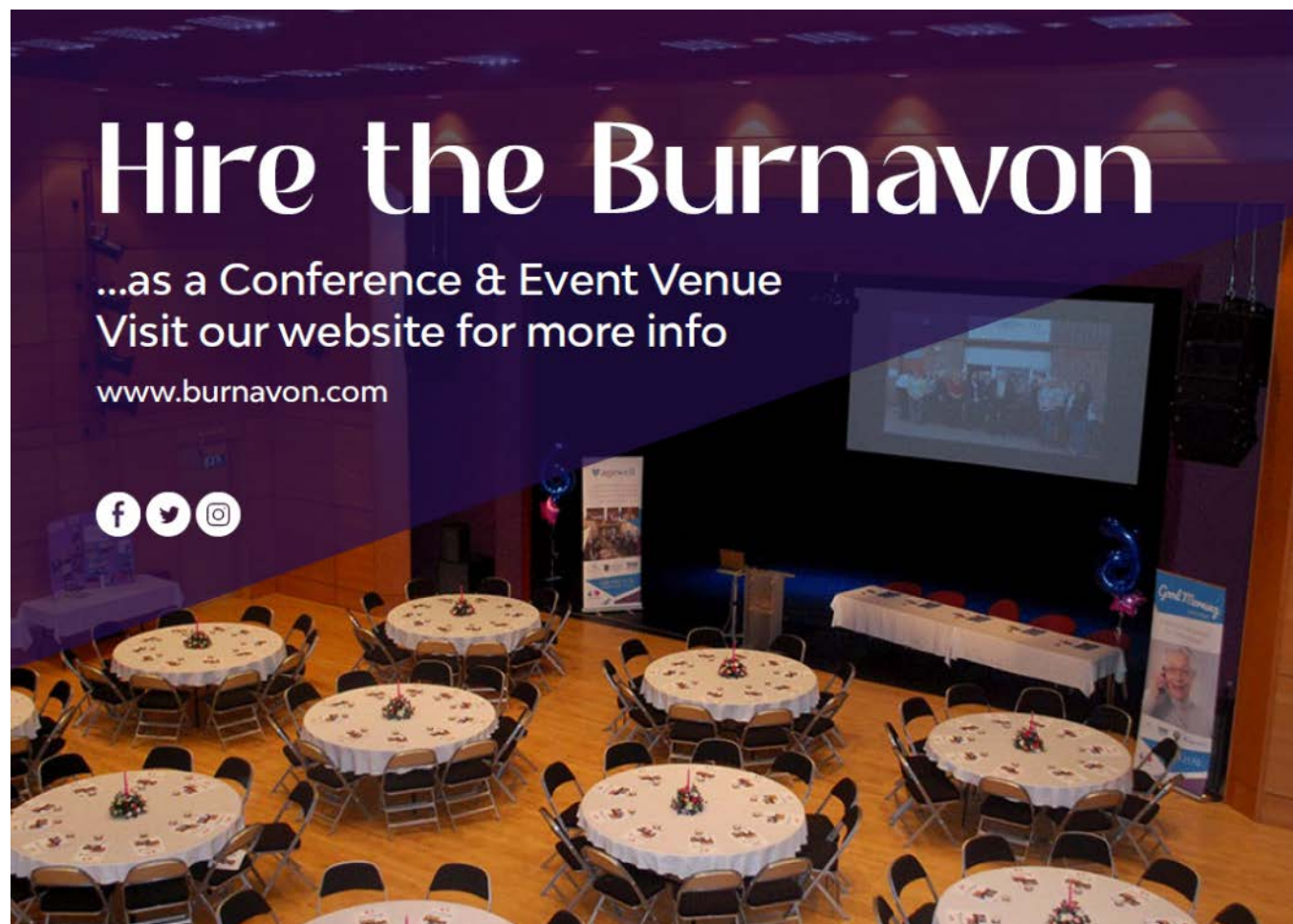
The Burnavon Arts Centre Mid Ulster opened in 1999 and since then has grown as a regional arts centre across the region providing a wide range of entertainment throughout the year including concerts, comedy, children's performances, dance, drama, educational performances, and community and visual arts.

In addition to delivering a diverse programme of performances live on stage, it also organises a number of community events each year such as Easter Family Fun Day, St Patrick's Celebration Concert, July Celebrations Concert and the Annual Craft & Food Fair.

