

Report on	Disability Arts Project – Kilronan Special School Magherafelt
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform Council of plans to deliver a Disability Arts Project as part of the Culture & Arts Programme of activity, in conjunction with with Kilronan Special School Magherafelt.
2.0	Background
2.1	Following initial discussions between Kilronan Special School and Culture & Arts staff, the need for development and delivery of a specific Arts project was identified. Due to a lack of other sources of funding provided to Kilronan Special School, a limited number of art activities are currently made available to students of the school. Engagement with Arts & Cultural officer team has identified a project that will encourage Arts participation and build self confidence among the students of the school.
2.2	A project is being delivered that is designed to encourage greater participation in the arts by students of the special school through the delivery of an arts activity project, enabling the pupils to engage in a song, dance, music and drama project.
2.3	Through the delivery of this project pupils with learning difficulties, will be supported to rehearse and stage a musical production of the Wizard of Oz in March 2018.
2.4	Given their previous experience of working with the school, RiChMusic will work with the pupils of Kilronan Special School Magherafelt during February and March 2018 on music, dance, song and drama, which will culminate in the performance in March 2018.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	This Disability Arts Project is being delivered through the Culture and Arts Service for the pupils for Kilronan Special School.
3.2	RiChmusic are a specialist music company who bring music education to those with Special Educational Needs, providing a safe and familiar environment to explore, learn and enjoy arts activity.
3.3	The aim of the project is to engage pupils with learning difficulties in the arts through the medium of music, song, dance and drama.

3.4	3 professional musicians will work with the students over a number of weeks (workshops) to produce and prepare for a musical production of the Wizard of Oz. They will oversee the production which will be staged on 6 th and 7 th March 2018.
3.5	This will be the first stage production Kilronan Special School will perform and is a unique opportunity for the pupils to build confidence, new skills and participate in the Arts.
3.6	The funding required will be used towards tutor costs and staging of the performance of the Wizard of Oz.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: The project is supported through the Culture & Arts programme (up to a maximum of £5,000). Costs can be met from within existing budget resources Human: Staff will manage and deliver the project as part of their duties.
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u> The activities delivered within Mid Ulster Culture and Arts Service are designed to maximise engagement and participation from all sections of the community in Culture and Art activity. The delivery of this project engages with children with disabilities within a secure environment and ensures equitable delivery and wider participative opportunity across the District. This project contributes to the development and promotion of Culture and Arts and also focuses on Councils Community Plan Themes of Education and Skills and Health & Wellbeing.
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u> N/A
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the Disability Arts Project that is being delivered at Kilronan Special School, Magherafelt, which engages the services of RiCH music and which is supported through the Culture and Arts Services programme at a cost not exceeding £5,000.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	None