Supporting the Creative Industries is an essential role of the facility be this through giving artists an opportunity and platform to perform, exhibiting in our Gallery space, employing them as facilitators for our workshops and events, displaying in our Craft Shop or providing advice and support from our staff.

The facility is further utilised by hiring groups for meetings and conferences to maximise usage. We continue to adapt our services to an ever-changing environment.

Moving into the 2023/24 Burnavon Arts Centre Mid Ulster will focus on providing a state of the arts facility and performances and range of art forms to meet the demands of our customers.



Community Arts



Our Community Arts will form an important part of the development of arts activities within Mid Ulster. Mid Ulster District Council, seek to develop and deliver a district wide Community Arts Plan (linked to Burnavon Arts Centre) which will focus on offering activity to groups and individuals, in particular targeting those with limited access to the arts, “Bringing Art to the Community” and building opportunity within the Creative Industries sector. Council will seek to deliver this in partnership with local groups, schools, arts agencies, and our strategic arts theatre partners located in the community including: Bardic Theatre, Craic Theatre, An Carn Theatre, Glasgowbury, The Hub, Brantry Bard.

The Community Arts Plan will contribute and partner the direction of a number of strategies and plans for the District:

The Arts Council of Northern Ireland's 5 Year Strategy (2019/2024) outlines the key priorities as Inspire, Connect and Lead. Mid Ulster District Council will strive to take our programmes in this direction.

Mid Ulster Community Plan is built around five key themes and the Community Arts Plan will contribute to the development of Theme 3: Education & Skills and to Theme 4: Health & Wellbeing. The Mid Ulster District Council Corporate Plan also outlines Five Key themes, the Community Arts Plan will seek to actively help achieve positive action under Themes 2: Service Delivery, 4: Environment and 5: Communities.

The Community Arts Plan will be delivered under the following themes:

Youth Engagement Programme
Older People & Disability Arts Programme

Education Programme
Art Engagement Programmes

Creative Industries Programme
Mid Ulster Arts Festival

Youth Engagement Programme

Project	Detail	Participants	Duration	Budget	Lead
Summer Schemes	Deliver a number of interactive workshops for young people to participate in to develop skills. The workshops will be held in the Burnavon. Ballet Ireland Summer School Music Summer School Burnavon Summer Scheme Summer Coding Workshops.	30 per summer scheme	July and August	Burnavon Budget	Burnavon Arts Centre Activity 3 Youth summer schemes - Arts workshops July 2 x Coding youth workshops in July Ballet Ireland Workshop
Outreach Street Art	Partner with PCSP and EA Youth re engagement of young people via outreach		Annual	£2500	Partner with PCSP / EA Youth in identifying art engagement programmes for young people in areas identified by PCSP

Education Programme

Project	Detail	Participants	Duration	Budget	Lead
Traditional Music in Schools (Primary) Project	Children P4 to P7 have an opportunity to learn to play the guitar, mandolin, tin whistle, flute, mandolin and banjo Delivered via cross community to support children to perform	400 children from various schools per week	Weekly (academic year)	£14000 (£6000 GR £8000 Arts)	Good Relations
Traditional Piping in Schools (primary) project	Support young people in schools engage in the traditional music of piping. Delivered via cross community to support children to perform	100 children per week	Weekly (academic year).	£5000 Good Relations	Good Relations
Pre School First Theatre Visit	Introduction of nursery schools to Burnavon to attend a show for their first theatre visit	600	2 individual shows per target audience of 300 per show	Burnavon Programme	Burnavon
Schools Project	Art delivery facilitators to deliver creative workshops engaging young people in primary schools to develop an	1500	98 primary schools – P6/P7 – every 2 nd year	£27,000	Arts Delivered via a hybrid approach Partners

	early interest in the arts (link with curriculum learning)		98 primary schools in the District – schools will be engaged bi annually		Amma Creative Hub Nerve Centre
Theatre Performances for schools	Burnavon Arts Centre & Community Arts Theatres will hold a number of events targeting primary schools to visit the theatre space and enjoy live performances	600	2 shows per annum	Burnavon Programme Community Arts Bardic Craic An Carn	Burnavon Programme Open to all schools, advertised in theatre programme. Small fee charged as performance based
Creative Writing and Illustration Arts	To promote creative writing and poetry to school children Poet Paul Cookson - “Bringing Poetry to Life” - engaging P6/P7 schoolchildren Illustrator Paul Howard – bringing illustration to life – engaging P4 school children	300 1000 (further engagement via hybrid model)	2 events per annum	Burnavon Programme	Burnavon Programme – open to all schools re performance attendance. Small fee charged for attendance To be delivered as a hybrid model via Burnavon Recording Studio
Special Education Project	Engage young people in special education to use their senses skills to identify and explore different art forms	All special learning units	One project per School per annum.	£6000	Arts 8 special schools – schools and learning units

Creative Industries Programme

Project	Detail	Participants	Duration	Budget	Lead
Creative Industries Development	Engage with key partners Nerve Centre, Amma Creative Hub to develop the opportunities for Creative industries for young people via skills development in digital media	20 post primary schools Link	Annually	£4000 towards Careers Digital media programme	Arts Partners Amma, Nerve Hybrid delivery model
Screen Works NI	Partner Screen Works Education Programme - Creative Industries Apprenticeship Programme Link to Screen Works NI/BBC NI to target areas young people	All Schools PP Community Planning Careers Forum	Annually		Screen NI Partner Community Planning Careers Forum, Neighbourhood Renewal Initial meeting with Screen NI held.

	into film (Young People in Film Apprenticeship Programme)				Revisit in July for Academic year 22/ 23.
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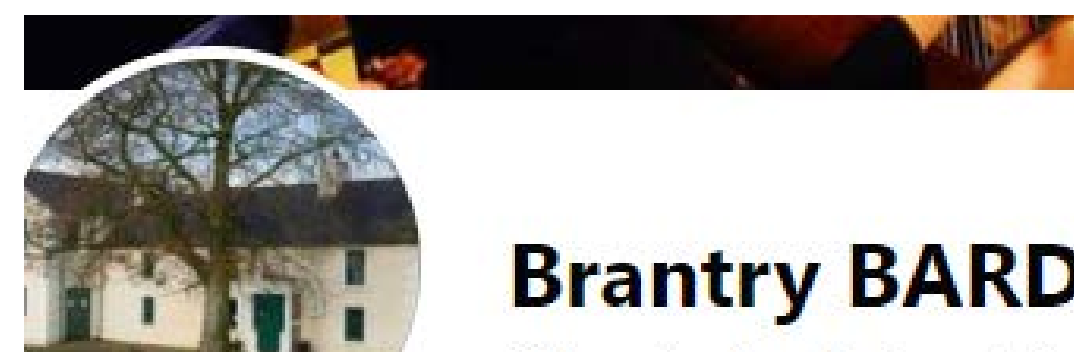
Older & Disability People's Programme

Project	Detail	Participants	Duration	Budget	Notes
Creative Arts Workshops	Host a series of workshops aimed at people aged 60y+ to learn new creative skills & meet new people	30 – 40 older people	Delivered over 4 weeks (1 session per week)	Burnavon Programme	Burnavon Subsidized - minimal fee to Burnavon Workshop programme
Disability & Inclusive Arts Programme	Support to disability groups across the area with arts outreach activity to ensure arts is inclusive for all	Groups – Day Centres, Day Opportunities (stat, voluntary)	Timeline developed to suit the groups	£22,000	Arts Groups -21

Art Engagement Programme

Project	Description	Participants	Duration	Budget	Notes
Support community art groups to engage with the Burnavon	Engage groups with the Arts Cookstown Youth Choir Mid Ulster Choral Group Dungannon Choral Group Cookstown Folk Group Mid Ulster Burnavon Writers	160	Regularly	£5500 £2000 GR	Arts Partner Good Relations
Easter Family Fun Day through Art	Engaging families in arts and crafts.	2000	One per annum	Burnavon Programme	ASD Friendly Free event
St Patrick's Community Concert	Engaging families in arts and crafts.	2000	One per annum	Burnavon Programme	ASD Friendly Free event
July Community Concert	Engaging families in arts and crafts.	2000	One per annum	Burnavon Programme	ASD Friendly Free event
Winter Craft & Food Fair	Craft event within the Burnavon to offer artisan crafters the	30 - 50 exhibitors	1 or 2 day event.	Burnavon Programme	Burnavon Partner local creative businesses

	opportunity to showcase and sell products.	event 2000			
Arts and Crafts Workshops Burnavon	Workshops across the year in arts and crafts	8000	Across the year	Burnavon	Burnavon
Strategic Community Arts Partners	Engage with the community arts partners re outreach programme delivery – Bardic, Craic, Glasgowbury, An Carn, The Hub, Brantry.	20,000	Annual	£90,000	Community Partners SLA agreement with partners Link to Art Festival
Community Arts Grant Aid Programme	Partner with Community Development regarding delivery of small grants programme to support local groups deliver on arts	20,000	Annual	£35,000	Community Development Team Total budget £130,000 – over 50% of activity is arts related



Mid Ulster Arts Festival



Project	Detail	Participants	Duration	Budget	Notes
Mid Ulster Arts Festival	<p>Deliver an Arts Festival celebrating various arts forms. The festival will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dance Drama Workshops Exhibitions Taster Sessions Music Film Creative Industries promotion (tours etc) <p>It will be mainly delivered via Burnavon Arts Centre and strategic community arts partners and other arts delivery partners</p> <p>It will seek to complement programmes being delivered by Seamus Heaney Homeplace, Hill of The O'Neill/Ranfurly House events, Good Relations, Seachtain na Gaeilge</p> <p>Links will be established with local Businesses to other pre-theatre meals etc.</p> <p>Potential music event / street concert linking partners funding.</p>		<p>March 2023</p> <p>4 week delivery</p>	£10,000	<p>Strategic partner engagement – as per partners above</p> <p>Other organisations which may also have some drama offerings during the period and can be advertised as part of the programme;</p> <p>Potential for engagement with local drama groups that tour with plays and acts -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pomeroy Players • Mid Ulster Drama Society • Bright Young Things • CastleHill Theatre Group

Additional Support

Project	Detail	Participants	Duration	Budget	Notes
Equality and Access Standards Initiative (EASI) Autism Friendly Initiative	<p>Burnavon Arts Centre aims to become a Centre of Excellence. This means Equality, Access & Inclusion Principals will be fully embedded in our culture. Staff at all levels within the centre will have ownership and will be committed to achieving the highest standards.</p> <p>Burnavon Arts Centre has been identified by the University of Atypical, as one of 10 organisations in NI, to take part in the EASI initiative.</p> <p>Will help the Burnavon to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that everyone has access to our services and activities. Remove any barriers that would exclude people from taking part in what we do. • To design systems and processes to optimise accessibility to our organisation, our services and to create opportunities for all. <p>University of ATypical sets an agreed standard for Burnavon and an Accreditation. EASI branding material will be displayed to show members of the public the standard.</p> <p>Burnavon Arts Centre has recently been accredited as an Autism Friendly facility. This means ensuring that all services and delivery takes account of people with autism.</p> <p>It also works with local groups and the Mid Ulster Disability Forum to ensure the facility and services/programmes are open and accessible to all.</p> <p>Disability concession support; provision of a companion scheme to be rolled out.</p>	Burnavon Staff	Ongoing	N / A	<p>Launch of programme has already taken place.</p> <p>This initiative will be ongoing throughout the 22 / 23 financial year.</p>

Appendix 1 Community Arts Programme – King's Coronation

Community Led Activity

Community Festivals

The local community groups are planning a range of festivals and 'get – togethers' in local areas to celebrate the Kings Coronation. Groups are currently working with community development officers to get funding support for the events.

Groups are currently applying to Council small grants for their activities between the Festival Grant and the Small Community/Culture/Heritage/Arts Grant. These grants are a maximum of £1500

Groups will also be encouraged to work with community development staff to access other funding for festivals and activities.

Council Community Arts programmes

Council as part of its Arts outreach programme delivers a number of annual arts activities, performances and events; as part of this annual programme, it is proposed the following would be arranged /themed in recognition of the Kings Coronation.

Burnavon Arts Centre – Schools art engagement - art poetry competition on the Kings Coronation (open to all Mid Ulster primary schools) during April - May – with the winning school displaying their art in the Burnavon.

Arts Programme budget

Hill of The O'Neill- family fun day event May 2022- family craft/art activities similar to other fun day events - 1pm – 5pm where families can come along and take part in arts and crafts, fun engagement activities for children

Hill of the O'Neill Events budget (similar events £3000 - £4000)

Bridewell – Exhibition/Film – The Bridewell hosts a range of exhibitions throughout the year. It is proposed that a Kings Coronation exhibition/film would be hosted in May - June 2022

Bridewell budget

MUDC Seachtain na Gaeilge Awards 2023	Description	Award £
Glór na Speiríní Ballinascreen	Lá Spraoi – Irish Language Fun Day -schools series of bilingual talks on culture	500
Coiste Forbartha Charn Tóchair, Maghera	Irish Language cinema, lecture, family puppet show, theatre show, language course, creative writing workshop, conference on “Irish in 2050”	3050
Glór Mhachaire Fíolta Magherafelt	Oíche Áirneáin- Irish Language Social Evening with conversation circle etc	550
CLG Chill Dreas, Kildress	Irish language day of conversation, music and dance festival, 3 language classes	500
Gaelscoil Uí Néill Coalisland	All-school concert and céilí, festival parade and Irish language mass	575
Cairdeas Eoghain Cookstown	Céilí Mór and “Green Disco” events for 5-11 year olds	400
Cairde An Acadaimh Dungannon	Intra-school debate for parents and children	100
CLG Naomh Mhuire Cill na mBan, Killyman	Irish language social evening with musicians, singers, dancers and storytellers	300
Cairde Augher	Series of language activities culminating with Lá ‘le Pádraig celebration event.	200
Cairde Uí Néill Coalisland	Conversation circle with local musicians to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge	500
Seamrógaí Bhaile an Doire Ballinderry	Series of language activities culminating with Lá ‘le Pádraig celebration event.	280
Institute of Irish Leadership Pomeroy	Irish Language celebration event - musicians, singers story-tellers and dancers	380
CLG Achadh Lú Uí Néill Aghaloo	Irish language celebration event and conversation circle.	165
		Total £7,500

From: Anne Cleary <clearyconnolly@gmail.com>

Sent: 10 February 2023 16:10

To: Ryan Black <Ryan.Black@midulstercouncil.org>

Subject: [Mimecast - Suspicious Message] Fwd: Eco Showboat Creative Ireland Project - request for letter of support

PLEASE REVIEW THIS MESSAGE CAREFULLY BEFORE ACTING UPON IT - IF IN DOUBT CONTACT
ICT@MIDULSTERCOUNCIL.ORG

Dear Ryan,

I would like to tell you a little about our Eco Showboat project and the follow on project we are preparing for 2024/2025.

The Eco Showboat is an art project aimed at raising awareness of climate change. Myself and my partner Denis Connolly are navigating Ireland's inland waterways meeting local artists, scientists and communities to spark climate action. In 2022 we travelled up the Shannon and Erne systems from Limerick to Enniskillen using only solar power.

You can see some information about our journey on BBC Northern Ireland,
<https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-northern-ireland-62603771>

And this clip from RER Nationwide
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bipKGSGCVFE>

We are now preparing a project to follow on from our current programme, which will involve working with a significant number of poets, musicians and writers across the whole Island of Ireland, to produce short literary and musical films inspired by a river in each county, and we would be extremely grateful if the Mid Ulster borough Council Arts service could support us in this new project - 32 Rivers. This support would be in kind and advisory only, introducing us to creative people around the area who would have an interest in being involved with an ecological art project such as ours, and perhaps providing in kind support such as communication.

These films will have a short 3 - 5 minute format suitable for wide distribution on the web, and also an appropriate length for a poem or song. Our proposal will include commissioning fees for the artists involved, as well as performing fees in the case of public performances, and travel expenses should they need to travel. We will also be including a workshop module, as our overarching aim remains to spark conversations in the community on climate change and water quality through the arts. So all of these aspects will be sources of revenue for local poets or musicians should we be successful in our application. For the current Eco Showboat project we raised funding to commission new work on climate change from 25 artists countrywide. All our artists are paid equitably.

We plan to use our solar boat Mayfly for travelling where possible, and will complete the journeys to rivers that are not navigable using a variety of other sustainable means of transport: Bicycle, walking, train, bus, rowing... The challenge will be to keep the carbon footprint of the project as low as possible.

Please let me know if you can help us with this, just a short letter of support will suffice and the deadline is early March. We have also been in touch with Poetry Ireland and the Local Authorities Water programme down south, who have expressed their enthusiastic support. I enclose these letters. If there is any similar organisations north of the border, I would appreciate it if you could put us in touch.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon,

Best wishes

Anne

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